

Merkel Elevator's Grand Opening Is This Saturday

Merkel Elevator (Edgar Davis Grain Co.) located on North 1st Street in Merkel, announce the Grand Opening of their new Putnam Store. Jack LaRoe, manager, invites all friends in the Merkel area to step in for refreshments between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, March 14. Friends are urged to come by and register for door prizes. Winners do not need to be present to win.

LaRoe said, "I would like to personally invite all of our friends to our official Grand Opening this Saturday, beginning at 10 a.m."

Candidates File For Council Posts

Filing for a position on the Merkel City Council before deadline this past Wednesday were incumbent Ted Smith, Pete Morgan and Mack Seymore.

Three positions were made vacant by the expiring terms of Clyde Wurst, Bobby DuBose and Smith.

Election will be held Saturday, April 4 at the high school gymnasium, with Mrs. Pat Cypert as election judge. Polls will open at 7 a.m. and close at 7 p.m.

Absentee voting will be at the City Hall, beginning Monday, March 16 and end March 31.



FOR BENEFIT SHOW — Appearing on the Saturday evening's Benefit Show will be the Abilene Roadrunner Band. Members are, from left, Elton Bowen, Ken Hamil, Roland Smith, Dickie Wayne Maxwell and Taylor County Sheriff George Maxwell. Proceeds from the Country Musical will go to the West Texas Rehabilitation Center. Show time is 7:30 p.m.

Country Musical Stage Show To Benefit Rehab Center

A Country Musical Benefit Show with proceeds going to the West Texas Rehabilitation Center, will be staged in Merkel at the high school auditorium this Saturday,

beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Master of ceremonies for the show will be J. W. Brewer, known as the "Big Auctioneer."

"There will be no admission

charge," said Brewer, "however, a large tub will be placed in the foyer for people to contribute to the Rehabilitation Center."

Brewer said that an extra good show is being planned and people giving of their time are optimistic that the show will result in a large contribution to the Center.

Featured on the show will be the Abilene Roadrunners, a band consisting of Elton Bowen, Ken Hamil, Roland Smith, Sheriff George Maxwell and his son, Dickie Wayne.

Other bands committed for the show are Glen Mack and the Serenaders, from Stamford; Cecil Hale and Blue Valley Boys, Roby; and Ronnie Gill's Blue Grass Band from Tuscola.

Also recording artist, Don Walker and his band from Abilene will be on the show, said Brewer.

A special attraction will be "Cousin Minnie" and "Cactus Jack," played by the "Big Auctioneer" and his son, Gary.

Robert Sayles, president of the board of directors, West Texas Rehabilitation Center, said Wednesday that all efforts made by organizations in helping to raise money for WTRC is being most appreciated.

"The Center at the present time is in serious financial condition and will be able to maintain the high standard of rehabilitation only if the financial support remains constant," said Sayles.

Sayles pointed out that the WTRC half million dollar a year annual budget is used to provide rehabilitation services to all handicapped throughout a major portion of the West Texas area.

The Wednesday morning report from WTRC totaled the emergency fund at \$31,000. Sayles reported that the center had another payroll due Friday, plus bills that need to be paid.

Merkel Is On All-District Team

All - District 7 - AA Basketball teams for 1969 - 70 were named this week listing Merkel High School junior, Allen Arwine. Given honorable mention was Bill Whisenhunt.

First team girls from Merkel were Terry Doan, senior forward, and Glenna Doan, senior guard. Receiving honorable mention was Melba Seymore.

C-C Directors Name 1970-71 President

Johnny W. Hammond, Merkel businessman, was named president of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce at a Tuesday meeting of Board of directors.

Named vice president was David Gamble and Truett Thompson, was elected secretary-treasurer for the 1970-71 Chamber year.

Officers and incoming board of directors will take office at the Friday, March 27 Annual Chamber Banquet. New directors elected are Fred Starbuck, Kent Satterwhite and Dave Brumbeau.

Hammond is a member of the United Methodist Church, a past president of the Merkel Independent School Board and was a member of the Merkel City Council in 1950. He was instrumental in organizing the Housing Authority Board in Merkel and is a member of the Masonic Lodge and Eastern Star. He and his wife live at 1001 S. 4th Street. They have four sons, Johnny Wayne, of Livingston, Session and David, both of Abilene and Bob of the home, who is attending McMurry College.

Guest speaker for the annual banquet will be Congressman Omar Burlison. Banquet time is 6 p.m. and will be held at the school cafeteria. Joe E. Lassiter will be master of ceremonies.

Burlison was recently awarded the "Carl Hayden Printing Achievement Award" for his work as vice chairman of the Joint Committee on Printing from 1955 to 1963. The award is named after Senator Carl Hayden who is former chairman of the committee, which oversees the Federal government's worldwide printing program. Rep. Burlison was cited for "contributing forcefully" to the launching of the research and development program which led to the creation of the high-speed Electronic photocomposition Linotron system "and to contributing to making the most far reaching changes in policy direction of the federal printing program in three quarters of a century."

Tickets at \$2.50 each went on sale this week and may be purchased at Chamber headquarters, Farmers and Merchants National Bank, Merkel Drug, Merkel Mail, Wilson Food Store, Carson's Supermarket and Ben Franklin Store. Also on the program will be the recognition of the Outstanding Citizen and Outstanding Farmer or Rancher.



JOHNNY HAMMOND
... to take over March 27

Ballots for naming Merkel's Outstanding Citizen and Outstanding Farmer or Rancher are coming in at a good rate to C-C headquarters, according to Benny Melton, executive secretary.

"Forms were rather slow coming in the first ten days," said Melton, "but this past week, we have been most pleased with the response." Ballot is found on page two of this edition for filling out and mailing or bring to Chamber headquarters.

4 CANDIDATES FILE FOR SCHOOL BOARD

Four Merkel residents filed this past week with Mrs. Ida Mae Graham, school secretary, for the two positions on the Board of Trustees of the Merkel Independent School District.

Incumbent Danny Dean, filed for re-election. The others are Bobby DuBose, D. C. Hendricks and Robert Stephan. Deadline for filing was Wednesday, March 4.

School Board election will be held Saturday, April 4 at the high

school gymnasium with polls opening at 7 a.m. and closing at 7 p.m.

Bryan Dunagin will be election judge and Bill Button alternate judge. Clerks will be Mrs. Tom Russo and Mrs. R. M. Ferguson.

Absentee voting will begin Friday, March 13 at Merkel City Hall and will end March 30, according to school secretary, Mrs. Onis Graham.

