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## IN TRENT

### Youth Rummage Sale Saturday

The Trent Baptist Youth group will hold their annual Rummage Sale Saturday, June 6, beginning at 8 a.m. at the Trent Community until 5 p.m.

"Plans have been in the making for a long time," said youth director, Roy Davis, "and this sale promises to be the largest of all. Members of the church and citizens of the community have donated hundreds of items." Sale items will include clothing, shoes, purses, household wares, games and a pool table, said Davis.

Proceeds from the sale will go toward sending the young people to the Laeders Encampment in July.

### TCYH Changes Meeting Date

Mrs. Charles Jacobs, president of the Taylor County Young Homemakers announced Wednesday that the regular meeting of the TCYH to be held June 11 has been re-set for June 13.

Members are urged to plan for the June 13 meeting.

## VACATION TIME IS WORK; PLAY

By MIGNON CRAWFORD

School's out and summer vacation's here!

But summer vacation for Merkel and area students doesn't always mean sleep, loaf and play.

Long before school's out many students are out "beatin' the bushes" for summer jobs.

Many MHS seniors are hitting the "8 to 5" this summer in preparation for the upcoming September classes and colleges, universities, business and technical school. And even two of our grads are getting a head start on "learnin'" by attending college this summer.

Grads and students "hired out" this summer include Tommy Carson and Roger Beard, who's punching the clock at Taylor Telephone Cooperative.

There's Mary Merrell working at the Asteroid Restaurant; Glenna Doan at Carson's Super Market, and JaNell Lassiter can't "goof off" a bit, because she's

## LIONS CLUB

### INSTALLATION SET JUNE 16, 8 P.M.

Installation of officers for the Merkel Lions Club will be held Tuesday, June 16 at 8 p.m. at the Lions Community Center building.

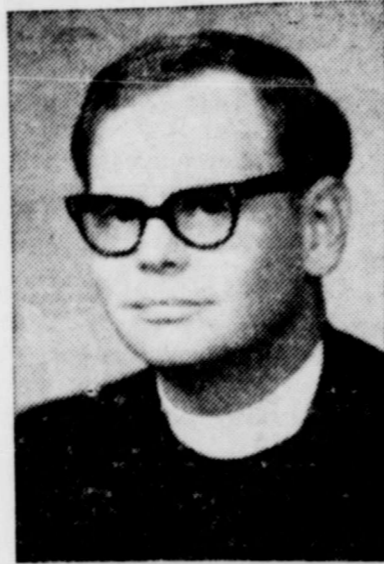
President, Don Warren, said the evening meeting would take the place of the noon luncheon scheduled to be held on that date, and Ladies' Night would be observed.

The Rev. James Sinclair, pastor of the Grace Presbyterian Church will be installed as president. Other incoming officers are David Gamble, first vice president; Mack Fisher, second vice president; Fred Starbuck, third vice president; Bill Button, lion tamer, and Herman Carson, tail twister. Billy King, Don Warren, Frank Breaux and Roy Wilson are directors.

During business meeting Lion Bill Button announced that the club netted \$100 from their Mop and Broom Sale held last week.

Mop and Broom Committee included Button, chairman, Frank Breaux and Sinclair.

Teams working the residential areas included Warren, Carson,



REV. JAMES SINCLAIR  
... incoming president

Gamble, Onis Crawford and W. R. Cypert.

Button expressed a special thank you to Lions Starbuck and Wilson for their large purchase of mops and brooms and to Ben Hicks for the use of his building for storing items.

Tuesday's entertainment will be piano selections played by Mrs. Larry White.

### World War I Vets To Meet Tuesday

World War I Veterans and Ladies Auxiliary of Merkel - Trent Barracks No. 2248 will meet in regular session Tuesday, June 9, at 8 p.m. at the Taylor Electric Cooperative Building.

The order of business will be planning summer fun for each monthly meeting, said Karl Bonneaux, Commander.

Veterans will drape the charter for a deceased member.

Also plans for the state meeting in Abilene July 23 to 26 will be discussed, said Bonneaux.

### Installation Service Set

Installation of the Order of Eastern Star officers will be held Saturday, June 6 at 8 p.m. at the Merkel Masonic Hall Lodge.

Mrs. Charles Knight, Worthy Matron, said the public is invited to attend.

### On Dean's List

Vickie Doan, a 1968 graduate of Merkel High School, completed her sophomore year at Stephen F. Austin University, Nacogdoches with a grade point average of 3.6. Daughter of Mrs. J. E. Stevens Jr., and Sammy Doan, both of Merkel, Vickie has made the Dean's List both her freshman and sophomore years.

She is a drama major.

## KINDERGARTEN WILL BEGIN THIS FALL

Merkel Schools will begin its first public school kindergarten this fall with the 1970-71 year.

The school system will now have an enrollment of children from kindergarten through grade 12.

According to primary and elementary school principal, Leon Walker, approximately twenty-five children have registered for the fall term.

On January 13, 1970, the State's Attorney General ruled that according to House Bill 240, Sixty-First Legislature, all local school districts subject to the minimum Foundation Program "must offer the kindergarten program to eli-

## Recreation Program Begins Mon. June 8

Summer Recreation for Merkel and area children will open Monday, June 8 at 9 p.m. at the Merkel High School gymnasium.

William (Bill) Tate will be director, with Mrs. Tate and Ronnie Aldridge as assistants.

Charges for the eight week program is \$10 for one child; \$7.50 for two children. \$25 for three and \$30 for four or more. Per week the charge is \$1.25 per child.

The program will include children who will be six years of age on or before Sept. 1 and primary, junior high and senior high students.

Forms and other information may be obtained from Tate or from Mrs. Graham at the high school office.

Tate said that parents who are interested in enrolling their children in the program before Monday may contact him at his home.

The full five days will include planned indoor and outdoor games, track and field events (all ages), weight lifting and also basketball, and intermediate age and up.

Age groups who will be participating in special events are 10 and under, 11-12 age group, 13-14 and 15-17 age groups.

Tournaments will also be held

in badminton and shuffleboard, said Tate.

Mrs. Pat McAlister has offered the use of the Merkel Motel swimming pool for open swim in the afternoons from 2 until 4:30.

Recreation supervisors will be in attendance at the pool, said Tate.

Schedule of activities Monday through Friday are:

9 a.m.-10:30 - Outdoor games, track and field all ages.

10:30-11:30 - Indoor games intermediate weight lifting.

11:50-12 - Check in and clean up.

2 p.m.-4:30 - Swimming. (For those who do not swim a supervisor will be on duty at the gym.)



BILL TATE  
... recreation director

## SUMMER READING PROGRAM BEGINS

Both high school and elementary school libraries opened this past Monday for summer reading and book checkout.

Libraries will be open from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. until August 14, said Mrs. Zell Whitaker, Title I supervisor.

The Merkel Mail will give prizes to the boys or girls who read the most number of books on Primary, Elementary and high school level. (Three first place prizes will be given in all.)

