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## MERKEL DELEGATION INVITED TO ATTEND VFW BANQUET

A delegation from Merkel has been invited to attend a banquet in Abilene Friday night honoring the National Commander in Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

The Commander in Chief is Herbert Ray Rainwater of San Bernardino, Calif.

Announcement of the visit by the VFW official was made by A. D. Payne, VFW District Eight commander.

District Eight of the VFW includes units at Abilene, Sweetwater, Brownwood, Eastland, Rotan, Hamlin, Breckenridge, Snyder, Comanche, Anson, Colorado City and Stamford.

Scheduled to arrive with the national commander is Texas VFW Commander Clifford Teer; Texas Quartermaster - Adjutant Billie Dorris and a host of past department commanders and district officers.

Rainwater recently returned from the Paris Peace Talks where he tried to influence the release of American Prisoners of War.

The top VFW official has a crowded schedule for his Abilene visit. He will arrive in Abilene at 8:15 p.m. Thursday and will be greeted by Mayor J. C. Hunter Jr. and veterans and civic leaders.

A "dutch-treat" breakfast is scheduled at the Starlite Motor Hotel at 7:35 Friday morning.

A press conference is set for 9:15 a.m. at the Starlite.

Rainwater will address the Abilene Rotary Club at 12 noon at the Windsor Hotel.

At 2 p.m. he will speak to students at Jefferson Junior High School.

A tour of Dyess Air Force Base

is scheduled for 3 to 5 p.m.

At 6:30 p.m. the commander in chief will be speaker at a banquet at Clayton M. Leach Memorial Hall.

The banquet will not be restricted to members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Tickets

are \$2.50 and may be obtained at the Merkel VFW.

During World War II Rainwater served with the U.S. Army Field Artillery in China and later in the Burma-India campaign as a staff sergeant. He assisted in building the famed Burma Road.

## OFFICIAL INAUGURAL CEREMONIES SLATED

Star-studded entertainment and Democratic Party well-wishers from all over Texas will celebrate with Governor Preston Smith, Lieutenant Governor Ben Barnes, and Democratic elective officials at the Victory Dinner on January 18, in Austin.

Dr. Elmer C. Baum, chairman of the State Democratic Executive Committee, announced details of the dinner Thursday.

The dinner kicks off a large variety of fun-filled events, as well as the historic and official inaugural ceremonies spelled out by the Constitution at noon on January 19.

Headlining the entertainment will be Las Vegas record-breaker, Wayne Newton, billed as "Mr. Excitement" for his fast-paced show of music and songs of all styles and moods. The young singing dynamo will be backed by a full show band for his special performance at the dinner.

Following the swearing-in ceremony on the Capitol steps on Tuesday, there will be a gigantic parade down Congress Avenue, and

a full round of gala inaugural balls, including four with popular Western Stars open free to the public.

Tickets to the Victory Dinner are \$30 and is sponsored by the State Democratic Executive Committee. Tickets may be purchased by mail by sending orders and checks to: 702 Brown Building, Austin, Texas 78701.



JOE McDUFF  
... at first meeting

## New Commissioner

Joe McDuff, incoming Precinct 2 Commissioner was welcomed Monday, in the first meeting of 1971 Taylor County Commissioners.

McDuff replaces veteran Joe Cyfert, who did not seek re-election after 12 years as a Commissioner from this area.

In response to the welcome from Taylor County Judge Roy Skaggs and the commissioners, McDuff said that he "was happy to be working with this fine group of men, and like my friend, Joe Cyfert, I pledge my support to the people of Taylor County."

## WWI Veterans Set First '71 Meeting

Veterans of World War I and the Ladies Auxiliary will have their first meeting of 1971 Tuesday, Jan. 12 at the Taylor Electric Cooperative building.

A joint meeting of the Barracks and the Auxiliary will be at 6:30 p.m. and coffee and donuts will be served, followed by a business meeting of the two groups.

"Some new legislation will be discussed and the year's work will be planned," said Karl Bonneaux, continuing commander. Mrs. Maggie Renfro is Auxiliary president. All members and any eligible persons are urged to attend.

## Monday Singing

Monday, Jan. 11 will be the regular singing night at the Victory Baptist Church in Merkel. Time will be 7 p.m., and F. E. Sipe, association president, invites the public to attend.