DRAMA IS FUN AND LOTS OF WORK!

The 1970 Merkel High School "Pretenders" is now much more than the 1969 Pretenders.

It now has become an "expanding" organization.

This Drama Club now has over fifty working members with each one having a special job.

And director, Mrs. Don Dudley, quickly points out that there is "much more to drama than just memorizing lines."

"Drama is fencing lessons, obtaining a British accent, and building a balcony," she explains. "And there's more. Drama is setting up a merit system, making over fifty costumes, and even learning to cackle."

All of this must be done in time for the spring Festival of Drama that will take place on Thursday and Friday, March 20-21.

The Festival will include three

one act plays: "The Bald Soprano," "The Happy Scarecrow" and "Romeo and Juliet."

Cast for the "Bald Soprano" includes Mark Dudley, Cathy Beaird, Randy Doan, Judy Hester, Carolyn Gilmore and Steve Doan.

"Scarecrow" cast includes Roger Beaird, Vicki Payne, Donna Phillips, Jeanie Fincher, Terry Wade, Billy Jackson, Mike Warren, Betty Asencio, Don Whisenhunt and Larry Hewitt.

There's a long list for the cast in "Romeo and Juliet," and some of the members are doing "overtime" in appearing in one of the other plays. They are Mike Allen, Randy Doan, Roger Beaird, Carolyn Gilmore, Billy Jo Jackson, Donna Phillips, Judy Hester, Terry Wade, Debbie Teaff, Paul Thames, Mike McLean, Seve Doan, Monty Tittle.

Mark Dudley, Jerry Holmes, Jeanie Fincher, Kathy Griffen, Danny West, Tommy Anderson, Larry Hewitt, Don Whisenhunt, Mike Warren, Buster Tarpley, Vicki Payne, Suzie Wilson, Debbie Bowen and Betty Asencio.

There was so much activity going on this past week an interview with any one actor was almost impossible. However this reporter was able to get a "quick" reply from actress Cathy Beaird.

"The Drama Club is not just play," she quickly explains. "The motto to describe 'The Pretenders' is never is there work without reward, nor reward without work."

"Our reward will be a full auditorium and a pleased audience on Friday, March 21 at 7:30 p.m.," Cathy said.

P.S.: Crews for the Spring Festival will be published in next week's edition.



"FIERY EXIT" — Steve Doan, playing the role of Fire Chief in the Drama Club's "The Bald Soprano" has a crowd of onlookers as he makes exit in his fire truck. They are, from left, Judy Hester, Carolyn Gilmore, Mark Dudley and Randy Doan. Three one-act plays will be presented Friday, March 21 at the high school auditorium during the Festival of Drama. (Staff Photo)

MES POSTER CONTEST WINNERS ARE NAMED

Winners in the Middle Clear Fork Conservation District poster contest have been announced for the Merkel Elementary School.

Winners in the first grade were Kelly Knight, first place; Dean Martin, second place; Linda Graves, third place, and Mike Fisher, fourth place.

In the second grade Shannon Bagby won first place; Susan Arwine, second; Marissa Sandusky, third and Gwen Tarpley, fourth.

Third grade winners were Grant Sandusky, first; Cynthia Smith, second; Janice South, third and Danna Russell, fourth.

In the fourth grade division Hector Asencio won first place and Farrell Bagby won second place.

Fifth grade winners were Marsha Clyburn, first; Paula Green, second; Phillip Hernandez, third; and Deborah White, fourth.

A conservation essay contest is also sponsored by the MCFCD for grades seven through twelve. In the seventh grade division Teresa Clemmer won first place and Janie Clark won second place. Teresa Clemmer's essay, "My Stake in the Natural Resources of Texas," also won first place in competition with other seventh grade essays throughout the Conservation District.

The posters which have been displayed in the Elementary School during Texas Public School Week will now be placed in the Abilene Public Library for display and judging for overall district winners.

District winners in both the Poster and Essay contest will be honored at a dinner on March 16, 1970 at 7:00 p.m., in the Abilene Christian College cafeteria.

The Merkel Elementary School is grateful to the students, parents and teachers who support this conservation program. Especially is the school grateful to Joe McDuff, Vincent Barnett and Horace Boney for their help in selecting local school winners, said Leon Walker, Elementary School principal.

Conservation Winners to Be Honored Mar. 16

A banquet honoring conservation winners will be held March 16 at Abilene Christian College cafeteria.

Hosts will be the Middle Clear Fork Soil and Water Conservation District and Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc.

The banquet will begin at 7 p.m., with the poster, essay district conservation winner and district conservation teacher being honored. Parents, teachers and superintendents of schools will also be guests.

First through third place winners in each grade of Abilene and rural schools will be honored during the banquet.

Also to be given special recognition during the program will be Joe E. McDuff, named Outstanding Farmer Conservation Farmer by the MCFSWC and Mrs. Mildred Toombs, English teacher at Trent High School. She was named an Outstanding Conservation teacher for the year.

LEGAL NOTICE

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS:
TO: BILLY RAY LEE, Defendant in the hereinafter styled and numbered cause:

You are hereby commanded to appear before the Domestic

Relations Court of Taylor County, Texas, to be held at the Courthouse of said County in the City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, at or before 10:00 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday after the expiration of forty two (42) days

from the date of the issuance hereof; that is to say, at or before 10:00 o'clock A.M. of Monday, the 6th day of April, 1970, and answer the petition of BARBARA JO LEE, Plaintiff, in Cause No. 5152, styled BARBARA JO LEE vs. BILLY RAY LEE, in which the following person is Plaintiff: BARBARA JO LEE, and the following person is Defendant: BILLY RAY LEE, which petition was filed in said court on the 11th day of November, 1969, and the nature of which said suit is as follows:

A suit for divorce arising out of the marriage of BARBARA JO LEE and BILLY RAY LEE and incidental relief including the division of the community property between the Plaintiff and Defendant, the restoration of the Plaintiff's name prior to marriage and for attorney's fees.

If this citation is not served within ninety (90) days after the date of its issuance, it shall be

returned unserved.

WITNESS Irene Crawford, Clerk of the Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County, Texas.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT at office in the City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, this 23rd day of February, 1970.

(Seal)
IRENE CRAWFORD,
Clerk of the Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County, Texas
By Faye Terry Deputy.
Issued this 23rd day of February, 1970.

IRENE CRAWFORD
Clerk of the Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County, Texas
By Faye Terry Deputy 52 4tc

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To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas—GREETING.

