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TC Homemakers To See Hairstyles

Taylor County Young Homemakers will meet Thursday, Dec. 10 in the Homemaking Department of Merkel High School. Time will be 7:30 p.m.

A program on Hairstyles will be presented by Michale Neely of Glen and Lottie's School of Beauty in Abilene.

Women in Merkel and the area are invited to attend.

The Club's annual Christmas Party will be held Friday, Dec. 11 at the Merkel Country Club.

Christmas Music For Merkel Lions

Members and guests of the Merkel Lions Club will be treated this coming Tuesday at their noon luncheon meeting with Christmas Music presented by an Ensemble from Alta Vista Elementary School in Abilene.

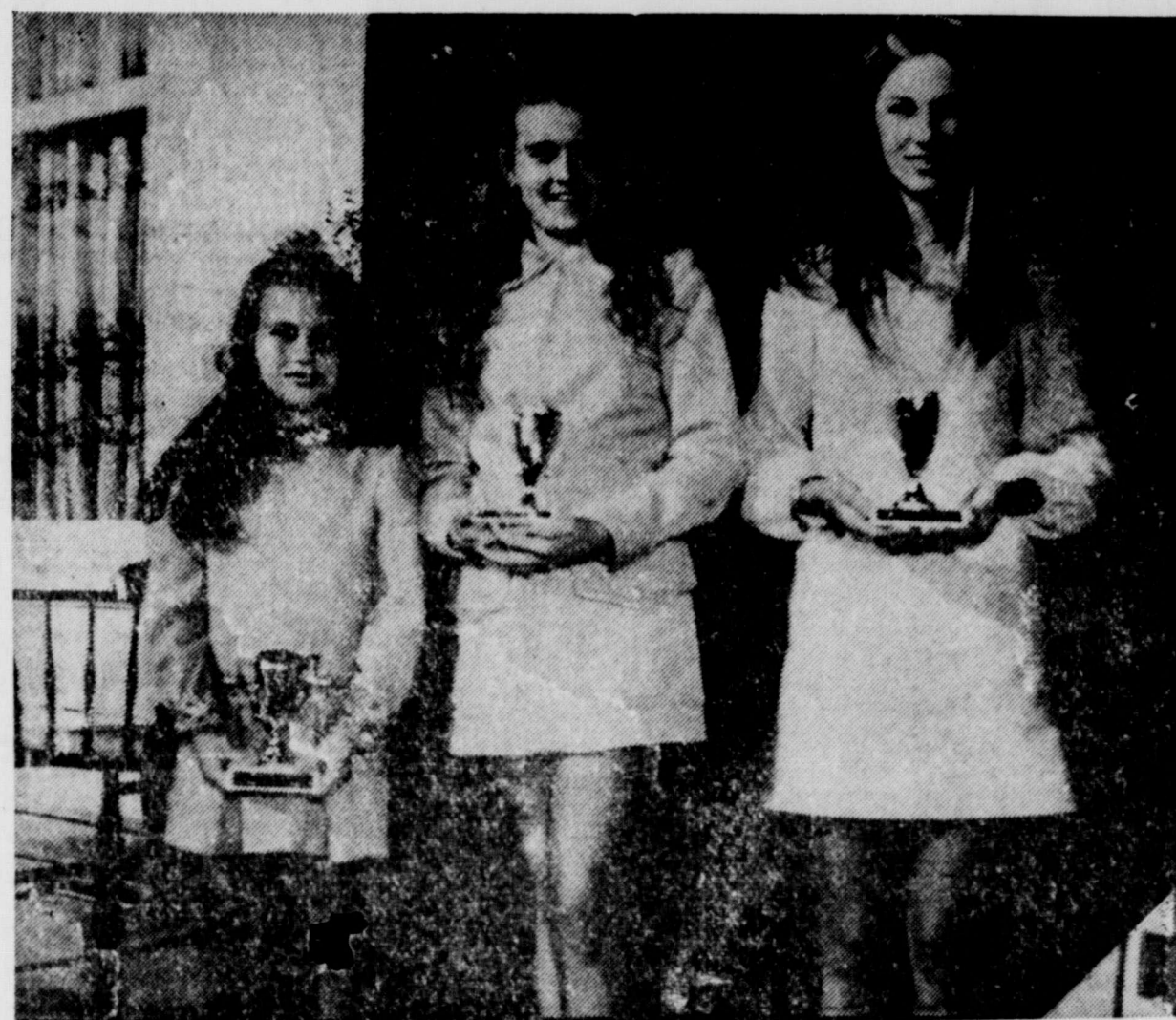
Director Conrad Bratton said the Ensemble would sing popular and religious Christmas music.

Monday Night Singing

The regular Second Monday Night Singing will be Dec. 14 at the Victory Baptist Church. Time will be 7 p.m.

"Several singers from Abilene and Anson have stated that they will attend the singing," said president F. E. Sipe.

Everyone is invited to come and hear the singing, and Sipe asked that "listeners sit together and singers sit together."



MISS MERRY CHRISTMAS — Ruling in the Annual Christmas Parade Saturday were Merkel's three beauties, in the left, Danna Russell, Primary School; Audy Byrd, Junior High; and Patti Copeland, High School. The girls are elected by students from their respective schools. (Staff Photo)

MERKELITES ATTEND CONVENTION

Several members of the Taylor County Farmers Union attended the 67th Annual Texas Farmers Union Convention held in Amarillo last weekend.

Featured speakers at the 3-day meeting were Senator Ralph Yar-

borough (D-Tex.); Tony Dechant of Denver, national president of Farmers Union; Jay I. Naman, president of Texas Farmers Union; Charles Hanavan Jr., president of the Rocky Mountain Farmers Union; and Paul Babey, president of Uniform, the new Canadian farm organization.

In speaking to the large assembly, Yarborough said, "The present Administration has shown an incredible lack of concern for the small farmer. The many sweeping and callous decisions that struck at the very heart of the farm policy were made, and instead of trying to understand the problems that American farmers face as a high result of high interest rates and runaway inflation, the Secretary has:

1. Cut the wheat acreage allotment by 12 per cent;
2. Cancelled advance feed grain payment;
3. Refused to spend the funds appropriated by Congress for the

Agricultural Conservation program:

4. Refused to increase dairy price support to the authorized 90 per cent of parity; and
5. Cut the price protection on soybeans."

NFU President Dechant said, "The trade bill passed by the House of Representatives and now pending before the Senate could endanger an estimated \$130 million a year market for Texas farm products."

TFU President Naman told delegates that extra measures of support, dedication and determination will be needed in the coming year to save farm programs essential for survival of farm families and rural communities.

Members attending from Merkel were Mr. and Mrs. Mike McManigal, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Bob Toombs, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jacobs, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Smith, Connie Mack Seymour and Freddy Toombs.

Billy Bob Toombs was elected delegate to the National Farmers Union Convention to be held in Washington, D.C. during February, 1971.

Unanimously elected for one-year terms for the 10,000 member farm organization were Jay I. Naman, Waco, president; Joe Rankin, Ralls, vice president; and Elizabeth Doshier, McGregor, secretary.

Badgers Place Eleven On All-District Team

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The Merkel High School football corporation that worked together like a machine during the season also had its share of stars.

John Dixon made all district guard on the offensive team and Buster Tarpley made all district as lineman on the defensive team. Paul Thames made all district linebacker.

Merkel spotted a host of positions on the 7-AA all-district second team.

Buster Tarpley was listed again as tackle, this time on the offensive team.