The Summer Reading Program, started in 1966, aims to encourage more students to read more books during the summer months, said school superintendent, Mack Fisher. The program is open to all area young people.

Students who plan to compete for the prizes in the number of books read will check with their librarian each time they read a book, and a record will be kept of book title, author and category.

Records for overdue books must be cleared for each check out

before a person will be eligible to check out additional books, said Fisher.

### Teen Center Open This Friday P.M.

The Merkel Teen Center will be open this Friday at 8 p.m. for activities, announced president Randy Doan.

Admission will be 35 cents each and is open to junior high school students.

Activities will end at 11 p.m. and adult sponsors will be in attendance, said Doan.

### Baptist VBS Begins June 8

The First Baptist Vacation Bible School will begin Monday, June 8 with registration at 8 p.m., according to pastor, the Rev. Kenneth Jones.

School will be held Wednesday, June 10 through June 17, from 8:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Parents' night program will be at 7 p.m. June 17.



### Some Work, Some Loaf and Play . . .

Merkel High School students take their summer vacation seriously . . . seriously enough to plan ahead what they are going to do. Here's Dennis James at left, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert James and an upcoming sophomore, who's

caught in the working phase right now — mowing lawns. In center picture, Cynthia Steck, daughter of Mrs. Mamie Steck, and Dianne Allen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Allen, are catching up on their favorite readings. Cynthia will be a freshman student at MHS next

year, and Dianne a sophomore. The pretty misses at right are Zana Mansfield, left, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mernon Mansfield and Patsy Button, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Button. Decked out in their swim suits, the sophomores are on their way for a dip.



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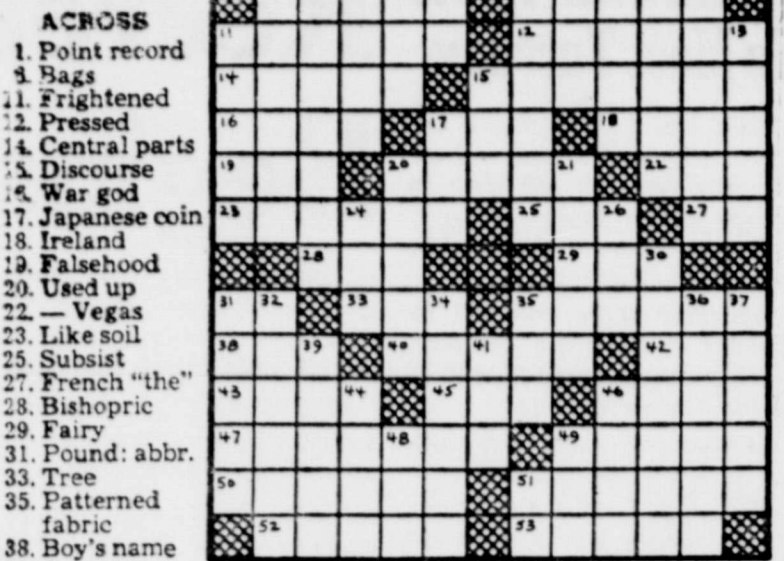
CITATION BY PUBLICATION  
THE STATE OF TEXAS  
TO: ZERAL RAY BARBER, Defendant, Greeting:

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 22nd day of June A.D. 1970, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 7th day of May A.D. 1970, in this cause, numbered 32,702-A on the docket of said court and styled in the Matter of the Marriage of Alice June Barber and Zera Ray Barber.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Divorce 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

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  - Bags
  - Frightened
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  - Discourse
  - War god
  - Japanese coin
  - Ireland
  - Falsehood
  - Used up
  - Vegas
  - Like soil
  - Subsist
  - French "the"
  - Bishopric
  - Fairy
  - Pound: abbr.
  - Tree
  - Patterned fabric
  - Boy's name
  - Aspect
  - Glide
  - Leg part
  - Timeless bulbs
  - Imitating
  - Pure
  - Pungent
  - Walk
  - Female goat
  - Watch secretly
  - Ledge
  - Deal with
  - Golf mound
  - Tree
  - Style of dress
  - Pale purple
  - Radiant
  - Gathered
  - Cave
  - Lean
  - Emperors
  - Near: poet.
  - Kind of lettuce
  - Instead
  - Twist into thread
  - Greek letter
  - Climb
  - Collect
  - Robert
  - Above
- DOWN**
- Metal dross
  - Occupations
  - Metallic rocks
  - Thing: law
  - Suffix: past tense
  - Yellowish pigment
  - Bow
  - Pigeon shell
  - Small ridge
  - Published in parts
  - Climb
  - Compact
  - Robert

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 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 7th day of May A.D. 1970.

Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD  
Clerk, Domestic Relations Court, Taylor County, Texas.  
By Rilla Mahoney Deputy.  
11 4c

**Methodists Set Camp Dates**

Dates have been set for summer youth camps at Camp Butman, announced the Rev. James Merrell, pastor of the First United Methodist Church.

Dates and directors are:  
Elementary V-VI Camps—June 15-19, Nathan Pipkin, Midland; June 23 - July 3 — Rev. Marvin James, Munday; and August 2-7, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Grant, Abilene.

Junior High Camps — June 21-26, Rev. H. O. Abbott, Haskell; July 25 - 31, Rev. Caleb Hildebrand, Big Spring, and Aug. 10-14, Rev. D. D. Stalder, Tuscola.  
Youth Summer Activities — Inner Life Assembly, Camp Butman, June 8-12; Faith Study Festival, McMurry College, June 22-26; Youth Ministry Leadership Training, Ceta Canyon July 6-11; Tri - Racial Work Camp, Camp

this cause, numbered 5398 on the docket of said court and styled IN THE MATTER OF THE MARRIAGE OF DAVID MITCHELL AND OFELIA BENCOMO MITCHELL.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: An action for divorce, no property involved as is more fully shown by plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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By Faye Terry Deputy.  
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Butman, July 20 - 24; and Youth in Diaogue, Ceta Canyon July 27-31.

Laymen's Retreat will be at Ceta Canyon August 14-16, and Conference Family Retreat also at Ceta Canyon will be June 19-21.

**Marriage Date Is Told**

Wedding date for Myrtle Adelia Davis and John Scott Beaver will be July 18 at First Baptist Church.