"At our last monthly singing, we had several visiting singers," said Sipe, and they have promised to be with us this coming Monday evening. Some of these singers are the ones who sing at the Shady Oaks Rest Home in Abilene."

## Livestock Shows Scheduled

### Trent's Show Set To Begin Friday

Trent's Livestock Show will begin this Friday at 1 p.m. with the judging of poultry, rabbits, cattle and lambs.

The swine showing and judging will be held Saturday and will begin at 8:30 a.m.

John Hamner, general superintendent said this week that a large number of entries had been counted as of this date.

"We have approximately sixty head of swine, thirty pens of broilers, ten pens of rabbits, 1 beef heifer, 1 steer and a dairy heifer," said Hamner.

Judge for Friday's showing of poultry, rabbits, cattle and lambs will be Cecil Allen, vo-ag teacher at Abilene High School.

Allen T. Kutch, vo-ag teacher at Rule will judge the Saturday's showing of swine.

Heading the classes of Livestock showing are Spud McLeod, assistant superintendent; Clovis McElmurray, swine; Frank Brnovak, lambs; Harold Martin, poultry, and Jess Slaughter, cattle.

Mark Williamson Jr., is Junior General Superintendent.

Taylor Electric Cooperative Inc. will present their Annual Showmanship Trophy, according to manager, Horace Hargrove.

Trent's Stock Show is sponsored by the Trent Community Club.



'70 TROPHY WINNERS - Carolyn Gilmore was the 1970 winner of Taylor Electric's Showmanship Trophy for the Merkel Livestock Show and Mark Williamson Jr., Trent's trophy winner. Both students will be showing in their Livestock Shows to be held this weekend, and TEC will again award trophies at both shows. (Staff Photos)



### Merkel's Judging Begins at 12:30

Saturday, 12:30 p.m. will open Merkel's 1971 Livestock Show at the Vo - Ag Barn.

"We are most pleased with our number of entries," said vo-ag teacher, Chester Collinsworth, "and we are expecting an unusually good showing this Saturday."

Judge for the show will be Albert Maberry of Trent, and judging time is scheduled to begin "as near 12:30 as possible."

Bennie Melton, Livestock Association secretary, said Wednesday morning that "approximately 165 head of livestock had been entered. This includes fourteen steers, seventy - one lambs and thirty five swine."

Melton also said that a purse of approximately \$650.00 will be given this year.

First to be shown will be the two classes of swine - heavy and light weights.

Following will be lambs - Hampshire, Southdowns, Fine Wool and Cross Breed.

"This year we will select a Grand and Reserve Champion Lamb," said Collinsworth.

Adult superintendents will be L. J. Gray, swine; R. E. Clemmer, lambs, and Walter Whisenant, steers.

Junior superintendents are Johnny Gray, swine; Mark Clemmer, lambs, and Jeff Whisenant, steers.

The Annual Showmanship Trophy presented by Taylor Electric Cooperative will be given to livestock owners only, said Melton.

## 'ELIGIBLE TO VOTE' QUESTION ANSWERED

Last week an article was written by Joe Lassiter about voter registration and the article posed a question: When does a person become 18 to eligible to qualify to register as a voter? Well, along about the time the Merkel Mail went to press last week, the Secretary of State in Austin published the answer.

"Sec. of State, Martin Dies Jr., notified all county tax assessor-collectors that voter registration certificates should be issued to all applicants who are 18 years and above or who will be 18 before March 1, 1972," according to an Austin news release to the Abilene Reporter - News. "Unless there is a special election for a federal office such as U.S. Representative or U.S. Senator, there will be no elections in 1971 in which a person not yet 21 years of age may vote, however, I do want to encourage all persons eligible to register to do so," Mr. Dies added.

Democratic precinct chairman, Joe E. Lassiter, urged all citizens to make a special effort to register.

"All of our citizens should make it a matter of personal pride to register in 1971 from those 18 to and including our most senior citizens," said Lassiter.

"It becomes a matter of political survival for us in the rural areas, especially to be prepared to cast our vote whether there is a scheduled election in 1971 or not."

Lassiter commented that you can never tell when some unforeseen turn of events could cause an important election to be thrust upon us.

"Let us in Precinct 24 be prepared," he urged.

Applications for voter registrations may be picked up in Merkel at the Merkel Mail or at the County Tax Assessor - Collector's office in Abilene.