Paul Thames and Randy Smith tied for corner back on the all district defensive second team. Bill Whisenand was named all district linebacker.

Tommy Anderson lead the second on the defensive lineup.

Of the 51 positions named on the all district teams, Merkel placed 11.

Towns in district 7-AA are Anson, Haskell, Stamford, Rotan, Hamlin and Merkel.

With a new coach, Paul Woodfin and a loss of some experienced seniors, the Badgers were picked for the 7-AA cellar by several polls but wound up narrowly missing a three-way tie for first place.

"We're real proud of these boys and they deserve all the honors that can be given them," said the



JOHN DIXON
... guard



PAUL THAMES
... linebacker

Badgers' head coach, Paul Woodfin. "They've worked hard and they've worked together."

Of the players named in the above all district team, only Kerry Thames will return next year. Other returnees from this year's starting lineup will be Monty Tittle, Jerry Holmes and Jerry Williams.

Those coming in from this year's B-Team will be Gregg Bullock, Chris Murphree, Junior Ascencio, Tommy Law, Steve Teaff, Jerry Beard, Leslie Reddin, Bobby Barnes, Albert Castillo and Jeff Cox.

"We are going to expect our returners for next year to give us a lot of leadership," said Woodfin. "And we will expect a lot of work from this year's B-Team."



BUSTER TARPLEY
... down lineman

POST OFFICE OPEN NEXT TWO SATURDAYS

Truett Thompson, Officer in Charge, Merkel Post Office, announced this week that the Post Office the next two Saturdays — Dec. 12 and 19 — from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

"Normally closed on Saturdays, the post office will be open for the Christmas mailing rush," said Thompson. "There will be normal window service, and parcel post delivery."

People were also reminded that Christmas cards take six cents stamps, sealed or unsealed. Re-

turn addresses must be on all packages, cards and letters.

"With thousands of cards and hundreds of Christmas packages already in the dead letter office, due to improper mailing, we want our Merkel and area people to be sure that when they mail or send their Christmas mail, it will get to the right person on time."

"And mailing those cards and packages now, will better insure safe and quick delivery," added Thompson.

Booster's Auction Sale Nets \$300

Merkel Booster Club Auction Sale held last Saturday following the Annual Christmas Parade, netted approximately \$300, according to president, Vincent Barnett.

"We are pleased and grateful for this amount that will be added to our fund for athletic projects," said Barnett. "Volunteers and gifts given are most appreciated."

Barnett expressed a "thank you" to merchants who gave merchandise to the Auction, to Booster Club members who gave their time collecting items and to those who gave gifts of money.

"And last, but certainly not least," we thank Don Dudley for giving his time to serve as our auctioneer," said Barnett.

MERKEL GOODFELLOWS TO HELP THE NEEDY

"Goodfellows" meeting this Monday evening, made plans for helping the needy this Christmas.

Spearheading the Goodfellow drive this year until a board of directors can be named, will be Lawrence Hewitt, chairman, Mrs. W. R. Cypert, co-chairman and treasurer, Mrs. Newton Daniel, Mrs. Lawrence Hewitt and W. R. (Pinky) Cypert.

"Mrs. Cypert made note that "requests had already begun to come in for help at Christmas time."

"We have already kicked off our drive with two persons making contributions," said Mrs. Cypert, "so this offsets our early requests."

Time for displaying clothes for those who request help at Christmas has been set for Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 21-22.

The Goodfellow committee has been given the use of the Melinger building for storing and displaying merchandise that will be contributed, said Hewitt.

Hewitt Wednesday expressed a need for more volunteers to work on the Goodfellow Campaign.

"We have always been successful in our Drives," said Hewitt, "and it is mainly because we have so many people becoming involved. And right now we are asking you to become involved."

Hewitt asked that people having good clean clothing, shoes, to contribute to contact any of the above committee.

"So many of our requests come in for children's clothes, and shoes," said Mrs. Cypert. "And all we ask is that people who donate clothes to be sure and check them, make necessary repairs and clean them."

Contributions of clothing can be stored right now and if necessary they can be picked up, added Mrs. Cypert.

Persons who wish to give to Goodfellows may mail or bring their contributions marked Goodfellows to Farmers and Merchants National Bank, Merkel, Texas, or contact Hewitt, or Mrs. Cypert.

A list of Goodfellow contributors will be listed each week in the Merkel Mail.

Contributors	
Mrs. E. B. Wilburn	10.00
Paul Reed	5.00
TOTAL	\$15.00

Lone Wolf Meet

The "Lone Wolf" Basketball Tournament will be held in Colorado City Dec. 10, 11, 12.

Merkel High School's first game will be at 5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10 playing Crane. Winner plays at 9 a.m. Friday and loser plays 6:30 p.m. Friday.

Championship playoff will begin at 8 p.m. Saturday.

Bake Sale Sat.

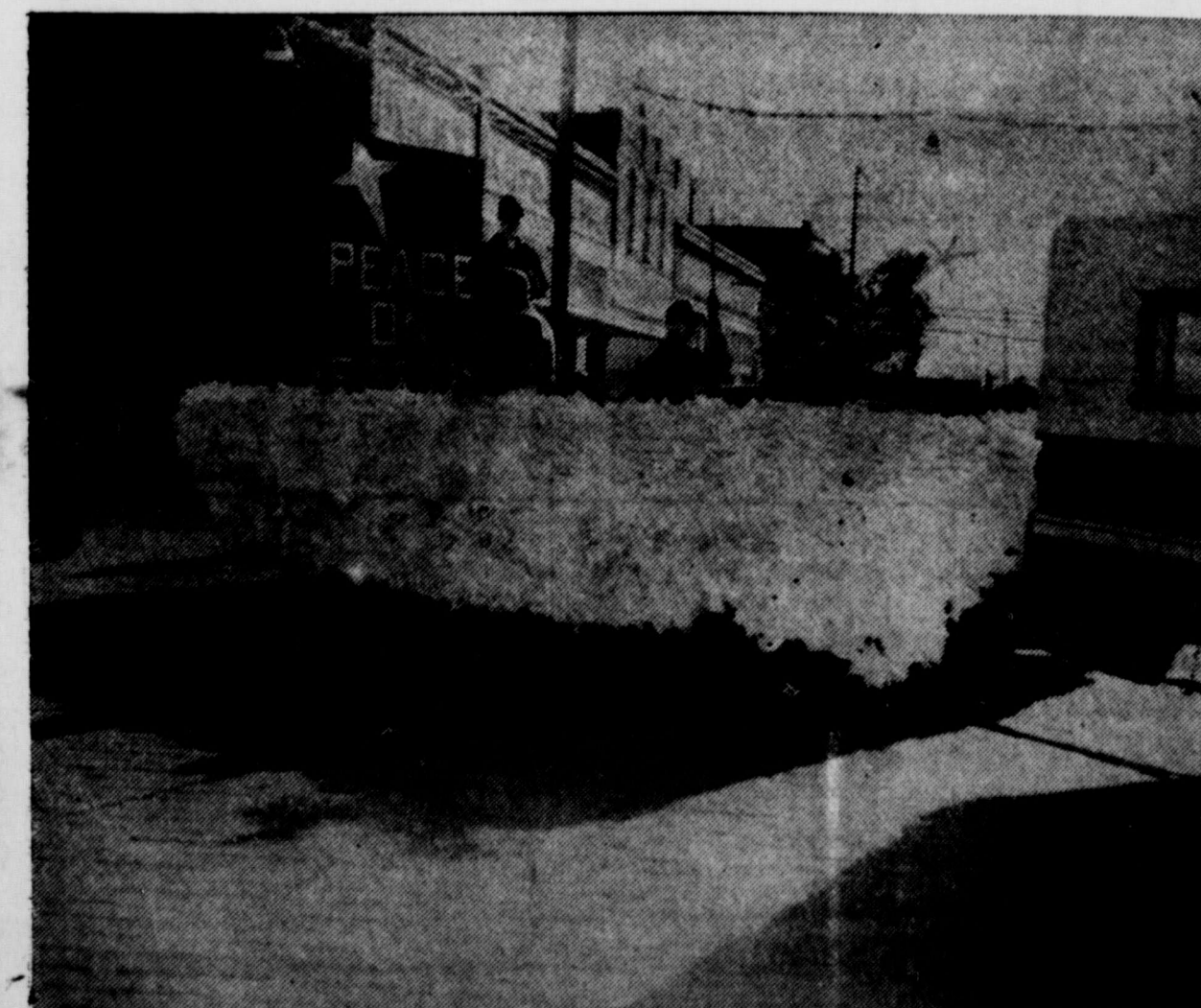
Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of World War I Barracks No. 2248 will have a Bake Sale and Bazaar Saturday in front of the West Texas Utilities building.