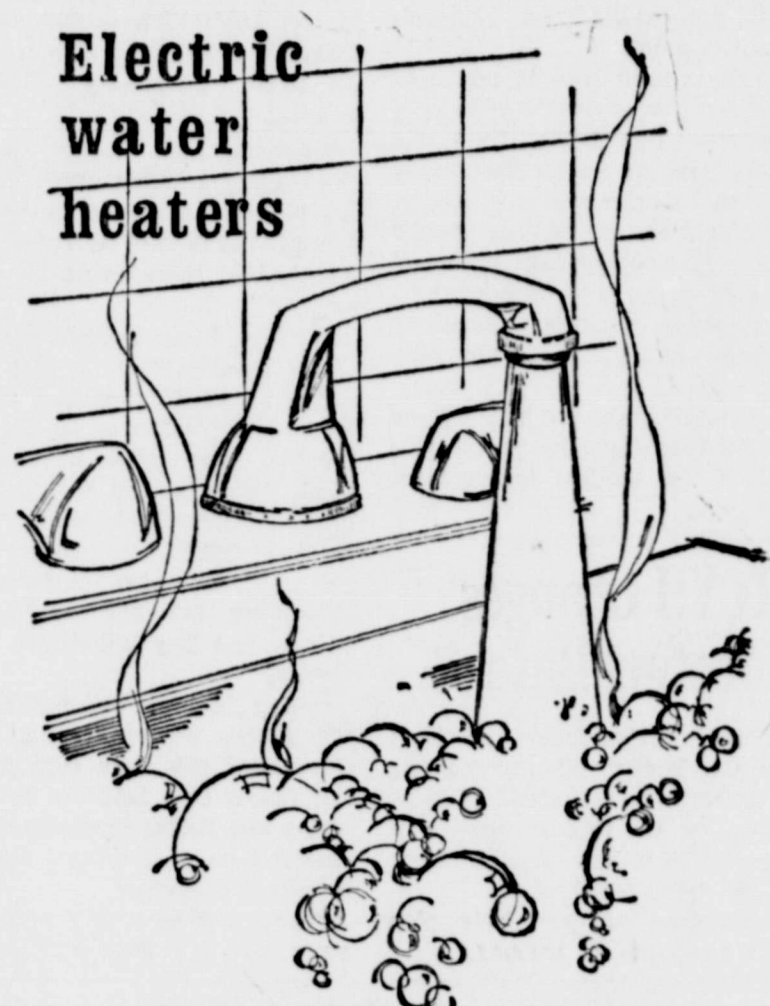
Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Davis and Mr. and Mrs. Topsy Beaver of Talpa.

The bride-elect is a graduate

of Merkel High School and will be a graduate from Tarleton State College in August. She was a member of OWLS social club, Women's House Council and English Club and was a Distinguished Student.

A graduate of Talpa Centennial High School, the prospective bridegroom is a senior at T.S.C. He is a member of Alpha Phi Omega service club, Men's House Council, Student Senate, freshman class president and freshman favorite, and is listed in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.

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Mr. and Mrs. Lee Ward and children

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WE WISH IN DEEP GRATITUDE to thank our friends and neighbors who have in any manner brought comfort to our hearts in these hours of such sudden and deep sorrow. For the beautiful flowers, prayers, cards, the songs of our homefolks, brother Patton's consoling message, and brother Williford's assistance. Also, our deep gratitude for service well done by Dr. Don Warren and staff. May God's richest blessings rest upon all of you.  
Mrs. Joseph I. Nalley  
Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Reese  
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WE ARE VERY APPRECIATIVE of all the kindnesses shown to our family during the past month. We are grateful for all expressions of friendship and love, for food, flowers, cards and visits and prayers. We are especially grateful to Dr. Sadler and Vivian for their constant service during the last month. Our sincere thanks to all who offered comfort in so many ways. May God's richest blessings be upon each of you.  
The Family of Lem Dudley  
Alice E. Dudley  
Don Dudley and Family  
Dale Dudley and Family  
Doris Church and Family

### CLASSIFIEDS GET QUICK RESULTS

## Funeral Held For Former Merkel Teacher

Funeral services for Mrs. Claude Tatum, remembered in Merkel as Vinella Heizer were held May 27 in First Baptist Church in Winters with the Rev. Harry Grant officiating. Burial was in Lakeview Cemetery, directed by Spill Funeral Home.

Palbearers included school of fields, blood donors; and the Men's Brotherhood.

Mrs. Tatum was a graduate of Merkel High School and of West Texas State College. She attended Rice University for one year, and taught school for a number of years in Merkel before moving to Midland. She married Claude Tatum in Midland and moved to Winters where she began her twenty-two years of teaching in that school system.

During her teaching career in Merkel, she made her home with an aunt, Mrs. E. M. McDonald. She was a member of the First Baptist Church, where she served as primary superintendent. She also held memberships in Friendly Study Club and the Mu Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma. In Winters she was a member of the First Baptist Church, the Literary and Service Club; and the local, state and national teachers organizations.

Survivors include two stepsons, Jack Tatum of Dallas and Rex Tatum of Lubbock; her father, C. R. Heizer, Houston; one brother, J. L. Heizer of Parker, Ariz.; four step-grandchildren; two aunts, Mrs. McDonald and Mrs. Walter Tatum of Mart; a sister in law, and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce McGowan of Midland; several cousins, among whom included Mrs. Dee Grimes, Aileen Childress, Nell Teaff and Corner and Lucy Haynes, all of Merkel.

## L. A. Dudley Dies at Age 79

L. A. (Lem) Dudley, 79, died Wednesday, May 27 at his home in Merkel. Funeral services were held Thursday in First United Methodist Church with the Rev. James Sinclair, pastor of the Grace Presbyterian Church, and the Rev. Newton Daniel, pastor emeritus of First United Methodist Church, and the Rev. Hugh Hunt, officiating.

Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery under direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born March 1, 1891 in the Inkum Community, Mr. Dudley had lived in Taylor County all his life. He was a World War I veteran, having served on a submarine destroyer. He was a member of the Merkel - Trent Baracks No. 2248 of WWI Veterans.