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for four consecutive weeks, the first publication to be at least twenty-eight days before the return day thereof, in a newspaper printed in Taylor County, Texas, the accompanying citation, of which the herein below following is a true copy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Gary John Pfaff, Defendant. Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 23 day of March A.D. 1970, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court on the 9 day of Feb. A.D. 1970, in this cause, numbered 5323 on the docket of said court and styled In Re: David Bruce Pfaff and Keith Edward Pfaff.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: In Re: Adoption as is more fully show by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing the writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 9 day of Feb. A.D. 1970.

(Seal)
Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD
Clerk, Domestic Relations Court, Taylor County, Texas
By Marie Gill, Deputy. 50 4tc

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Notice is herewith given that G. Ross Tippet, Louis S. Gee and Robert G. Hollowell, heretofore doing business as a partnership under the firm name of Tippet & Gee, have organized a Texas corporation known as Tippet & Gee, Inc., the Articles of Incorporation in connection with which were filed with and approved by the Secretary of State on July 28, 1969. Effective January 1, 1970, the consulting engineering business heretofore conducted by such partnership will thereafter be conducted by such corporation; and its principal place of business will continue to be 502 North Willis Street, Abilene, Taylor County, Texas; and all interested parties will take due notice thereof.

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Say Farewell To Dishpan Hands

What appliance do women most often want in their home? Normally the answer is an automatic dishwasher.

And for good reason. Dishwashing is the most often repeated task in the home. One study shows an average of 73 minutes a day spent on dishwashing by hand. With an automatic dishwasher, the average is only 35 minutes.

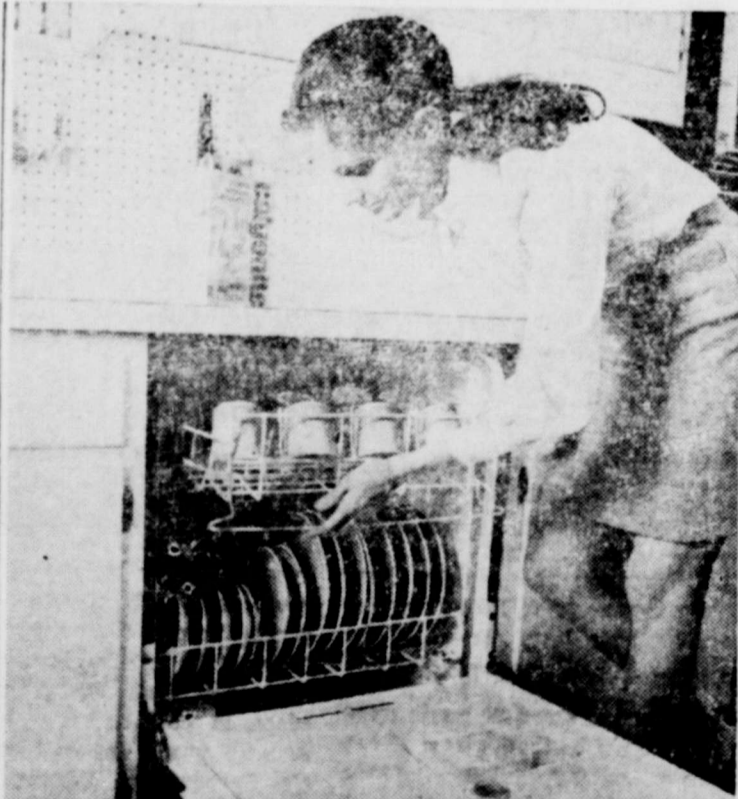
If you're considering a dishwasher, here are some persuasive facts from the makers of new Calgonite, a detergent designed exclusively for automatic dishwashers.

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- No more preparation is required for the dishwasher than the dishpan. Automatics are available today with filters, drains, even miniature waste disposers. With continuing improvements in detergents, less and less preparation time is required.

- Kitchen clutter is reduced. Breakfast dishes, plates from lunch and dinner snacks can be put out of sight in the dishwasher until there's a full load to run. No more stacks of dishes. This is great for everyday and even better for a dinner party or family gathering.

- China and crystal are safer in the dishwasher than in slippery hands. Specially formulated detergents help assure spotless dishes and crystal. Only caution for automatic washing is antique handpainted china which may be affected by very hot water. Most chinas today have a protective overglaze which makes them



suitable for automatics. If you're unsure, check with the manufacturer.

- Silver and flatware will come out of the automatic dishwasher spotless if you take a few precautions. Keep dry detergent off sterling and silverplate. Direct contact with the dissolving detergent may cause gray or black stains. Stainless may be washed in most dishwashers, however, inferior stainless may discolor.

- Almost all pots and pans, including the new colored cookware, are dishwasherable. Aluminum can generally be washed successfully in an automatic, but make sure it doesn't come in contact with undissolved detergent. Exceptions for automatics are iron skillets and utensils that have been oil seasoned and articles made of pewter,

copper, wood, rubber.

- Automatics use special detergents that assure spotlessly clean dishes. Calgonite, for example, softens water, dissolves and removes food soil, removes stains and other residues and helps prevent water spotting. Use the amount recommended by the manufacturer and only use a detergent made for automatics.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Mashburn, Munday, and Mr. and Mrs. Russell North and grandson of Abilene and Mr. North's mother of Illinois visited Mrs. J. E. Swindell and the Rev. and Mrs. Jesse Swindell and McSherry Saturday.

Our sympathy is with the family of Roy O. B. Tatum, who died at Starr Nursing Home Wednesday, March 4 after a long illness. Out of town relatives attending Mr. Tatum's services were the Browning children, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Browning and children of Tuscola, Mildred and Lonnie Harris and Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Harris, Dallas; and Mrs. Gayle Bedford and children of San Angelo. Also Mrs. Swain's sons and wives, Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Blanton, Ft. Stockton; and Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Spence of Sonora; and Mrs. B. W. Tatum, Mrs. J. D. Spinks, Tye; and Mr. and Mrs. Odell Tatum, Abilene.

Ruby Reddin and Mamie Hardin visited Mrs. Nora McDonald Monday.

Marsha Clyburn, Vickie Reddin and Christi and Cindy Boone helped with the 4-H Food Show held recently in Abilene.

Attending the Troby Musical Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. Wade Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mashburn, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Thomas and children and Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Clyburn and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Shaw and Mrs. Roy Mashburn attended Mass for Ben Hinkle, 41, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Abilene Wednesday, March 4. Mr. Hinkle died in Amarillo Sunday and was buried in Mt. Hope Cemetery at Abilene.