Mrs. Raymond Ferguson said that cookies, cakes, pies and gift items would be on sale.

Notice

Mr. Greely Aston, veterans' service officer, will be in Merkel at the Farmers and Merchants National Bank Friday, Dec. 11, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Persons desiring information on veterans' programs are asked to contact him at this time.



FIRST PLACE FLOAT — Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi was first place winner in the Float Entry contest of the Christmas Parade. The float was "Christmas Away From Home," displaying the Star and Peace on Earth. Second place winner was the Merkel 4-H Club with a theme of "Christmas Around the World," and third place, Mulberry Canyon 4-H Club, "Twas the Night Before Christmas." (Staff Photo)

MERKEL HONOR ROLL STUDENTS NAMED

Honor Roll students for the Primary and Elementary Schools were named for the past six weeks. Names submitted to the Merkel Mail this week were:

First Grade — Susan Allgaier, Loyce Baker, David Black, Nancy Click, Kel Crain and David Dela Cruz.

Also Barbara Evans, Dana Fagile, Sharryl Luckey, Connie Page, Leisa Rayburn, Stacy Seymour and Lee Ann Williams.

Second Grade — Lisa Allen, Patti Bird, Sheri Clark, Tammy Davis, and Tina Fagile.

Also Judy Ford, Todd Gregory, Kelly Knight, Sherry Laurance, Ann Melton, Kent McManigal and Dwayne Sloan.

Third Grade — Shannon Bagby, Kaye Lynn Byrman, Jeanessa Cypert, Tina Hernandez and Susan Hewitt.

Also Wendy Hogan, Jodie Jen-

kins, Kim Mashburn, Brad Wade, and Teresa Williams.

Fourth Grade — Kelly Barnes, Cindy Boone, Steven Clark, David Clyburn, Pam Crenshaw and Roger Dye.

Also Drew Mawson, Lupe Ortega, Mike Sims, Cindy Smith, Janis South and Debra Ybarra.

Fifth Grade — Kandi Ascencio, Pam Evans, Sherry West and Linda Williams.

Sixth Grade — Mike Henry, Johnny Holmes, Dana James, Retha Mattingly, and Stanley West.

Seventh Grade — Nona Braune.

Eighth Grade — Wanda Braune, Teresa Clemmer, Becky Ely, Beverly Gilmore and Lisa Gregory.

Also Beverly Mawson, Phyllis Shanks, Kim Shive and Donna White.

Honor Roll students are named each six weeks.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF TAYLOR

BY VIRTUE OF AN ORDER OF SALE DATED November 23, 1970 and issued pursuant to a judgment decree of the District Court of Taylor County, Texas by the Clerk of said Court on said date in a certain suit No. 10,476-B and Styled State of Texas and Taylor County vs. Farmers & Merchants National Bank of Abilene, et al and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said County, I have on November 23, 1970 Seized, levied upon, and will, on the first Tuesday in January 1971, the same being the 5th day of said month at the Courthouse door of said County, in the City of Abilene, between the hours of 10 o'clock A.M. and 4 o'clock P.M. on said day, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all of the right, title, and interest of the defendants in such suit in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, the same lying and being situated in the County of Taylor and State of Texas, to wit: Lot 7, Boyce Subdivision of 83' Strip; Lots 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10,

11, Block 24, Outlot B, Lots 4, 5, 6, 10, Block 24, Outlot D, W. H. Brown Addition; S 50' of NW 150' x 140' of Block 8, Lots 4, 5, Block 9, N 80' of E 140' of W 300' of Block 12, N 55' of S 150' x W 140' of W 300' of Block 12, S 25' of NW 150' x 140' of W 300' of Block 12, S 95' of W 140' of W 300' of Block 12, E 130' of W 150' of S 145' of Block 17, 100' x 150' of S 1/2 of Block 17, Lots 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, Block 27, College Addition; Lots 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 12, Block B, Lots 5, 6, Block the a329M 1-860 H6, 9Vkg 0766 B, Freeman Addition: All of the above property located in the City of Merkel, Taylor County, Texas; Lot 15, Lot 12, Block 11, Lot 10, Block 12, Lot 3, Block 13, Lots 26, 27, Block 15, Lot 3, Block 27, Lots 4, 5, Block 27, Sears Park Addition; S 50' of Lot 4, Block 2, Tikker (S-D L1 Fair Park Acres), Lot 8, W. J. Young (West of Meander) Addition: All of the above property being located in the City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, or upon the written request of said defendants or their attorney, a sufficient portion thereof to satisfy said judgment, interest, penalties and costs; subject, however, to the right of redemption, the defendants or any persons having an interest therein, to redeem the said property, or their interest therein, at any time within two years from the date of sale in the manner provided by law, and subject to any other and further rights to which the defendants or anyone interested therein may be entitled, under the provisions of law. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgment rendered in the above styled and numbered cause, together with interest, penalties, and costs of suit, and the proceeds of said sale to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs.

DATED AT Abilene, Texas, this the 23 day of Nov. 1970,
GEORGE MAXWELL Sheriff
Taylor County, Texas
By Tommye Barlow, Deputy
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Crossword Puzzle

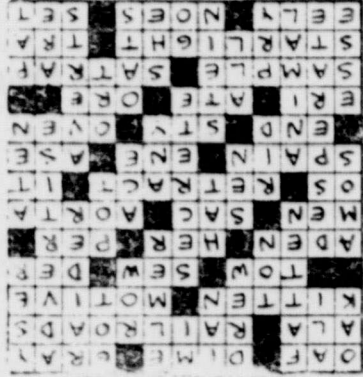
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- Dolt
- Coin
- Color
- Wing
- Forms of transport
- Young cat
- Incentive
- Pull
- Stitch
- German article
- Seaport
- Pronoun
- Through
- Humans
- Bag
- Artery
- Bone
- Withdraw
- That one
- Iberia
- Compass point
- Suffix: enzyme
- Terminate
- Pen
- Stove
- Silkworm
- Consumed
- Scandinavian money
- Specimen
- Petty official
- Celestial glow
- la la