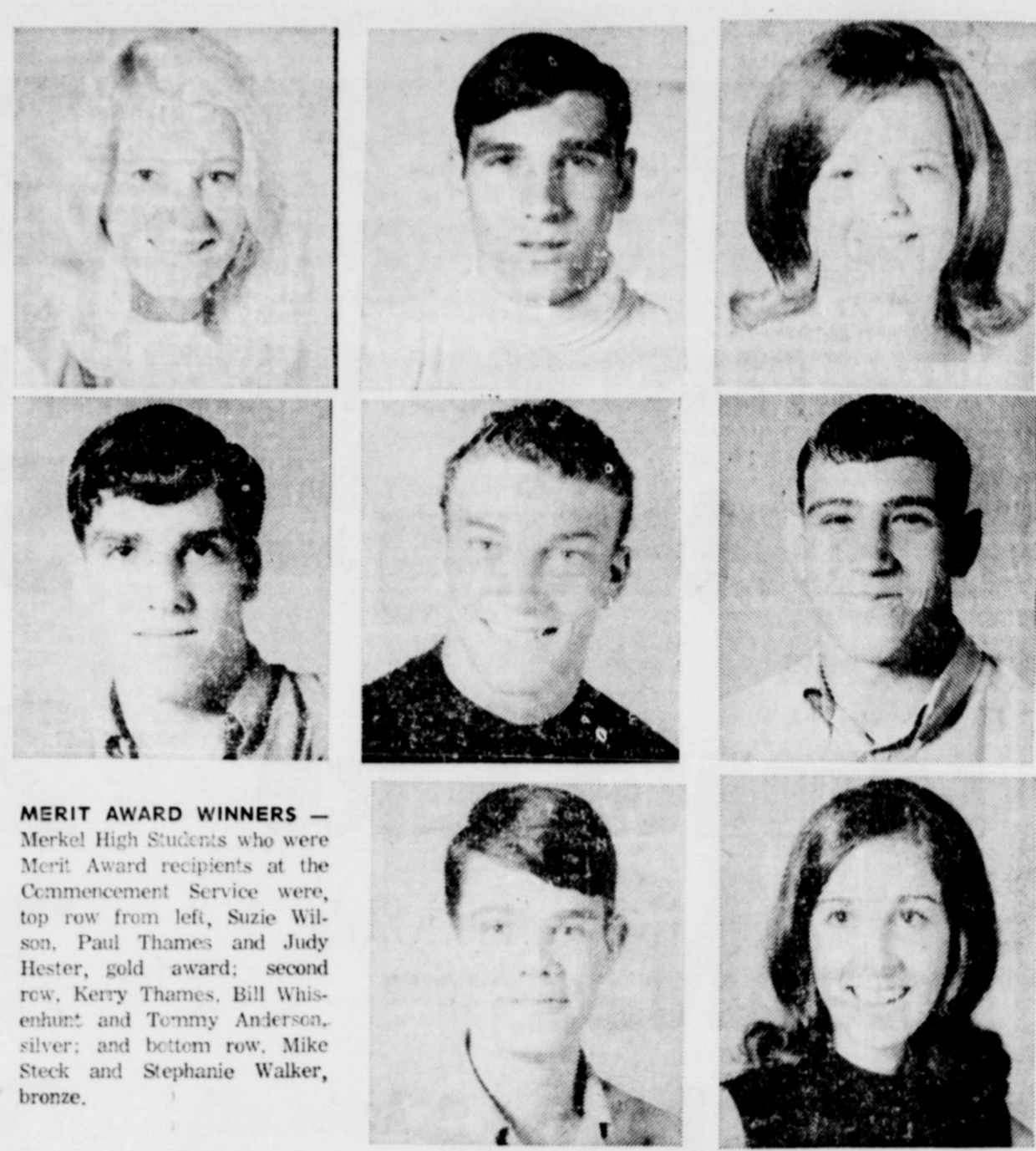
He married Alice Elizabeth Fuller June 1, 1925 in Abilene. He was a Taylor County Commissioner from 1941 to 1945 and had been actively engaged in stock farming until his recent illness.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Don F. of Merkel and Lemuel Dale of Tama, Iowa; one daughter, Mrs. M. C. Church of Abilene; seven grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

Palbearers were Paul Orsborn, Fred Perry, Howard Laney, Teddy Byrd, Lloyd Gilmore, F. G. Russell, Don Riney and Walter Whisenhunt.

**CARD OF THANKS**  
WE WISH TO THANK each of you for your kindness in our time of sorrow. Especially for all the lovely flowers you sent and the food you prepared.  
The B. L. Perkins Family

**CARD OF THANKS**  
I WOULD LIKE to thank all the good people in Merkel for the helpful things they have done for me these last few months while I have been recuperating from my recent illness and more recent injury. The many kind deeds you have done, cards, letters, food, visits and words of encouragement have been appreciated. H. C. and I have both been grateful for your thoughtfulness.  
Mrs. H. C. Reid



**MERIT AWARD WINNERS** — Merkel High Students who were Merit Award recipients at the Commencement Service were, top row from left, Suzie Wilson, Paul Thames and Judy Hester, gold award; second row, Kerry Thames, Bill Whisenhunt and Tommy Anderson, silver; and bottom row, Mike Steck and Stephanie Walker, bronze.

## Former Merkel Resident Dies

Hall Harrison Hebbes, 70, of Rogers, Ark., and a former resident of Merkel, died May 21 in Rogers Memorial Hospital. Funeral services were held Thursday at the Church of the Nazarene in Rogers, with the Rev. Ted Ingram officiating. Burial was in Benton County Memorial Gardens.

Born Jan. 23, 1900 in Cross Plains, he moved to Merkel with his family, and lived here until 1950 when he moved to Rogers.

While living in Texas he was employed by the North American Aviation Company, and after moving to Rogers he was employed by Steele Canning Company, Springdale Mo. He was a member of the Church of the Nazarene and also of the Woodman of the World lodge.

Survivors are his wife of the home; one daughter, Mrs. Dale (Joy Sue) Bender, Columbia, Mo.; one brother, W. A. Hobbs, of Seymour; two sisters, Mrs. Ella Neeb and Mrs. Lena Reeder of Merkel; two grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

## BETA SIGMA PHI BUSY WITH PAGEANT

Merchants are currently being contacted to sponsor a contestant for the annual Merkel Beauty Pageant to be held Thursday, June 11, in the school auditorium.

Sponsored by members of the Lambda Beta Chapter, Beta Sigma Phi, merchants donate \$5.00 chosen from four age divisions, toward sponsorship of contestants.

Contestants who have signed up to enter the pageant as of Wednesday morning are:

High School — Cynthia Steck Carolyn Gilmore, Dayna McAninch, Tonja McAninch, Kathryn Criswell, Gail Gentry, Lee Ann Butman Donna Diltz, Martha Cochran, Mary Cochran, and Cecilia Wade.

Junior High — Jodie Roddy, Melinda Bowen, Judy Diltz, Donna White, Gayla Toliver, Debbie White, Susie Goodman, Mary Goodman and Lisa Gregory.

Primary — Dana Russell, Christi Brady, Shannon Bagly, Kay Lynn Butman and Janice South.

Pre - School — Tina Bicknell, Tonja Bicknell, Wendi Whisenhunt, Dusty Whisenhunt, Stacy Seymour and Christie Alves.

Co - chairmen for the pageant are Mrs. Billy Lucas and Mrs. Jimmy Leverich.

Dress for the pageant this year will be formals for high school and graduate entrants and party dresses for primary, junior high and pre-school contestants.

Mrs. Lucas asked that anyone interested in entering the pageant as a contestant this year to contact her or Mrs. Leverich.

"We need as many contestants as we can get," said Mrs. Lucas. "and the event is open to area girls. Senior graduates are also invited to enter."

Contestants and merchants sponsoring them will be published in the June 11 edition of the Merkel Mail.

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-- Thank You --

Friends and customers for your patronage for the many years I have been in the barbering business.

Due to illness, I am closing my Barber Shop.

Thank you, again,  
**Dean Higgins**

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MERKEL, TEXAS



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Does it seem to you sometimes that the world has gotten so crowded and complex that you just don't count at all in the grand scheme of things? It's not uncommon, that feeling. We feel helpless... unable to alter or even really to understand ourselves and the world we live in.

Faith is missing—and because of that, spiritual strength is.

But faith and spiritual strength can be found, nourished. Then they grow within you through regular worship. This week go to your church or synagogue. Start to build a fuller, more meaningful life. Cherish your faith and keep it strong so that it may strengthen you.