Mrs. Mashburn and Mr. and Mrs. Wade Shaw also attended funeral services for Joe Lynn Myers, 20, at the Church of Christ in Anson Sunday afternoon. Burial was in Mt. Hope Cemetery. Joe Lynn died Friday night in a car-train crash.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Clyburn and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kueh in Abilene Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carter West of Abilene visited Mr. and Mrs. M. E. West Sunday. Visiting the John Brownings over the weekend were Mildred and Lonnie Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Harris, Mrs. Jack Bedford and children and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Browning.

The following was omitted last week due to lack of space: J. R. Mashburn of Fort Worth spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mashburn. Mrs. Sonny Hardin and children of Lawn also visited her parents. Jo Nell and Samatha Mashburn returned to their home in Carlsbad, N.M. Monday after a two week visit with their grandparents.

R. W. Stuard of Abilene visited the Fritz Hales Friday. Mrs. James Hale and Mike of Midland, visited the Hales Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Burns of Clyde and J. R. Reddin, John and Ronald of Abilene, had dinner with Mrs. Ruby Reddin Sunday. The group visited Mr. and Mrs. Jim Burns Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Stephenson and Melissa visited Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McDonald and George recently. Visiting Mrs. John Shaw in Merkel Sunday were Mrs. Roy Mashburn, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Shaw, J. R. Mashburn, Samatha and Jo Nell, Mrs. Brenda Hardin and children, Roxie Meeks, Mike Berry, Hilda Clampet and Charlie Meeks. Mrs. Ruby Reddin spent Saturday with Mrs. Shaw. Jim Burns celebrated his 92nd birthday Tuesday, March 3.

FOR SALE — Modern home — 2 bedroom, 2 full baths, den, carpet, attached garage, fenced back yard, good location. Call 928-5030 after 6:00 p.m. 52 2tp

FOR SALE — 2 bedroom, modern kitchen and bath, One block east of the Trent Post Office. Small down payment, owner will finance \$4,750. Call Frank Morgan, Sweetwater, 235-2293. 1 tlc

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FOR SALE — 30 acres, next to city limits. Small down, financing can be arranged. Roddy Realty, Merkel, 928-4756. 1 2tc

FOR SALE — Shelled pecans \$1.25 a pound. Joe Douglas, 306 Rose. 1 tlc

FOR SALE — International plow, 8 disc. Curtis Clyburn, 928-5780. House east of the Stith Baptist Church. 1 2tp

FOR SALE — House 405 Ash. 1 1/2 lots with good water well and electric pump, 928-5411 or see Mrs. Mina Winter a Winter Butane. 1 tlc

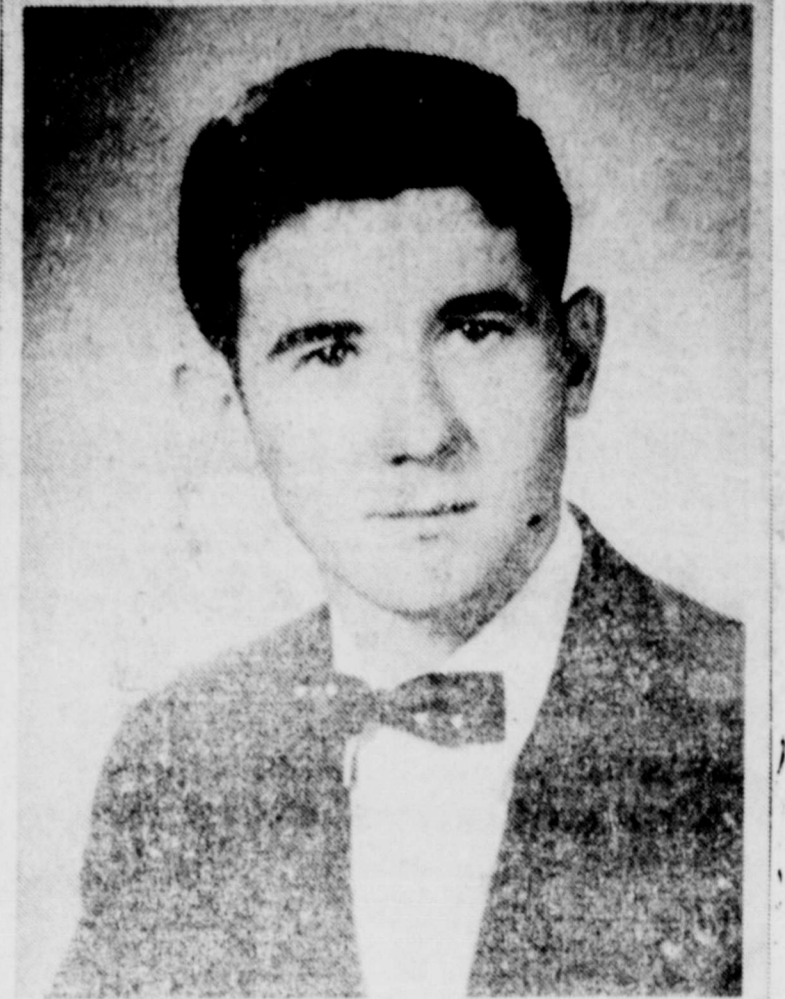
FOR SALE — Quilt bedspread. I also do sewing. 403 Manchester. 1 tlc

Booster Club's Pancake Supper Set for March 19

A Pancake Supper will be served by members of the Merkel Booster Club Thursday, March 19, at the school cafeteria, according to planning committee chairman, Vincent Barnett.

Others on the Pancake Supper committee are Billy Patton, Arthur Moore, Herman Carson, the Rev. Jim Sinclair and Booster Club president, Lawrence Hewitt. Tickets are on sale at 50 cents each at Barnett Barber Shop, Central Barber Shop, Cheate's Super Market and the Merkel Drive-In.

Proceeds from the supper will be used to sponsor the annual Booster Club All Sports Banquet, said Hewitt.



DELMER I. DAVIS receives degree

Katharyn Duff To Be Here Tues.

Members and guests of the Merkel Lions Club will hear Katharyn Duff at their noon luncheon Tuesday, March 17.

Miss Duff, well known in this area for her "Duff One" column in the morning editions of the Abilene Reporter-News, is also author of the recently published book, "Abilene on Catalaw Creek," which is now in its second printing.

A native of Rest, Miss Duff was reared in Sylvester, a graduate of Sylvester High School and received her Bachelor of Science degree from Hardin - Simmons University in 1943.