DOWN

- Tree
- Mohammedan title
- Make big
- Pulled
- Boy's name
- Musical syllable
- Gantry
- Obtained
- Attacker
- Publicize
- French river
- File
- Weight
- Conceal
- Biblical name
- Without
- Pass the —
- Cooking vessel
- Japanese coin
- Card
- Sun's disk: Egypt
- Disen-cumber
- At all
- Beast
- Wards off
- Beer mug
- Scrap
- Existence
- Whole
- Grains
- Scruti-nize
- Pronoun
- Measure
- Stroke
- Deceased

Answer to Puzzle



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Lots 1, 2, 12, Block N, Lots 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, Block P, Lots 1 thru 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 13, 14, Block Q, Bettis Heights Addition; Lots 9, 11, 12, Block B, Lot 4, Block C, South 1/2 of Lot 3, Block D, Lot's 1, 2, 5, Block F, Lots 3, 4, Block G, Lots 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Block L, Lot 10 and S 1/2 of Lot 11, Block M, S 1/2 of Lot 2, all of Lot 3, Block N, Boyce Addition; Lots 1, 2, 3, 6, Boyce Subdivision of 83' strip; all of the above property being located in the City of Merkel, Taylor County, Texas.

or upon written request of said defendants or their attorney, a sufficient portion thereof to satisfy said judgment, interest, penalties and costs; subject, however, to the right of redemption, the defendants or any person having an interest therein, to redeem the said property, or their interest therein, at any time within two years from date of sale and subject to any other and further rights to which the defendants or anyone interested therein may be entitled, under the provisions of law. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the

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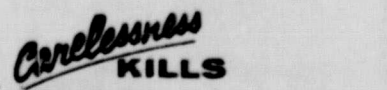
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Johnson Addition and all of Block 61, Johnson Addition less N 100' x 140' of the W 1/2 of Block 61, and less SE 200' x 140' of Block 61, Johnson Addition; Lots 1, 2, 10, 11, 12, Block A, Lots 1, 2, Block B, Lots 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Block D, Lots 3, 10, 11, 12, Block E, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, Block F, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, Block G, Lots 1, 2, 3, Block H, Martin Addition; Lot 9, 10, Block 7, Miller Addition; Lot 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, Block 7, Outlot F, Lots 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, Block 20, Outlot C; Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Block 20, Outlot D, R. A. Miller Addition; Lot 9, 10, 11, 12, Block 6, Outlot A, W. T. Randall Addition; all of the above property being located in the City of Merkel, Taylor County, Texas, or upon the written request of said defendants or their attorney, a sufficient portion thereof to satisfy said judgment, interest, penalties and costs; subject, however, to the right of redemption, the defendants or any person having an interest therein, to redeem the said property, or their interest therein, at any time within two years from the date of sale in the manner provided by law, and subject to any other and further rights to which the defendants or anyone interested therein may be entitled, under the provisions of law. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgment rendered in the above styled and numbered cause, together with interest, penalties, and costs of suit, and the proceeds of said sale to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs.

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Returns Certified

Official canvass of returns of the general election showed Democrat Lloyd Bentsen beat Republican George Bush for U.S. Senate by 155,334 votes and Governor Smith defeated GOP Paul Eggers by 158,675 votes. Total turnout exceeded 2.3 million. There was one upset in the canvass. A constitutional amendment allowing the Governor to appoint a three-member State Building Commission, believed to have passed, actually was defeated by 6,337 votes.



OUT OF DARKNESS INTO OBLIVION
It is night and the road is clear; you are pouring on the speed. You overdrive your headlights. Suddenly your headlights pick up the side of a train going over a crossing. You can't stop when you see the train. Consider the horror. The horrible pain of fear for the seconds it takes you to slide from the darkness into oblivion.

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HIP-O-LITE Marshmallow Cream 9 oz. **29¢**



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NOTICE of typographical or other errors must be given before the second insertion or claims for refunds or extensions will not be recognized.

- Miscellaneous -

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MASONIC MEETING
Stated meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 710 on 2nd Saturday and 4th Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Visitors welcome. Members urged to attend.

JOHNNIE BARNES, W.M.
ROY MASHBURN, Sec'y.

TAKE PRIDE IN YOUR WEDDING INVITATIONS — See our excellent selection. Merkel Mail & Printing, 928-5712.

WANTED — Cooks, waitresses, and dishwashers. Merkel Restaurant, 928-4923. 8 tfe

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CHRISTMAS SHOPPING AROUND THE TOWN

If the Saturday Christmas Parade did not get Merkelites in the shopping mood — then the window displays, scents of cologne, brightly wrapped packages — Christmas music and all the other "enticers" surely have by now.

Making the "rounds" of stores in Merkel this past Saturday, told us one thing — you can get a whole lot of shopping done right here and about all you will "wear out" will be a little shoe leather.

Way before you get inside MERKEL DRUG, you can smell the good, smelly "skinny Dip" Cologne that someone has sprayed on for testing, and the mixture of Pub. Faberge, Brut and Black Belt Colognes for men linger on and on. When you've thought and thought — what to get for that extra special person, you can't go wrong with cologne — it's all so pleasantly, smelly fresh right now.

Then, there's a display of a whole lot of jewelry for the feminine on your list — and radios galore! Specially that stereo AM and FM one.

Speaking of "Smelly" — that bayberry, holly berry, lemon, lime strawberry fragrance you detect when you pass WILSON JEWELERS — are those beautiful red, green and orange candies burning. That place smells like Christmas all wrapped up. Should see those containers of fruit — there's baskets, pots, pans and lids all with pretty waxy finish with the fruit topping over.

That's not all that Woody has ready for Christmas gifting either — there's the regular line of watches, rings, necklaces — things a jewelry store always stocks — plus picture frames, decorative wreaths, candle holders.

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Zip up to BRAGG'S and begin right at the front — that's where you'll see the beautiful selections of men's gifts — Van Heussen shirts, socks, ties, underwear, and p.j.s. along with a nice array of English leather. Go on back and on your way see the linens and piece goods — go on back to the beautiful display of ladies' pant suits — there's dresses too, and then there's those latest Berets — colors of orchid, hot pink, coffee brown, green and tan.

Swing across to BULLOCK'S and you'll see Almeda and Willie busy wrapping Christmas packages — all in pretty gay colors. Get them to show you their large collection of glassware — Carnival and Burmese — and they'll tell you all about that satin tone Burmese collection.

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Rural Electrification Administration

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Statement of Nondiscrimination
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TAYLOR ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
NORMAN WINTER
Norman Winter, Manager

MRS. J. E. BOAZ DIES AT AGE 88

Mrs. J. E. Boaz Sr., 83, longtime resident of Jones County, died Saturday, Dec. 5 at her ranch home 16 miles north of Merkel after a short illness.

Funeral services were held at the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Doug Robertson of Noodle Baptist Church and the Rev. Kenneth Jones of First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery, under the direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Mrs. Boaz was born Lela May Rainwater Nov. 15, 1882 in Arkansas. She moved to Bell County and then to Anson in 1901. She married J. E. Boaz Sept. 8, 1901 in Anson and they moved to her present home when she was a young bride. Mr. Boaz died July 30, 1946.

Mrs. Boaz had lived at her present home from 1901 except for a few years spent in Merkel. She was a member of the Noodle Baptist Church.

Survivors are two sons, J. E. Boaz Jr. and H. H. Boaz, both of Anson; three daughters, Lou Boaz Smith of the ranch home, Mrs. Fannie B. Richardson of Killeen and Evelyn B. Scroggins of Odessa; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. One grandson, James Boaz, preceded her in death.