# Worship this week



## NEW BRIDES SHOULD CHANGE NAMES WITH SOCIAL SECURITY

"Wedding gowns, bridesmaids dresses, grooms clothing, bridal showers etc., may be the topic of conversation at many a gathering from now through June," says R. R. Tuley, Jr., district manager for the Social Security Administration in Abilene. "Getting married is one of the most important changes — one of the most treasured memories — a bride may have. Planning the wedding may prove exhausting and time consuming, and even after the flurry of excitement of planning the ceremony, parties, and the ceremony itself, a bride may forget one other important change — she should promptly have her name changed on her social security record."

To the bride who will remain at home this change is not quite so important as it is to the working bride or even to the student bride. The working bride will want to have her records changed at her place of work or there will be incorrect reporting of her earnings. The student bride will want her school to know of her change of name, but unless she

also changes her social security card this could mean a mixup one day in her records since many schools use the social security number for identification.

"Each June," Tuley stated, "we remind brides that they should have their social security cards changed to show their new names. We do not restrict this reminder to June alone as we do this all through the year, but it just seems that more girls change their names during this time of the year."

"We don't mean that the bride should interrupt her honeymoon to come to our office to make this change, nor do we intend to say that she MUST do this even the next week or even the week following week or next month. But it is important that the change be made just as soon as possible. Call 677-5252 and ask for form OAAAN-7003, complete it, mail it and your old social security card to Box 3258, Abilene, Texas 79604, and a corrected card, bearing the same number, will be returned to you" Tuley said.

## The C. E. Rays' Granddaughter In Contest

Sheri Ann Steele, four year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Steele of Houston and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Ray, Rt. 2, and Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Steele of Sweetwater, was selected as one of the ten finalists in the "Little Miss Humble" contest May 23 in Houston.

Forty-one contestants between the ages of three and five, participated in the contest.

The Horace Steeles, former Merkel residents, also have a son, Randall, who is a May graduate of Westchester Senior High School in the Spring Branch Independent School District in Houston. He plans to enter Texas Tech University this fall as an engineering student.

Mr. Steele is a Reserve Coordinator of Humble Oil and Refining Company where he has been employed for over nineteen years.

## VFW LADIES SAY

## 'THANK YOU' FOR DONATIONS, HELP

Merkel Ladies' Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 5683, report approximately \$25,000 increase in Buddy Poppies sales this year over last year's sales.

Gross sales totalled approximately \$200.00.

"After the cost of the poppies are deducted the remainder will be donated to the various charitable organizations," said Mrs. Neely Tittle, publicity chairman.

Auxiliary members expressed appreciation for the "generosity of the public whose donations ex-

emplify their compassion for those who have suffered in the call of duty."

"It is through the sale of Buddy Poppies that disabled veterans are benefited," said Mrs. Tittle.

A special thank you was extended by members to Taylor Electric Cooperative Inc., Cal-Tex Feed Yards and the news media for their interest and support in making this year's sale a success.

Mrs. Tittle also expressed appreciation to the Uyes NCO Club for their help with the sale.

## MERKEL TEENAGERS BEAT ABILENE JETS

Another thing is going in Merkel for the teenagers with the newly organized Teenage Baseball League, boys ages 16-19.

Working to get this team going have been a number of interested citizens, including Dan Allen, Lawrence Hewitt and Walter Whisenhunt, manager.

However — They need money! Seems as though these worthwhile organizations must have a little or much (whichever way we count the worth of a teenage boy) money to get organized and going.

Several have been aware of this and have donated to the tune of \$155 without having to be "pressured."

Suits have been purchased at a cost of \$200.

One game has already been played —

They went up against the Abilene Jets and beat them 1-0!

So — this newly organized team needs \$180 to place them in the Stan Musial League in Abilene.

"Merkel has always come to the rescue of our teenagers," said Whisenhunt "and we believe we can get the financial help right here in our own town."

## CLASSIFIED ADS GET RESULTS

Contributions	
Betty Jane Tittle	\$ 10.00
Optimist Club	125.00
Lawrence Hewitt	10.50
Dan Allen	10.00

## Teen Center Elects Officers

Members of the Merkel Teen Center elected 1970-71 officers at their Saturday evening activities. Officers elected are Paul Thames, president; Danny West, vice president; Gail Gentry, secretary, and Mike Warren, treasurer.

Monty Tittle was elected program chairman.

A planning meeting is scheduled by the new officers to discuss activities for the center.

### VACATION MEMO

Remember...  
Vacation on 16th  
Notify post office  
Discontinue paper  
and milk deliveries  
Take day to visit  
GET AUNT ELSIE'S  
ZIP CODE

Your vacation cards will get back home before you do... when you ZIP Code.

## ROUND-UP

By PAT BYRD

Overheard and seen many times last week, were youngsters fearfully taking a peep at their report cards and then exclaiming, "I passed!" The slow manner in which they slyly pulled that card out of the envelope and surreptitiously opened the card with one eye closed for that first dreaded peep, took ye ole reporter back many, many years, when the same procedure was used at

the end of school and the report card was handled for the last time that year. Guess it's a custom that will go on and on as long as report cards are used.

Mrs. H. C. Reid (Ouida) dropped by the Mail Tuesday and she appears to be "percolating" nicely with that broken right arm. Says she's had many "versions" of her broken limb to come back to her — as to what happened and even what got broken. We insisted that she "tell it like it is," and here's her "statement."

"I was walking along under doctor's directions, stepped on a rock and down I went." Guess the rock was more powerful than Ouida, for it surely gave her a flip. She's been wearing the cast for one month and "doesn't know for sure when it will be taken off." But she's getting attention, be sure of that. Her little five year old neighbor, Sherrel Lucky, who incidentally has been through the broken limb bit, came over and offered mutual sympathy. Ouida knows one thing for sure — it has stopped her knitting thing for a while, but she is optimistic that she will be back at it give her time.

Had a "contestant" this week to Mrs. D. W. Ashby's 1968 tenure of subscription to Merkel Mail. L. R. Stanley informed us that "he had been taking the Mail since 1905." Wonder if anyone can "top" that? 1905 is a mighty long time to be taking a paper, but the Mail has been in existence for 81 years.