She is recipient of several outstanding awards, including the Thomas L. Stokes Award for best writing in the nation in the field of conservation and the John J. Keeter Award as Outstanding Alumnus of H-SU. In January 1970, she was named by Governor Preston Smith to the Governor's Committee on the status of Women in Texas.

Political Announcements

The Merkel Mail is authorized to announce the following candidates for office in Taylor: (and Jones) Counties subject to the action of the Democratic Primaries, May 2, and June 6, 1970.

For Congressman, District 17
OMAR BURLERSON
(Re-election)

For State Representative, District 62, Place 2
GRANT JONES
(Re-election)

For Commissioner, Precinct 4; Jones County
J. G. (DUDE) HEALD

MHS Graduate On University Of Tennessee Staff

Delmer Irvin Davis Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Davis, has joined the staff of the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, where he is associated with the University's Agricultural Department.

A 1962 graduate of Merkel High School, Davis received his bachelor of science degree in animal husbandry from Abilene Chris-

tian College in 1966. In the Fall of 1966 he accepted a National Defense Education Act-Fellowship and began study toward a doctor of philosophy degree. He received his degree with a major in animal nutrition in December, 1969.

Davis is a member of the Block and Bridle Club, the American Society of Animal Science, American Society of Range Management, Delta Tau Alpha, Alpha Chi and Gamma Sigma Delta.

He and his wife, the former Cynthia Faye Johnson of Fort Worth, have a month old daughter, April Danielle.

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OUR HEARTS OVERFLOW with sincere appreciation for all who expressed their love and sympathy in so many comforting ways during our recent sorrow. We are deeply grateful to all of you especially the staff at the Starr Nursing Home. Our special thanks to Dr. Sadler and Vivian for being so faithful in trying to keep Daddy with us as long as possible. May God Bless each of you.

The Family of O. B. Tatum

Amarillo Tournery March 19-21

AMARILLO — The second annual Amarillo National Invitational will again be held here March 19-21 at the Civic Center with the Hutcherson Flying Queens of Wayland Baptist College, Plainview, defending their title.

Sponsored by the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce, the tournery drew good crowds last year and indications are that attendance will be considerably higher this year.



RETIREMENT CEREMONIES — Lt. Col. Joe E. Lassiter, center, and his wife, Ruth, are presented a certificate of retirement by Lt. Col. Charles M. Kitchell of Abilene. The Retirement Ceremony was held Saturday afternoon. Lassiter recently retired as commander of the 4254th Civil Affairs Group, U.S. Army Reserves, after 28 years of active and reserve military service. (Photo Courtesy Abilene Reporter-News)

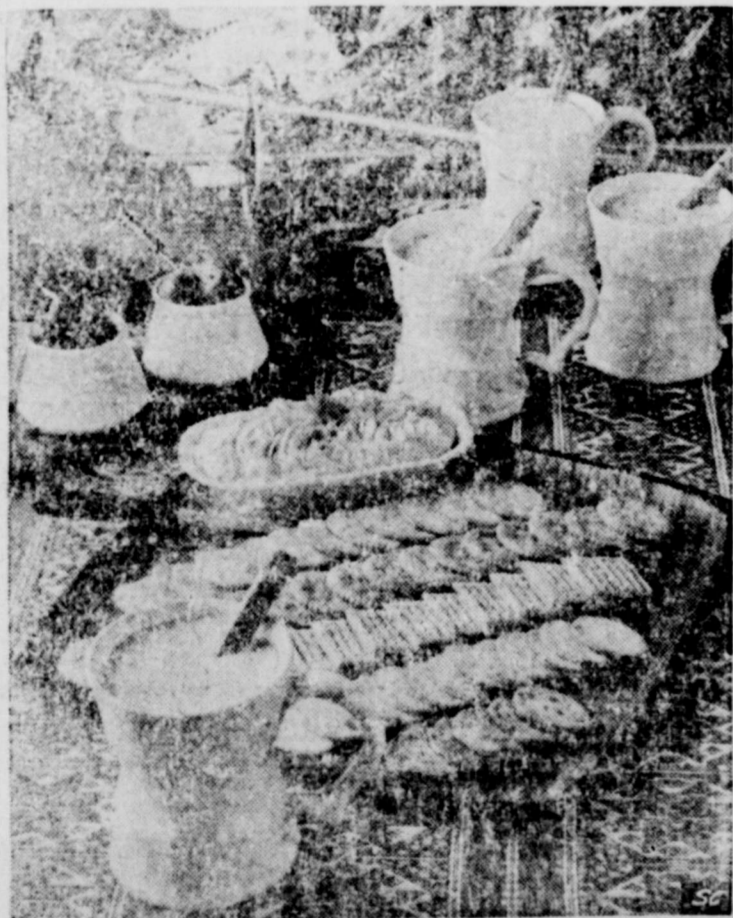
'Time to Plant' Garden Club Topic

Mrs. John Shannon and Mrs. Charlie Sherrill entertained members of the Garden Club in the home of Mrs. Sherrill Tuesday. Mrs. Hollis McCoy was a guest. Theme was All Spices Say "Go" — It's Time to Plant It. Mrs. Herbert Patterson spoke on summer bulbs. Mrs. Johnny Cox spoke on Begonias and Amaryllis was discussed by Mrs. Newton Daniel. Mrs. W. L. Brown gave suggestions on what to do for the month of March. Attending were Meses. W. S. J. Brown, W. L. Brown, Mary Ciek, Oda Clark, Cox, R. M. Ferguson, Albert Criswell, Ora Griggs, Dee Grimes and Earl Hughes. Also Meses. H. N. Odum, Herbert Patterson, Shannon, W. T. Sadler, Sherrill, Daniel, Jesse Shanks, Marie Shanks, Otis Griffin and Miss Christine Collins.

Auction Is Re-Scheduled

Compre Home Demonstration Club's Community Auction, formerly set for April 4 has been re-scheduled for Friday, April 5, according to president, Mrs. Hugh Taylor. "Conflicting programs caused us to decide to move the auction one day forward," said Mrs. Taylor. Proceeds from the auction will go to the West Texas Rehabilitation Center. Besides items donated by area merchants and club members, cakes and pies will also be on sale during the auction, said Mrs. Taylor. Persons wishing to make donations or desiring to help with the auction are asked to call Mrs. Don Adair at 928-4917 in Merkel.