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Merkel Graduate Gets Scholarship

ABILENE — Deborah Corder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Corder, 802 Yucca, Merkel, is among over 900 scholarship recipients at Abilene Christian College this semester.

Miss Corder, a junior elementary education major, is a 1968 graduate of Merkel High School.

Scholarships are awarded on a basis of academic achievement, character and need.

Visits Acapulco

USS PEORIA — Navy Fireman Dannie C. Goodgoin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard E. Goodgoin of 128 Coke St., Tye, Tex., visited Acapulco, Mexico, for five days while serving aboard the landing ship USS Peoria.

The trip climaxed the new ship's training period and provided an opportunity for the crew's rest and relaxation.



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BOOTS AND MORE BOOTS! — Maurice Johnson center, is minus two pair of boots from his heavily stocked supply, after fitting highway patrolmen Kel Davis and Charles Poe this past week. A very popular gift for Christmas this year, Johnson has doubled his supply of boots. (Staff Photo)

Stith News

By MRS. FRITZ HALE



Cotton harvesting is over and the farmers are well pleased with the good crop.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Browning, Lefors, and Mr. and Mrs. Emmett McCathern of Hereford visited the John Brownings the first of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley attended the 50th Wedding Anniversary celebration of Mr. and Mrs. Dent Gibson at the Gibson home in Merkel Sunday.

Robert Wayne Berry and Gary of San Antonio visited the Bradleys over the weekend. Gary attended services Sunday morning at the Stith Baptist Church with his grandparents.

Benny Hobbs and Ronnie, T. B. Hobbs, Fort Worth, and Gaston Hobbs, Grand Prairie went hunting last week in the Big Bend area. They brought back a deer and a pig.

Others enjoying hunting this season are Roy Mashburn, who has gotten one deer and a turkey so far; Rodney Mashburn, a deer; Hugh Taylor, a deer and two turkeys; Wade Shaw, hunting with the group has so far not brought in a "catch."

Better luck the rest of the season, Wade. This group is hunting in the Merkel area.

Samatha Mashburn of Carlsbad, N.M., is home from the hospital and doing fine, after having rheumatic fever.

Janie Liles of Fort Worth spent several days recently with her grandparents, the Ira Stanleys.

Garden Clubbers Entertained

Mrs. Lottie Everett entertained Merkel Garden Club members Thursday with Miss Christine Collins presenting the program, "A Christmas Memory," by Truman Capote. Gifts were exchanged from a lighted Christmas Tree.

Guests attending were Mmes. James Merrell and Tom Russom.

Members answering roll call were Mmes. H. N. Odum, Dee Grimes, Odis Griffin, Albert Criswell, Jarrett Williams and Mary Click.

Also Mmes. John Shannon, Lottie Everett, Charlie Sherrill, Herbert Patterson and Aaron Suderth.

Also Mmes. Raymond Ferguson, S. D. Gambe, Earl Hughes, Oda Clark and Ora Griggs.

Also G. D. McConnell, Johnny Cox, Newton Daniel and Miss Collins.

Hammond Back From Band Tour

ABILENE — Robert (Bob) Hammond is among McMurry College Band members who made a tour of West Texas Dec. 2-6.

Bob is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hammond. A sophomore at McMurry, he is majoring in Education.

This band tour is one of particular nostalgia for Dr. Raymond Bynum, as it marks his 25th year as the director of the McMurry Band.

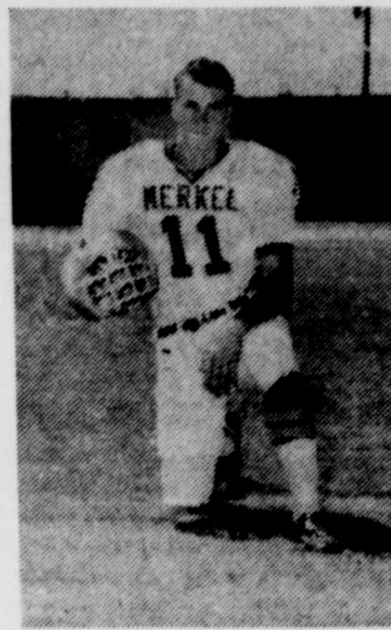
Dr. Bynum began his long career in school music by organizing the first all student high school band in the state of Texas. He is nationally known in the field and is listed in Who's Who in the South and Southwest.

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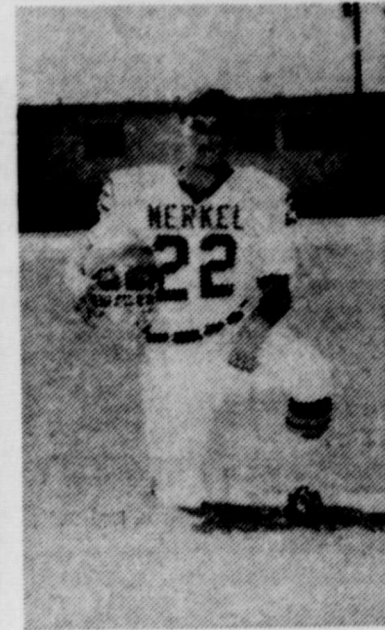
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Music Company Opens New Guitar Department

Persons attending the Grand Opening Days of the new Guitar and Companion Instrument Department at Curtis Head Music Company in Abilene, will find varied displays of guitars, amplifiers, banjos, ukuleles, combo organs, companion instruments and accessories.

Ken Mayhall, owner, said Wednesday, that the new department will handle all kinds of instruments for Country Western and Rock Bands and also for individuals.

Mayhall is not new to the Merkel area; having played dinner music at several community functions and has given his time playing for many Chamber of Commerce Banquets.

He became associated with Curtis Head Music Company, founded by the late Mr. Head, and bought out the company in Feb. 1969, after it had been moved to its present location in Westwood Plaza, located at 3536 No. 6th.



MIKE McLEAN
... running back



TOMMY ANDERSON
... running back

McLeods to Note Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. McLeod of Trent will be honored Saturday, Dec. 19, the occasion of the 50th Wedding Anniversary. A reception will be held at Nelson Parlor, Abilene Christian College, Abilene.

Hosting the celebration will be the couple's daughters, Mrs. Christine Elrod of San Marcos and Mrs. Anne Bogle of Fall Church, Va.

The children and their families join their parents in inviting all relatives and friends to call between the hours of 3 and 5 p.m.

COUPLE NOTES 60TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bryan observed their 60th Wedding Anniversary Friday with a luncheon for Mrs. Bryan's sisters, Mrs. Minnie Muehree from Jasper, Ala., and Mrs. Lizzie Martin, Merzel, and brother, J. A. Bryan, of Abilene.

The Bryans were married in Blount County, Ala., Dec. 4, 1910 and moved to Taylor County in

1924, and to Merkel in 1928. He formed for three years before going into the paint business.

After his retirement from the painting business, Mr. Bryan was custodian for the First United Methodist Church for seven years, retiring in 1967.

But retiring is not a word in the Bryans' vocabulary — they still lead a very active life —

visiting, cooking, church, and gardening.

They have two daughters, Mrs. Ross (Lona) Ferrier Jr. of Fort Worth, and Mrs. Jackie Spiegel of Merkel. There are two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The Friday's get together with Mr. Bryan's brother and sisters was the "first time the four had been together in twelve years."