## Little League Top 10 Batters

Player and Team	AB	H	Avg.
Mike Heney Vets	25	16	.615
Paul Tucker Supers	21	11	.524
Gregg Davis, Kil	22	11	.500
Derrell Ruggen, Willies	18	9	.500
David West, Willies	16	8	.500
Mark Merrell, Supers	19	9	.474
Danny DuBose, Vets	17	8	.470
Garth Doan, Braves	24	10	.417
Steve Tarpley, Braves	25	10	.400
Lane Davis, Kilowatts	32	12	.375

TEAM STANDINGS	W	L	T
Braves	6	2	
Supers	5	2	
Vets	4	3	
Willies	3	3	1
Kilowatts	3	4	1
Bankers	1	7	

## T-Shirt Standings

W	L	T
Yankees	7	2
Mustangs	7	2
Braves	3	5
Eagles	0	8

## CEMETERY FUND

The following made recent donations to the Merkel Cemetery Association:

- Farmers Co-Op Society No. 1
- Mr. Lum Gilbreath
- Mrs. Simmons Callaway in memory of Doc Callaway
- Mr. and Mrs. Paul Orsborn
- E. J. Orsborn Estate
- Bartie Reynolds
- Mrs. W. M. Whisenhunt
- Mr. and Mrs. John Craun
- Allie R. Toombs
- Dr. and Mrs. Frank Armstrong
- Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Cox
- Mrs. Sallie Brazelton
- E. B. Jones
- Mr. and Mrs. Griffith for Wanda Griffith
- Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cox
- H. F. Jeffrey
- Mr. and Mrs. Louis Butman in memory of Joe Nalley
- Mrs. Lue A. Wynne in memory of Joe Nalley
- Mrs. Ernest Wilson
- Mrs. Ina Hunter in memory of Joe Nalley
- Goldie Malone
- Mr. and Mrs. Louis Bitman in memory of B. L. Perkins
- Mr. and Mrs. Tom Laigent in

memory of Lem Dudley  
Mr. and Mrs. Weldon McAninch in memory of L. A. Dudley  
Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Sadler in memory of Lem Dudley  
Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Pee in memory of L. A. Dudley  
Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Hail in memory of Lem Dudley  
Mrs. Dee Grimes in memory of L. A. Dudley and Joe Nalley

## Midway Cemetery Service June 6

The annual meeting of the Midway Cemetery Association will be held this Sunday, June 6 at the Midway Tabernacle.

Board president Voy Moore, announced that a memorial service would be held at 11 a.m. and a basket lunch at noon, to be followed with a short business session.

All members of the association are urged to be in attendance, said Moore.

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# JAMES-LEAMON VOWS SOLEMNIZED

Wedding vows for Deborah Ann James and Stanley H. Leamon were solemnized Friday at the First United Methodist Church. Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. James and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Leamon.

The Rev. Jacky Reynolds, Baptist minister, officiated; Roy Davis was soloist.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore an organza and peau d' ange lace gown in an empire A-line silhouette with cage back. Her matching mantilla was chapel length. She carried carnations and orchids.

Matron of honor was Mrs. Jer-

ry Black; bridesmaids were Mrs. Deris Hutchinson and Ms. Bruce Henager.

Bridal attendants wore purple peau de soie empire gowns with gold braid accents. They carried gold mums.

Kim Black was flower girl. Ring bearer was Dana James.

Best man was Mike Walla and groomsmen were Tim Beasley and Joe Dixon. Ray Woodard, Finley Barnett, Stuart Bishop and Dennis James, brother of the bride, seated guests.

The bride is a graduate of Merkel High School and of Commercial College of Abilene.

Bridegroom, also a graduate of Merkel High School, is attending McMurry College. He is employed by Abilene State School. The couple will live at 418 Palm in Abilene.



MRS. STANLEY LEAMON  
... formerly Miss James

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### Potato Power

Great daily replays. Interest in potato goodness never flags because potatoes are changeable as the weather! They parade to breakfast, lunch and dinner with equal delight and a wide range of nutrients, boiled, mashed, scalloped, baked, creamed and French Fried.

Cook them in chicken bouillon with scallions, making a cream sauce out of the liquid. You'll find another reason they're in such enormous demand. Feature this dish with buttered fresh carrots and green beans as a tempting vegetable dinner.

#### SCALLION POTATOES

- 2 pounds potatoes
- 1 can (1 1/2 ounces) chicken broth
- 1/2 cup chopped scallions
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 3 tablespoons flour

Pare potatoes. Cut potatoes into halves or quarters, as desired. Turn potatoes into medium saucepan with 1 1/2 cups chicken broth, scallions and salt. Cook, covered, until potatoes are just tender. Do not drain. Mix flour with remaining 1/2 cup broth to make a smooth paste. Pour into potato mixture, stirring constantly. Heat to boiling point, stirring constantly. Makes 6 servings.



## 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: J. T. McBroom, Defendant.  
Greeting:  
YOU ARE HERBY COM-

MANDED 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 6th day of July, A.D. 1970, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 13 day of May A.D. 1970. In this cause, numbered 5502 on the docket of said court and styled In Re Adoption of Charles Channing McBroom.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: an adoption in which you are concerned 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 make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 29 day of May A.D. 1970.

Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD,  
District Clerk, Domestic Relations Court, Taylor County, Texas  
By Ramona Jeske Deputy. 14 4tc

### County Wide HD Rally June 4

The County Wide Home Demonstration Rally Day will be Thursday June 4th at the Anson Lions Club Hall. Registration will be in at 10 a.m. Compere Home Demonstration Club is in charge of the day's program. A covered dish luncheon will follow the program and the regular monthly home demonstration council meeting will be conducted in the afternoon with Mrs. Ab Hunter Jr., council chairman, presiding.

All interested women are urged to attend this annual activity.

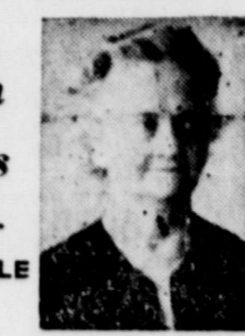
### Receives Degree

Louis Steven Butman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Butman, received a Bachelor of Science degree from Sam Houston State University in Huntsville at their May 17 commencement exercises.

A 1966 graduate of Merkel High School, Steve majored in Photography. He will continue work to ward his masters degree.

Attending the exercises were his parents, his grandmother, Mrs. Lue Annie Wynne, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Abbey and daughter, Sue, and Mrs. Blake Wingo, al of Houston, and Beverly Butman of Pasadena.

**Stith  
News**  
By MRS.  
FRITZ HALE



High winds and a big rain hit the Stith Community Sunday night — rain good for pastures, but damaging to small grain and stopped cotton planting for a time. Fred Dunagin was taken back to Hendrick Memorial Hospital this week; he is very ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley visited recently in Bledsoe with their daughter and family, the Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Row.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wayne Berry and children of San Antonio spent the weekend in their parents' home. Robert visited Sunday in Anson Care Home with his grandmother, Mrs. E. L. Berry.

Visitors attending services at the Stith Baptist Church Sunday morning were Bruce and Gary Berry.

Mrs. James Hale and Mike, Midland, and Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Ray of Amarillo visited the Fritz Hales Sunday. Homer Ellison Jr., and Mickie, both of Abilene, visited in the Hale home Friday.

Larry Tatum of Keenydale, Tex., and former of Abilene, was killed May 16 when a tractor he was loading fell on him. He was employed by Southwest Construction Company.

Funeral services were held in Abilene May 18 and burial was in Elmwood Memoria Park. Survivors are his wife; one daughter, Clestia Ann, of the home; two sons, Terry 8 and Edwin, also of the home; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Tatum of Abilene; three sisters and three brothers, Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Smith are parents of Mrs. Tatum.