Serve Hot Egg Nog In A Mug



Skiers take note and be sure to supply your weekend ski house or lodge with plenty of canned egg nog to liven your apres ski life. The goodness of canned egg nog matches other types and yet is especially ideal for a weekend house because it doesn't have to be refrigerated until it is opened. The quart-size containers will keep for weeks, even months, on the shelf. Egg nog can be served chilled, but the Borden Kitchen suggests that cold skiers will find a nice mug of hot egg nog more to their liking after a day on the slopes. To heat, simply punch the can and pour into a saucepan. Place over medium heat and stir until the thick rich egg nog comes almost to a

Driving down Heath Street in Merkel recently, we saw Mrs. Howard Casen and Mrs. Glenn Teeff moving the lawn, raking and trimming shrubs. Now, there is nothing unusual about all that, except it wasn't their yards they were working in. They were over doing all these nice things for Mrs. Mary Outlaw. Mary has been ill for quite some time and hasn't been able to get out and do her yard work. Hence the neighborly acts. Remember the times when neighboring farmers and their families would pile in and help another neighbor out when they were sick or behind with the spring plowing? Your reporter thought about all those times when the country people handed together. And Mary said, "This world has changed a lot, but as far as good neighbors and friendly people are concerned it's still the same here in Merkel." And we agree.

This is Girl Scout Week and a good time to say a big "thank you" to all those wonderful people who work with our children. Special recognition goes to Mrs. Don (Melba) Glasscock, our own Brownie leader. Melba is the mother of four children. She holds down a full time job and still has time to take an active interest in "her" girls in our Brownie Troop. Thank you, Melba, and we do appreciate you! Recent guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cramer Reynolds were Mr. and Mrs. Oris Reynolds, Becky and Peggy of Vernon, Mr. and Mrs. Jacky Reynolds of Merkel and Chaplain and Mrs. Jerry Den Reynolds, formerly of Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Following Chaplain Reynolds' departure on March 3, for duty in Vietnam, the fourth Reynolds son, Tommy Watt, related by telephone that he had about a half-hour visit with his brother, Jerry Don as the Vietnam-bound plane fueled in Anchorage, Alaska. Tommy Watt is presently stationed at Fort Richardson, Alaska, near Anchorage. Visiting recently with Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Byrd and Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Neil were Mrs. Jimmy Neil and children from Atlanta, Ga. Mrs. Neil also visited in the home of the Harlan Jones in Seymour.

RED CROSS Volunteers Meet For March Drive

A meeting of Red Cross Volunteers workers for Buffalo Gap was held in the home of area chairman, Mrs. Mildred Payne, Monday evening. Co-chairman are Mrs. Hildagard Powell and Mrs. Henry Ellinger. Meeting with the group was Miss Ollie Lena Olson, executive director for the Taylor County Red Cross. Orientation included showing a film, talking about the March Campaign for Red Cross and discussing techniques of fund raising. Other volunteer workers attending were Meses. Maxine Pauk, Arthel Davis, Arthur Rock, A. J. McCollum, Ealy M. Black, Don E. McMillen and Alice Mitchell. Goal for the Buffalo Gap Community is \$250, with first report meeting set for March 16. Overall chairman for the Taylor County Fund Drive is James Alfred. Merkel area has not named a chairman for the month's drive and persons wishing to contribute to the Red Cross are asked to mail their donations to the Taylor County Chapter, American Red Cross, 1810 No. 2nd, Abilene, Texas. Or persons in the Merkel area may bring or mail their contributions to the Merkel Mail office.

At Dyess AFB

ABILENE — Sergeant Larry A. Colin, son of Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy A. Colin of 7443 Riggs Overland Park, Kan., has re-enlisted in the U.S. Air Force at Dyess AFB, Tex. His wife, Frances, is the daughter of Mrs. Naomi C. Keesee of Tye, Tex. Sergeant Colin is a corrosion control specialist at Dyess, with the 347th Tactical Airlift Squadron. The 347th is a unit of the Tactical Air Command which provides combat units for air support of U.S. ground forces. A 1965 graduate of Shawnee-Mission West High School, the sergeant attended Kansas State University and Kansas City Junior College.

Tamale Sale

A tamale sale will be held Saturday, March 14 at Ray Wilson's Food Store. Sale will start at 1:30 p.m. and price is \$1.00 per dozen. Proceeds from the sale will go to Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church in Merkel.

McM's Dr. Bradley To Speak at Beta Sigma Phi Meet

Dr. Betty Ann Bradley, associate professor of Education at McMurry College, will be guest speaker to members of the Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi at their regular Tuesday evening meeting. Members will meet in the home of Mrs. John Brady at 1820 South 5th at 7:30. Dr. Bradley, director of the Upward Bound program plans to discuss the project to members and guests and also to show slides. She received her Bachelor of Arts, Master of Education and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Texas.

Ollie B. Tatum Dies at Age 91

Funeral services for Ollie B. Tatum, 91, were held Friday, March 6 in Starbuck Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Kenneth Jones, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery. Mr. Tatum, a pioneer Pappist minister in the Merkel - Noodle area, died Wednesday morning in Starr Nursing Home after a lengthy illness. Born July 16, 1878, in McLennan County, he married Rena Bowles in 1898 at Waco. They moved to Tuscola in 1906, to Snyder in 1910 and to Merkel in 1912. He had pastored churches in this area for more than 40 years, retiring in 1950. Mrs. Tatum died in 1961. He was also preceded in death by a son and a daughter. Survivors include one son, Horace O. of Harwick Post, Mass.; two daughters, Mrs. J. B. Browning of Stith and Mrs. Ona Ray Spence of Abilene; one brother, Walter of Mart; one sister, Mrs. Eva Ragan of Austin; six grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, four great-great-grandchildren. Pallbearers were Vernon Stanley, Leo Harris, M. L. Rutledge, Ross Merritt, W. R. Cypert and Carl Carey.

Services Held For Mrs. Vancil

Funeral services for Mrs. Emma Dalton Vancil, 87, former Merkel resident, were held Friday, March 6 at the Assembly of God Church. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery. Mrs. Vancil died Wednesday in a Menahans Nursing Home. Born in 1883, she married Isaac Vancil in 1924 in Merkel. She had lived in a Menahans rest home for several years. Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Hazel Parker of Odessa; three grandchildren; four stepsons, I. D. and Boyce R., both of Merkel, Harrel of Hawley, A. A. of Abilene; two stepdaughters, Mrs. Ross Solomon of Odessa and Mrs. Davis Williams of Mesa, Ariz. Pallbearers were Isaac, Vancil, Ross, Solomon, Boyce Vancil, A. A. Vancil, Dick Skidmore and Ray Reynolds.