COMING HOME QUEEN — Mrs. Sallie Justice, left, was named Noodle's 1970 Coming Home Queen, at Ceremonies held this past weekend. Congratulating her great-grandmother was Kathleen Poplin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Poplin of Oklahoma City, Okla. Mrs. Clara Vick, right, of Littlefield, shared the queen honors with Mrs. Justice. (Photo Courtesy The Abilene Reporter-News)

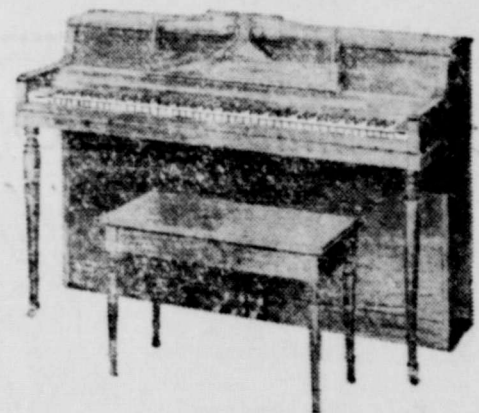
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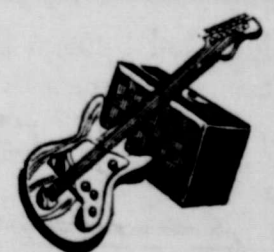
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SPRAYERS- DUSTERS NEED SPECIAL CARE

Sprayers and dusters should be given special attention prior to winter storage. Proper care at this time can add years to their useful life, points out County Agent H. C. Stanley, and have them ready for use without delay next spring.

All pesticides materials should be removed from the equipment by washing or by other means. Moving parts should be lubricated. Some parts, he explains, may need to be disassembled for cleaning.

Once the fall spraying or dusting jobs are completed, the county agent suggests these additional maintenance practices. Nozzles and strainer screens should be soaked in kerosene. A wire should be run through the spray rods to make sure they are clean. All hose on the spray rig should be cleaned and stored where they will not crack or freeze.

Before putting the cleaned power sprayer away for the winter, Stanley suggests pouring at least a pint of new or used oil in the tank, filling it with water and starting the pump. As the water is discharged, a thin coating of oil will cover the inside of the tank, pump, valves and circulating system. The sprayer should then be drained and stored in a dry place.

Dusters, like sprayers, says the county agent, should be thoroughly cleaned to prevent caking, clogging and eventual corrosion.

All slip joints should be given a protective coating after cleaning and before storage.

For other details on cleaning and storage, the county agent recommends that the manufacturer's manual be followed.

Mrs. Foster Hosts Beta Sigma Phi

The Lambda Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held their regular meeting Dec. 1 in the home of club advisor, Mrs. Almeda Bullock. Mrs. Phyllis Foster was roaster.

The program, "How Is Your Conversation?" was given by Mrs. Mamie Steck, assisted by Mrs. Vernon Wade.

During the meeting, Mike Steck was named candidate for the scholarship offered by National Beta Sigma Phi. Refreshments were served to Meses John Brady, Bob DuBose, Jimmy Leverich, Billy Lucas, Larry White and Robert Harris. Also Meses Darla Mawson, Pat Neff, Phil Seymore, John Sterba, Billy West, Wade, Steck, Bullock and Foster.

MERKELITES' KIN RETIRES FROM THD; PLANS TO 'GO FISHING'

J. M. Harris, an October "retiree" from the Texas Highway Department, and relative to several in Merkel, has kept his word about "hitting the road to those fishing places."

But he did take time out to visit his mother, Mrs. Lige Harris, who lives in Merkel, before "aiming" his 25-foot camper trailer to Amisted Dam near Laredo.

Other relatives in Merkel, whom J. M. and his wife visited were his brother, Leo, and sisters, Mrs. Don (Sylbe) Riney, and Mrs. S. G. Russell.

And there was some visiting done on Mrs. Harris' part. She spent some time with her brother, P. D. Skidmore, who lives at Noodle. Mrs. Harris is the former Jewell Skidmore, daughter of the late Mrs. Ollie Skidmore.

After 43 years' services with the THD, Harris remarked to his fellow workers, "There's a lot of country I haven't seen and a lot of places I want to fish."

A feature article in the October 16, edition of the Amarillo Daily News, quotes Harris as saying, "I'm glad I have served with the THD, but I'm not going to get too sentimental and look back on it."

Harris, who joined the highway department at Abilene in 1927 and who became district maintenance engineer for the Panhandle region in 1939, has "seen the mileage of paved roads almost quadrupled since he moved into the chief maintenance job 31 years ago.

And it has been a source of pride to Harris that he's had a part in it.

A native of Merkel, Harris began his career on a road construction crew in 1927, after two years at Texas Tech, where he studied engineering.

In 1939, he became district maintenance engineer over an area that today covers 17 panhandle counties, and the number of miles of highway construction

has more than tripled since that time, he said.

"We've built about 1,600 miles of Farm to Market roads since I've been here and we've rebuilt some of these main highways two or three times," he said.

"As maintenance engineer his job has been to 'keep up the roads like they ought to be kept up,'" he said.

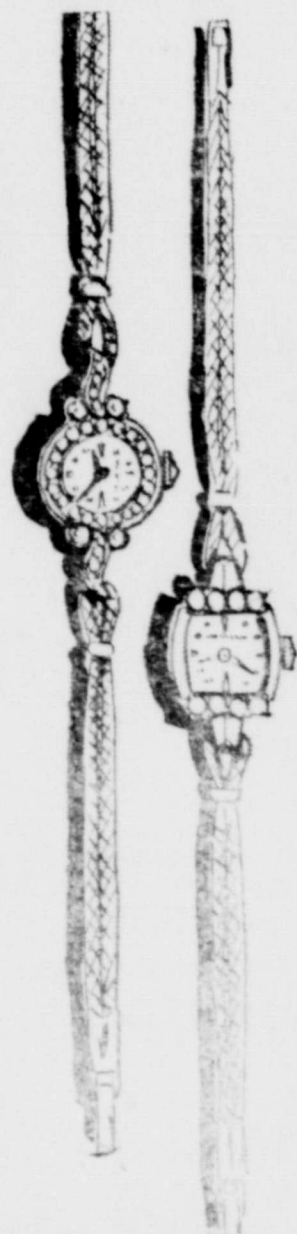
Comfortably settled in his favorite chair while being interviewed, Harris said, "I like to fish and I like photography and we both like to do a little gardening and work on our yard, so I think we'll stay busy."

So — when Harris and his wife, Jewell, are not "hitting the road" looking for another fishing spot, they will be busy in their yard.

And — the mother, brother, and two sisters in Merkel, look forward to more pleasant visits.