Don Clyburn and Andy Stephan attended the "End of School Contest" at Taylor County Coliseum in Abilene Saturday.

Mrs. Ruby Reddin and Mamie

Hardin visited Mrs. Nora McDonald and Mrs. Wade Shaw Thursday.

### Mrs. Hunter Hosts Compere HD Club

Compere Home Demonstration Club met May 29 in the home of Mrs. Ab Hunter and answered Roll Call with "An Idea for Jiffy Refreshments."

Program was "Frosty Refreshers — Low Calorie Desserts," brought by members.

Mrs. Clayton Dillard received the hostess gift.

Refreshments were served to members Mrs. W. D. Ramsey, Bennie Anderson, Ernest Spurgin, Dillard and Hunter.

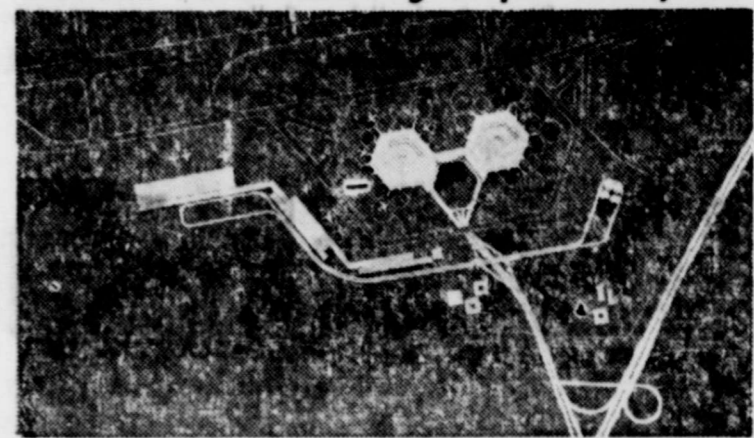
### Merkelites Attend Commencement

Mrs. Thomas H. Riney, daughter in law of Mr. and Mrs. Don Riney, was among the 106 Wayland Baptist College graduates to receive her B.A. degree in Elementary Education at the May 23 Commencement.

Attending the ceremonies from Merkel were Mr. and Mrs. Don Riney and Larry; Mr. and Mrs. John R. Wilson, Eric and Johnny, Abilene; and Mrs. Danny Kiser, Lubbock.

CLASSIFIEDS GET RESULTS!

### Berlin Is Building Super Airport



Construction has begun on remodeling and enlarging Tegel Airport in West Berlin, to provide the super-modern passenger and cargo terminals, hangars, garages, and parking space that can cope with giant jets and the city's increasing number of air travelers.

In 1969 Berlin's two airports, Tegel and Tempelhof, served a record 73,703 landings and takeoffs, and 4.92 million passengers, a nearly 20% increase over 1968. These included most of the 905,645 tourists (260,000 of them non-Germans) who spent a collective total of 2.6 million nights in the great metropolis.

The first stage of the Tegel project, to cost \$37 million and be completed by 1973, will accommodate 17 airliners at gate positions right next to one of the hexagonal passenger terminals (with a second, identical terminal to be constructed later), and at least seven additional planes on nearby aprons. The parking field will be converted later into a high-rise garage for 1,100 cars, and may be expanded in time to twice that capacity. Tegel's cargo terminal will be able to handle 60,000 tons of freight per year, increasing the cargo capacity at both airports to 100,000 tons.

Designed eventually to service 10 million passengers per year, the entire Tegel project will cost an estimated \$60 million, including the construction of a new cross-canal bridge leading passenger cars directly to the flight platforms, and a subway station under the central building to link it with the rest of Berlin's extensive public transportation system.

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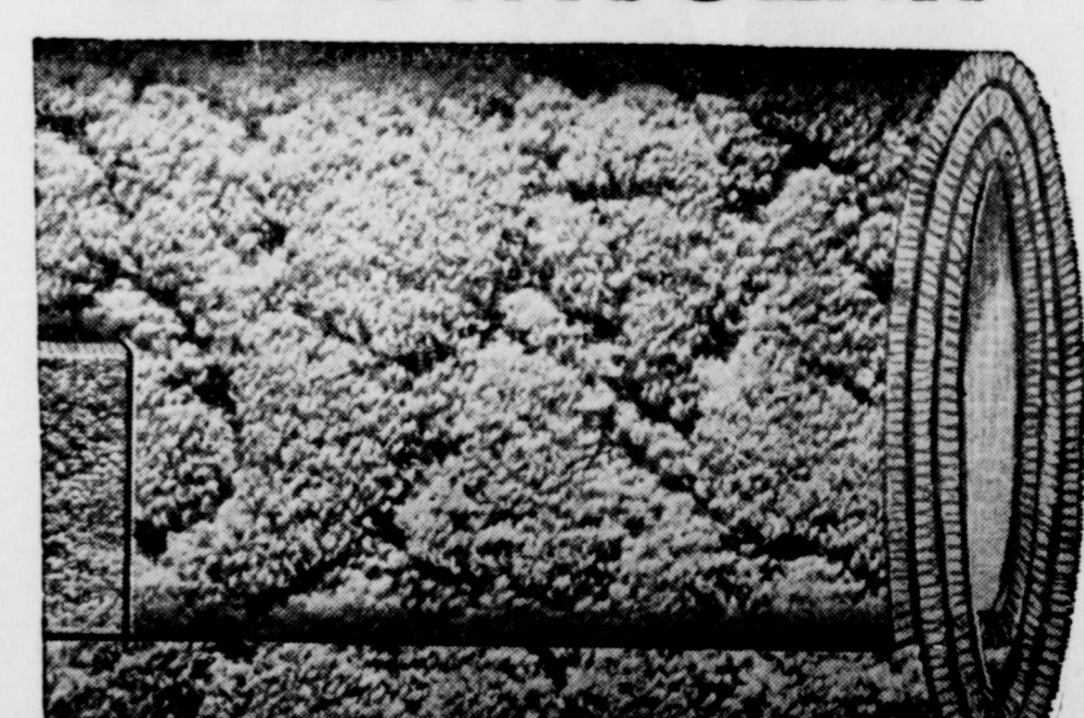
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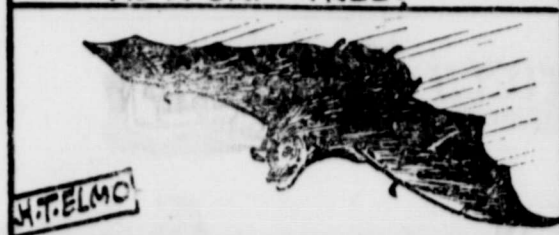
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HOW FAST DO YEAST CELLS MULTIPLY?



**THEY MULTIPLY SO RAPIDLY, THAT UNDER PROPER CONDITIONS, IF FED FAST ENOUGH, A TINY YEAST CAKE WOULD IN 10 DAYS BE LARGER THAN THE WHOLE EARTH!**

IS THE EXPRESSION, "BLIND AS A BAT" TRUE?