Merkelites Kin Accident Victim

Tommy Max Brown, 18, and son of former Merkelites, Mr. and Mrs. Cadmus Brown, now of Liberty Hill, was killed in a two-pickup collision March 1 near Liberty Hill. Funeral services for young Brown were held at Davis Chapel in Georgetown, with the Rev. T. P. Patterson, pastor of the Liberty Hill Baptist Church, officiating. Pallbearers were members of Brown's senior class. Born Aug. 17, 1961 at Huntsville, Tommy had lived at Liberty Hill nine years. While in High School he has served as football captain, and was active in all athletics. He was vice president of his class, was class reporter and served on the paper staff. He was a member of the Liberty Hill First Baptist Church. Survivors besides his parents include one brother, Cadmus Earl of the Air Force, stationed at Laredo; two sisters, Mrs. Sybil Anne Simpson and Miss Maria Brown, both of Liberty Hill and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Irl Walker of Merkel.

BADGER TALES

By MIGNON CRAWFORD
One wish I think everyone agrees with is to have more Fridays like last week, when we get to sleep late and have the whole day off! The winners of the Senior Volleyball Tournament last week were the girls' "Better Six," and the boys Taylor Electric Cooperative. The seniors are having a car wash Saturday and a Bake Sale or maybe two within the next two weeks. On March 21, be sure to listen to KWFA because the seniors will be having radio day that day. Happiness to Deborah Stoffe is putting her zipper in her dress on the wrong side and having to take it out for the second time. Happiness to Diane Robinson is cutting a hole in her dress with the pinking shears instead of trimming the seams with them. Happiness to the senior class is having a car wash on a rainy day!

SWEETWATER Rattlesnake Hunt to Begin

The world's most unusual sporting event is scheduled for March 13, 14 and 15 in Sweetwater. The twelfth annual Rattlesnake Round-up, the world's largest, is expected to draw hunters and spectators from throughout the world. The annual hunt, sponsored by the Sweetwater Jaycees, will feature the live snakes on display in the Nolan County Coliseum. There will be demonstrations of venom milking for use in research, guided tours for spectators and photographers, preparation and cooking of rattlesnake steaks and Miss Snake Charmer herself. Registration for the hunt begins at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, March 13, in the Nolan County Coliseum. The 1970 Rattlesnake Queen Pageant will be held the same evening in the high school auditorium. A Miss Snake Charmer will be crowned to reign at the Annual Rattlesnake Dance on Saturday evening.

Wilson's Observe 30th Anniversary

The "welcome sign" is out at Wilson's Food Store this week in observance of their 30 years of operating a food store in Merkel. "We want all of our friends and customers, both old and new, to come by," said Ray Wilson. "There will be balloons for the youngsters and refreshments will be served all day Saturday. People also may register for prizes during the five day celebration."

Beginning business approximately 30 years ago, the store was owned and operated by the late Mrs. W. W. Campbell. In 1945-53, owners were Wilson and Joe Cypert. In 1953 Cypert sold his partnership to Wilson and the store has gone under its present name since that time. "We have enjoyed doing business with the many, many people of Merkel and the area," said Wilson, "and we plan to continue offering the finest service possible."

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CHOICE OF MEATS:

- Chicken and Dressing with Giblet Gravy and Cranberry Sauce
- Baked Ham with Pineapple Ring
- Roast Beef with Brown Gravy
- Chicken Fried Steak with Cream Gravy
- Trout with Tartar Sauce
- Hamburger Steak with Onions and Brown Gravy

VEGETABLES:

- Mashed Potatoes
- Blue Lake Cut Green Beans
- Frosted Fruit Salad

DESSERT: CHOCOLATE PIE
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WRITER'S CONTEST SPONSORED BY GUILD

The Abilene Writer's Guild is currently sponsoring a writer's contest for area people, according

to Mrs. Clyde Bunch, guild member from Merkel.

Writer's Workshop will be held on the campus of Hardin - Simmons University June 12 and 13 and is "open to all non-professional writers who have not previously won a first place cash award on a local, state or national level."

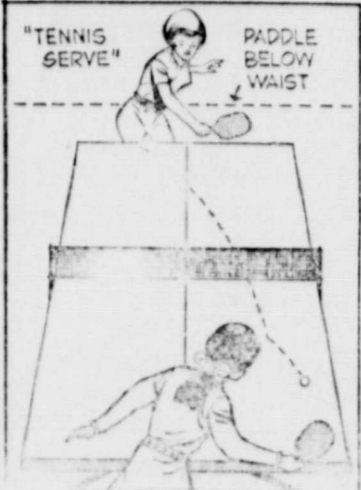
Competition will be in four categories: adult fiction, juvenile fiction, articles and poetry. A contestant may place in entry in each category. Manuscripts must be mailed in triplicate to Writer's Guild president, Juanita Zochery at 502 E.N. 10th, Abilene, Texas 79601. Closing date for submitting manuscripts will be midnight, April 30. Complete rules may be

obtained by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the above address, said Mrs. Bunch. Abilene businessmen have donated money for first, second and third prizes to be offered in each category. Winners will be named and awards presented at the closing session of the workshop.

Chairmen of the judging team will be Louise Shults of Abilene Christian College, adult fiction; Gwen Morgan, Abilene Story League, juvenile fiction; Patrick Bennett, McMurry College, fiction, and Billie Lacy, Hardin - Simmons, poetry.

Louie Boggress, professional writer and teacher of the San Mateo, Calif., will conduct the two-day workshop.

Sports Tips



PING-PONG
The "tennis serve" (used instead of the standard serve in which the ball is bounced from your court onto any portion of opponent's court) is hit diagonally across the net directly into the opposite corner of opponent's court. The paddle, and handle, is held at or below waist level, never above. As in tennis, alternate sides of your court for each of your serves. But before you pick up your paddle, remember—your hands will be showing. Desert Flower has a hand and body lotion that will keep them looking smooth and soft game after game, whatever game you play.

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27. Mother
28. Average
29. Accomplish
30. Those in power
32. Doctor: slang
34. Margin
35. Academic title
37. Find the place
39. Possesses
40. Hebrew tribe
41. Woman's hat
44. Easily remembered
47. Gaze
48. Automobile
50. Thou
51. Island: poet.
52. Hasten
53. Not fat
54. Nuisance
55. Poem
56. Goes astray
12. Bitter vetch
18. Indian tent
19. Danger
20. Among
21. Sound
23. Unhappy
25. Entrance
26. Italian city
31. Places of instruction
32. Network
33. End passage: music
34. Cattleman
35. Loud noise
36. In motion
38. Ranch animals
41. Metal clasp
42. Fail to keep
43. Reverberate
44. Indian tribe
45. Listen
46. Desires
49. Help

LEGAL NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS
To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas - GREETING:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for four consecutive weeks, the first publication to be at least twenty-eight days before the return day thereof, in a newspaper printed in Taylor County, Texas, the accompanying citation, of which the herein below following is a true copy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO, George Thomas Collins, Defendant.