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TREASURES FOR CHRISTMAS

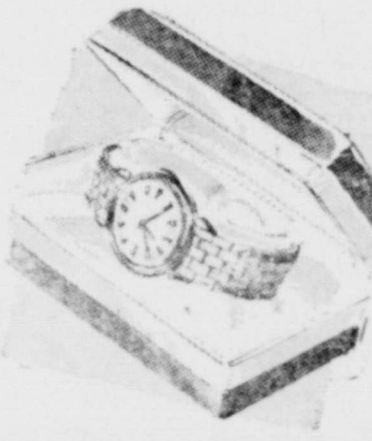


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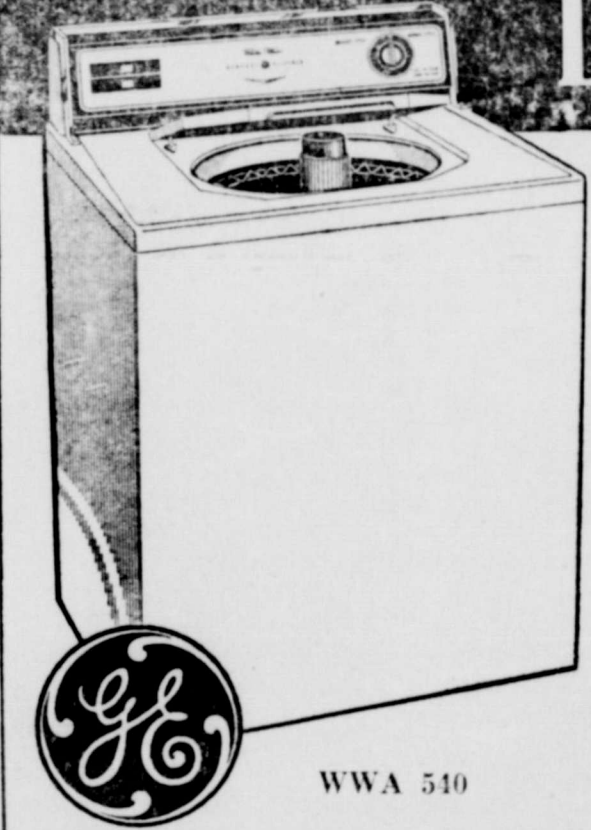
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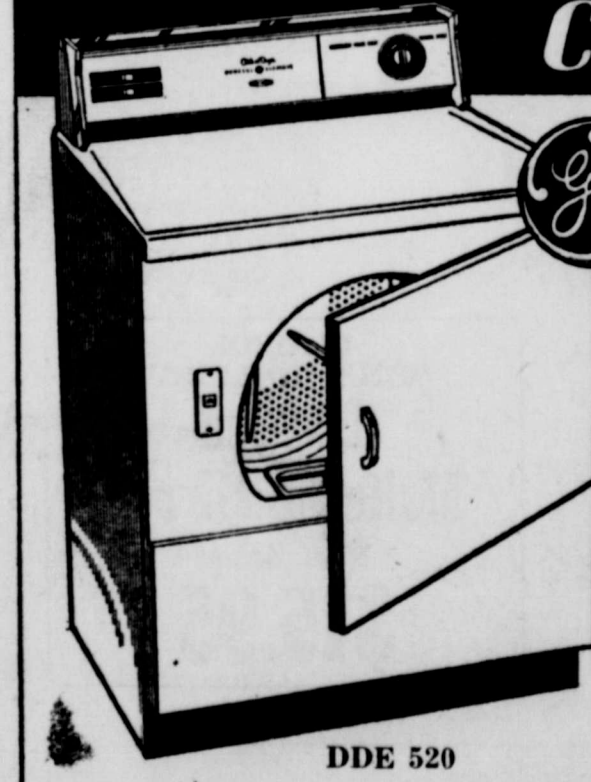


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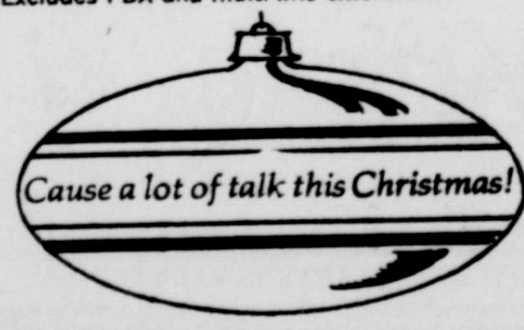
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Doctrine and Christianity

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Unless one "abides in" — lives in and by — the doctrine of Jesus Christ he is without a relationship with God — II John 9-11. As well as the fact that if a person does not accept, teach and live by His doctrine he is accursed of God — Gal. 1:6-9.

Men are free moral agents to choose whether or not they want to serve God, but they are NOT FREE to make laws for God and to say in what way people can be saved other than what God himself has revealed in the doctrines of Christ (the doctrine of Christ including that which the apostles taught as well as the inspired prophets of the 1st century church as Jesus authorized by the coming of the Holy Spirit — John 16:13; 14:26. Next week we will discuss why we are not.

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Diane L. Oden, 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 18th day of January A. D. 1971, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 24th day of April A.D. 1970, in this cause, numbered 5464 on the docket of said

court and styled Michael David Oden, Plaintiff, vs Diane L. Oden, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married May 3, 1969, and became permanently separated about Nov. 1969. Plaintiff sues for 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 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 the 30th day of November A.D. 1970.

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Other welcome gifts for family campers are a picnic jug, an ice chest, camp lantern and stove, sleeping bags, and an outing kit. To carry and serve beverages in style, include a handsome Thermos brand sports kit with stainless steel vacuum bottles.

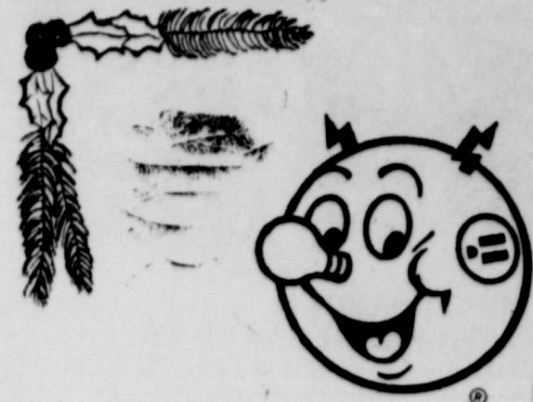
Basketball Schedule

December

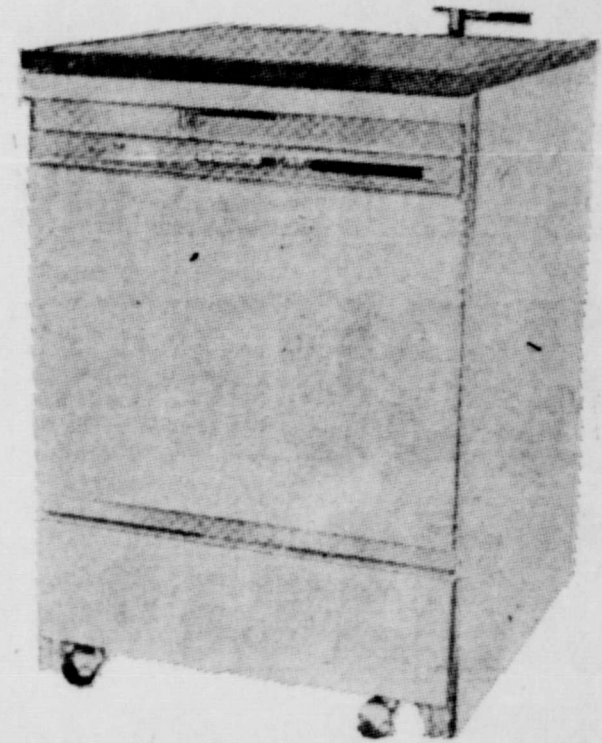
- 10, 11, 12 — Colorado City Tournament, boys; Hardin - Simmons, Girls
- 15 — Coahoma, here A&B boys, A girls
- 18 — Colorado City, here, A&B boys
- 28, 29, 30 — Stamford Tournament, boys
- 31, Jan. 1, 2 — Hawley Tournament, girls