**NO! BATS HAVE EYES AND KEEN VISION... BUT THEY PREFER TO LIVE IN DARKNESS!**

HOW MANY DIFFERENT KINDS OF ANIMALS ARE THERE ON EARTH?



**SCIENTISTS SAY THERE ARE 25,000 DIFFERENT KINDS OF BACKBONED AND 500,000 BACKBONELESS ANIMALS KNOWN AND NAMED BY MAN!**

**MOTORISTS WARNED TO CHECK THEIR CREDIT CARDS**

Chances of a motorist finding irregularities in the monthly ac-

counting of his gas - and - oil credit charges are growing, warns the American Automobile Association, Texas Division.

Wm. M. Coffey, the auto club's General Manager, explains that cases of fraudulent altering of credit card charges by service station attendants are being increasingly reported by members of The American Automobile Association.

"The vast majority of service station owners and employes are scrupulously honest," Mr. Coffey said, "and they resent the few who prey upon the public. Honest station operators believe, as we do, that an alert consumer helps to do away with practices that demean the reputation of an entire industry."

The swindle is called "kiting," and it most commonly is perpetrated in either of two ways:

1. The service station attendant handwrites the correct amount of the purchase in the appropriate blanks of the invoice, but uses an imprinting device to record a higher total sales figure in the upper right hand corner.

2. The motorist hands his credit card over to the attendant and remains in the car. In the station, and out of sight, a dishonest attendant imprints the card number on two sets of invoices. The invoice given to the customer is correct. The second invoice, prepared for a higher amount, is submitted to the credit card com-

pany with the customer's signature forged.

The motorist who discovers and reports apparent fraud to his credit card company, ordinarily finds that the company will adjust the amount of the bill. Usually the company will conduct its own investigation into the complaint. If a station manager is involved they may cancel his lease. If an attendant is involved they may fire him.

To avoid the personal inconvenience, and help stop the spread of the "kiting" swindle, the American Automobile Association urges motorists to:

— Keep the attendant and credit card constantly in sight. Before signing, compare invoice figures with those on the gas pump (both gallons and price) and with the known cost of other purchases, such as oil. Insist that all relevant banks be completed. Check tabulations made by the attendant.

— Always save the customer's copy of the invoice as the only real protection against being over billed. Read and compare the saved invoices with copies received in the billing, for agreement in detail.

Should discrepancies be discovered in the comparison, the customer should write immediately to the credit card company, enclosing photo - copies of the slips which indicate mistakes or possible fraud — the copy the customer retained after purchase and the copy submitted with the bill. Keep the original evidence among personal papers.

**LITTLE LEAGUE SCHEDULE**

FRIDAY, June 5  
Supers vs. Willies  
Vets vs. Braves  
TUESDAY, June 9  
Kilowatts vs. Vets  
Bankers vs. Braves  
THURSDAY, June 11  
Willies vs. Braves  
Vets vs. Supers

ALL TYPES OF

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**OBSCENE**

The basic definition of OBSCENE is: Offensive to chastity, decency, vulgar.

We are being told today that if it doesn't offend me (and by that they mean nothing does) it is not obscene. Obscenity and filth is not a matter of individual taste or "Bible interpretation." It is a simple matter of the Devil's War against God. God is holy, pure and righteous, and the things in this life which destroys a person's desire to be like God is against God, it means to "miss the mark" (which is the meaning of the word "sin"). I Peter 2:11 "abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul." Many modern movies (for example: "Midnight Cowboy"), many filth filled books on the market, and some T.V. programs fall into this category of "warring against the soul." They are appealing to the lust of the flesh. It doesn't matter if "that's the thing to do," or if it is becoming "respectable" in the eyes of some, or if accepted by most it is still war against the soul. It is classified in I John 2:15-17 as "things of the world" and therefore to indulge in them, to have a diet of obscene movies, pictures and etc. will make you become the "enemy of God" (James 4:4) because we soon become their friend instead of God's. If this seems foolish to you read I Cor. 2:14.

In Romans 12:9 God said, "ABHOR that which is EVIL," and loneliness and mental illness does not justify sin!!! Granted, these two are mighty strong motivations, but SIN IS SIN regardless of the motive or public opinion!!!

**BILLY PATTON, Minister**

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**

"COME VISIT WITH US"

**Send a letter to North Vietnam.**

Right now hundreds of Americans are being held captive in North Vietnam.

A few prisoners have made it back. They talk about bamboo cages. Vicious beatings. Malnutrition. Humiliation.

But the North Vietnamese will tell us nothing. And it's this silence that makes our appeal more urgent.

For the families at home, there is no word on who's alive. Who's dead. Or even who's being held. There is nothing. Except the anguish of not knowing.

Maybe you can change this. By writing to the one man who can change it: The President of North Vietnam.

Ask him to release the names of prisoners, allow them to write to their families, and let the Red Cross inspect the prisons to

insure proper medical treatment and living conditions.

Remind him that he is bound by the 1949 Geneva Convention which his country signed. And by the Istanbul resolution.

North Vietnamese leaders do care about American public opinion. And if they think they can gain something by bowing to it, they will.

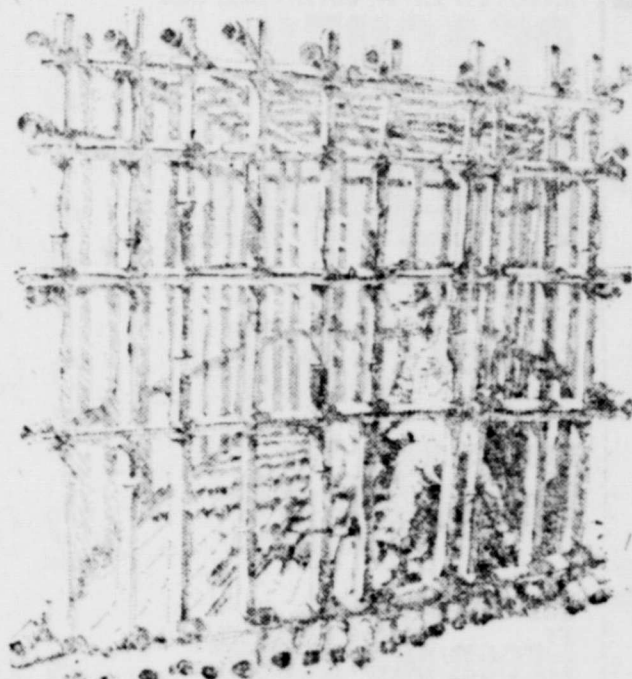
But one letter won't do it. Or a thousand. Maybe it will take millions. So we've got to write now. All of us. And often.

Write a letter tonight. And send it to: Office of the President, Democratic Republic of Vietnam, Hanoi, North Vietnam.

It'll cost you a quarter. But it might save a life.

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS

**Maybe they'll open it.**



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- DRESSES
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- PANTS
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