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 20 day of April A.D. 1970, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 14 day of Jan. A.D. 1970, in this cause, numbered 8259 on the docket of said court; and styled Jacquelyn Sue Collins, Plaintiff, vs. George Thomas Collins, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married on Nov. 6, 1969 and lived together until Dec. 23, 1969. Plaintiff sues for annulment of marriage, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates herein, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 5 day of March A.D. 1970.

Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD
Clerk, Domestic Relations Court, Taylor County, Texas.
By Marie Gill, Deputy.

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Robert O'Rear Services Held

Robert M. O'Rear, 67, retired farmer and pioneer of Trent, died at his residence, 1025 Burger in Abilene, Friday, March 7.

Funeral was held Monday in the First Baptist Church in Trent with the Rev. F. Lorne of First Baptist Church of German officiating. Masonic graveside rites were held in Oak Grove Cemetery in Graham.

Born June 29, 1900 in Oklahoma, he moved to Graham there and a half year ago from Wichita Falls. He was a member of the Baptist Church and the Masonic Lodge.

Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Thurman Jay of German, Mrs. L. R. Cox of Tyler and Mrs. F. M. Ragland of Wichita Falls; eight grandchildren; one brother, Joe of Graham, two sisters, Mrs. Dovie Burman of Elk City, Okla., and Mrs. Rena Bower of Fresno, Calif.

Weekend Visitor
David L. Cox of Studio City, Calif., visited over the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Denzel Cox.
David is employed as prop mak-

er for Columbia Pictures and for other productions in Hollywood. He worked with special effects on Mackenna's Gold, filmed in Knab, Utah.

William D. White In Rescue Mission

USS HENDEPSON -- Navy Seaman William D. White son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy J. White of 911 Oak, Merkel, Tex., participated in the rescue of a downed helicopter crew in the Tonkin Gulf while serving aboard the destroyer USS Menderson.

Of the 11 personnel aboard the helicopter, six were rescued by the Henderson, four by other vessels in the area and one man was reported missing at sea.

Mrs. H. C. Chancey Dies at Age 85 John Olivers' Kim Receives Honors

Mrs. H. C. (Rosa E.) Chancey, 85, pioneer Jones County resident died Friday, March 7 at Starr Nursing Home where she had lived for about two years.

Funeral services were held Sunday in Starbuck Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. James Merrill, pastor of United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial was in Cannon Memorial Cemetery in Silt.

Mrs. Chancey was born July 20, 1884, in Coryell County and moved to Jones County in 1910. She married Hovie C. Chancey in March, 1914 in Jones County.

They lived there until Mr. Chancey's death in 1950. Mrs. Chancey then moved to Merkel. She was a member of the United Methodist Church.

Survivors include two sons, Willie of Merkel and H. C. of Richardson, two daughters, Mrs. Mae Stovall of Kemp and Mrs. Ruth Stark of San Diego, Calif.; one brother, R. W. Criss of Dallas; eight grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren.
One daughter preceded her in death.

Marilyn Oliver, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Oliver of Merkel was one of five Midland High School students who took first place honors in Area I Distributive Education contests held recently in Odessa. Her first place was in advertising layout.

Miss Oliver will compete in a state-wide contest slated for March 13-14 at the Astroworld in Houston.

Gets Promotion

JACKSONVILLE, N.C. -- Marine Lance Corporal Jimmy D. Eastham, son of the Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Eastham of 211 Morgan, Tye, Tex., was promoted to his present rank while serving at Marine Corps Air Station, Jacksonville, N.C.

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REVEREND (part 2)

Where does man get his authority to call another man "Reverend" or his authority to call himself "Reverend?" It cannot be said that the BIBLE is the Authority... because the Bible neither authorizes it nor condones it as acceptable to God.

Read Matthew 23:23-27! Jesus was asked "Where he got his authority. Jesus in turn asked them a question. They would not answer him for 2 reasons:

1. Afraid of being exposed.
2. Afraid of the people.

You need to examine under the same light: WHERE IS YOUR AUTHORITY FOR "REVEREND?"

Some say as did King Saul (I Sam. 15:15) that it was the people's fault, they caused it. One might need to read Acts 12:20-23. Here a man ALLOWED HIMSELF to be exalted to the position of God, as we noticed last week "REVEREND" is only applied in the Bible to the name of God. Psa. 111:9.

BILLY PATTON, Minister CHURCH OF CHRIST "COME VISIT WITH US"

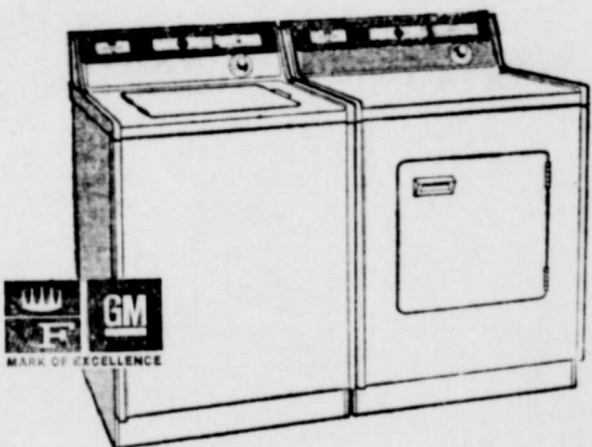
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- 2 Do not take or give medicine in the dark. Be sure you can clearly read the label on the container.
- 3 Give infants and young children drugs only as directed by your physician.
- 4 Read all directions and caution statements on the drug label each time you plan to use the medicine.
- 5 Before measuring liquid medicines, always shake the bottle thoroughly.
- 6 Safeguard tablets and capsules — especially those which are candied, flavored or colored — by storing them in safety containers which children find hard to open.
- 7 Do not take medicine from an unlabeled bottle; date all drug supplies when you buy them.
- 8 Date all drug supplies when you buy them.
- 9 Use a prescription drug only for the patient for whom the physician ordered it.
- 10 Weed out the left-overs regularly from your medicine chest — especially any prescription drug that your physician ordered for a particular illness.

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