January

- 5 — Coahoma, there, A&B boys
- 7, 8, 9 — Merkel B Team Tournament
- 8 — Rotan, there, A&B boys, A girls
- 12 — Anson, here, A&B boys, A girls
- 14 & 16 — Winters B Team Tournament
- 15 — Haskell, there, A&B boys, A girls
- 19 — Hamlin, there, A&B boys, A girls
- 22 — Stamford, here, A&B boys, A girls
- 26 — Open date
- 29 — Rotan, here, A&B boys, A girls



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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
THE STATE OF TEXAS
County of Taylor

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That by virtue of a certain Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 42nd Dist. Court of Taylor County, of the 12th day of November 1970, by of said for the sum of \$51,230.76 Dollars and costs of suit, under a, in favor of Bank of Commerce in a certain cause in said Court, No. 32735-A and styled Bank of Commerce vs. Raven Oil Co. Inc. et al, placed in my hands for service, I George Maxwell, as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did, on the 19th day of Nov. 1970, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows to-wit:

A. Lease dated May 19, 1964, by and between J. Harold Walsh, to-wit: Lessors, and Jim B. Curry as Lessee, covering the North 1/2 of the George Hancock Survey No. 406, Taylor County Texas, recorded in Vol. 735, page 237, Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, covering all that certain lot, tract or parcel of land, being the North 1/2 of the George Hancock Survey No. 406, Abstract No. 103, in Taylor County, Texas, being described by metes and bounds as follows, to-wit:

BEGINNING at the NW corner of the said George Hancock Survey, and running E 1963 varas to the NE corner of the said Survey and SW corner of Jessie Webb

Sur.:
THENCE South 923 varas to the center of the East boundary line of the said Hancock Survey;

THENCE West along a line of fence running East and West through the center of said Hancock Survey 1964 varas to the West line of said Survey;

THENCE North 959 varas to the place of beginning and containing 327 acres of land, more or less.

all of my right, title and interest therein.

B. Oil and Gas Lease from C. M. and Hal Sayles to Gene Golts, dated Jan. 15, 1965, recorded in Vol. 765, page 23, of the Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas and covering

The West 420 acres of Section 1, Block 5, T&P Railway Co. Lands, Taylor County, Texas, C. All that certain lot, tract or parcel of land, being all of Lot 39, Block L, Section 1, of the NORTH INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT to Abilene, as shown by replat of said NORTH INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT recorded in Volume 17, page 100, Deed Records of Jones County, Texas.

All as is more fully described in the Deed of Trust and being the same lien being described in a certain DT of record in Vol. 432, page 429, of the Deed of Trust Records of Taylor County, Texas, and Vol. 131, page 565, of the Deed of Trust Records of Jones County, Texas, they being renewal and extensions of a Deed of Trust in Vol. 425, page 588, of the Deed of Trust Records of Taylor County, Texas, and Vol. 130, page 630, of the Deed of Trust Records of Jones County, Texas, reference to which record is herewith made for all purposes and levied upon as the property of Raven Oil Co. Inc. et al and that on the first Tuesday in Jan. 1971, the same being the 5th day of said month at the Court House door, of Taylor County, in the City of Abilene, Texas, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., by virtue of said levy and said Order of Sale I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for each, to the highest bidder, as the property of said Bank of Commerce.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once each week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper published in Taylor County, Texas.

Witness my hand this 23 day of November, 1970.

GEORGE MAXWELL, Sheriff
Taylor County, Texas
By R. P. Blackley, Deputy.
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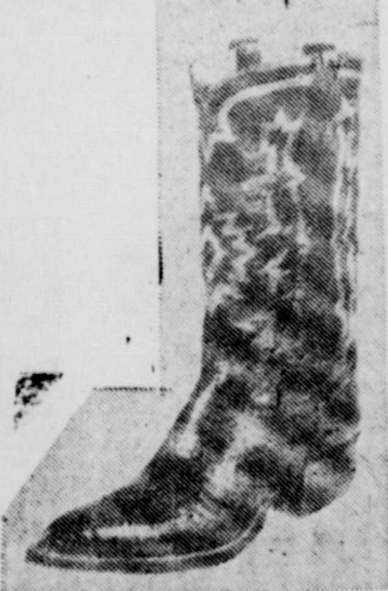
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PATIO BEEF PKG.
ENCHILADA 69¢
WHOLE SUN 12 OZ.
Orange Juice Can 29¢
JOHNSTONS APPLE - MINCE or PUMPKIN
PIES Each 59¢

LIBBYS 300 CAN
RIPE
OLIVES 39¢

KRAFTS
Bar-B-Q
SAUCE 49¢
28 OZ. BOTTLE

FLOUR Gladiola 5 Lb. Bag 49¢

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SUGAR
5 Lb. Bag 49¢
WITH \$5.00 OR MORE IN TRADE
EXCLUSIVE OF CIGARETTES

METZGERS WHIPPING
CREAM 1/2 Pt. 29¢

METZGERS 1/2 GAL.
Butter **MILK** 2 for 93¢

HORMEL 4 OZ. CAN
Vienna **SAUSAGE** 2 for 43¢

BURLESON
HONEY 24 Oz. Jar 59¢

KUNERS 303
Apple **SAUCE** 5 for 1.00

KUNERS 303
Diced **CARROTS** 6 for 1.00

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TOMATOES 5 for 1.00

LIBBYS 1 1/2 CAN
Buttered **CORN** 5 for 1.00

LIBBYS 1 1/2 CAN
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LIBBYS 303 CUT
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LIBBYS 1 1/2 CAN
Pork & **BEANS** 8 for 1.00

WELCH - ITS NEW - 46 OZ. CAN
Orange **DRINK** 3 for 1.00

BAMA
SALAD DRESSING
QUART JAR 23¢

BAKERS
ANGEL FLAKE
COCANUT
14 OZ. PKG. 49¢

COCA-COLA
SODA POP
3 12 OZ. CANS 29¢

WESSON
COOKING OIL
24 OZ. JAR 49¢

BAMA 18 OZ.
JAM
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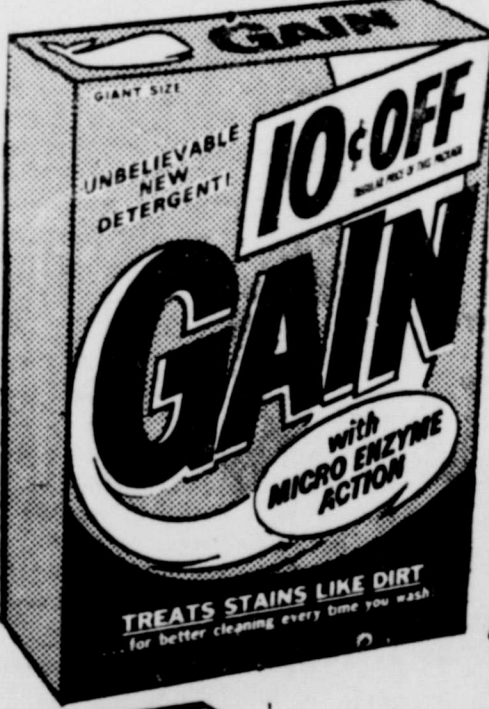
SAUSAGE HORMEL B. L. POUND 61¢

WIENERS HORMEL LITTLE SIZZLER PKG. 49¢

FRESH PORK STEAK lb. 49¢

FRESH SPARE RIBS lb. 53¢

CLEANSER
COMET Giant Can 23¢



GAIN
Giant Box (1 Limit) 59¢



JOY
GIANT BOTTLE 49¢

SALVO
GIANT BOX 63¢

CLEANER
MR. CLEAN Reg. Bct. 29¢



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