Voter registration deadline is January 31.

## Merkelite to Sell Polled Herefords

Sam Swann of Merkel, Polled Hereford breeder, will sell three bulls in the Annual West Texas Polled Hereford Breeder's Sale Jan. 11 at Abilene.

The sale will begin at 12:30 p.m. at the West Texas Fairgrounds.

A total of 55 registered Polled Herefords, including 38 bulls and 17 females, will be offered at the sale. All the cattle were selected by a committee prior to consignment, and only those qualified were accepted for sale.

"This will be the best offering of Polled Herefords ever to sell in a West Texas Sale," Swann said. "All of the bulls are serviceable aged, and females are guaranteed safe in calf."

## Merkel 4-H Club To Meet Tonight

Members of the Merkel 4-H Club will meet Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at the Taylor Electric Cooperative building.

Guest speaker will be Bob Hutchins, patrolman with the Safety Education Service, Texas Department of Public Safety. All young people of the community are invited to attend, said Gail Boone, reporter.



CHAPLAIN REYNOLDS  
... supervised construction

## Chapel Steeple In Long Binh, Viet

The II Field Force Staff Chaplain remarked to the II Field Force Staff Engineer that the base chapel needed a new steeple. Two weeks later, the Chaplain watched as the engineers hoisted it in place.

Army Chaplain (Captain) Jerry D. Reynolds, 29, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cramer Reynolds, Route 2, Merkel, supervised the construction and erection of the 800 pound steeple that now graces the II Field Force Chapel near Long Binh, Vietnam. Built entirely of wood the steeple stands more than 12 feet tall.

A 1959 graduate of Merkel High School, Chaplain Reynolds entered the army in June, 1968, and has been awarded two bronze star medals. He received his B.A. Degree in 1963. He attended Hardin-Simmons University and Southwest Baptist Theological Seminary at Fort Worth.

Before entering the army, Chaplain Reynolds was pastor at the Direct Baptist Church, Merkel. His wife, the former Sherry Hill, also lives at Route 2, Merkel.



WINN WIZARD  
... to be featured with musical

## LIONS CLUB MUSICAL IS THIS SATURDAY

Merkel Lions Club's Musical, with all the flavor of Country Western will be "sounding off" this Saturday evening at the High School auditorium. Time is 8 p.m.

J. W. Brewer, the "Big Auctioneer," in charge of arrangements for the Musical, said Wednesday morning that "several guest artists have been signed up for the show."

Highlight of the Musical will be the appearance of Winn Wizard of Abilene, outstanding magician in the Big Country. He will be presenting a thirty minute show.

"Winn Wizard has performed for shows in Chicago, New York and other cities throughout the United States," said Brewer, "and we're real fortunate to get him scheduled for this show."

"A good show is in store for music lovers," said Brewer, "and

we can promise the best in Country Western."

Brewer, known to the area as the "Big Auctioneer," has made several ballroom and stage shows throughout Texas in this past year. He and his band will also be appearing with the Musical.

Lions Club president, Jim Sinclair, said that tickets sales were picking up this week and would also be on sale at the door.

Persons who would like to get tickets before the 8 p.m. show time may contact Sinclair or any of the members of the Lions Club.

"We have a good supply of tickets at the Merkel Drug," said Sinclair, "and if they run out, David Gamble knows where to get more."

Tickets are \$1.00 for adults and 75 cents for students.



HONORS CEREMONY - Trooping the line during honors ceremony at the Fort Bliss Replica Museum are, from left, MG Richard T. Cassidy, Fort Bliss Commander; CPT. Robert C. Benson, Commander of the honor guard, and General Hayso Kinugasa, Chief of Staff, Japan Ground Self Defense Force, in whose honor the ceremony was held. CPT. Benson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Benson of Merkel. (U.S. Army Photo)



**THE FIZZLE FAMILY**



By H. T. Elmo

**LEGAL NOTICE**

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

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

CITATION BY PUBLICATION  
THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Gerald G. Van Buren, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District 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 1 day of Feb. A.D. 1971, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 18 day of Dec. A.D. 1970, in this cause, numbered 32-

928-A on the docket of said court and styled In Re: Beverly J. Van Buren,

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: For permission of the Court to convey community homestead without the joinder of missing husband, 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.

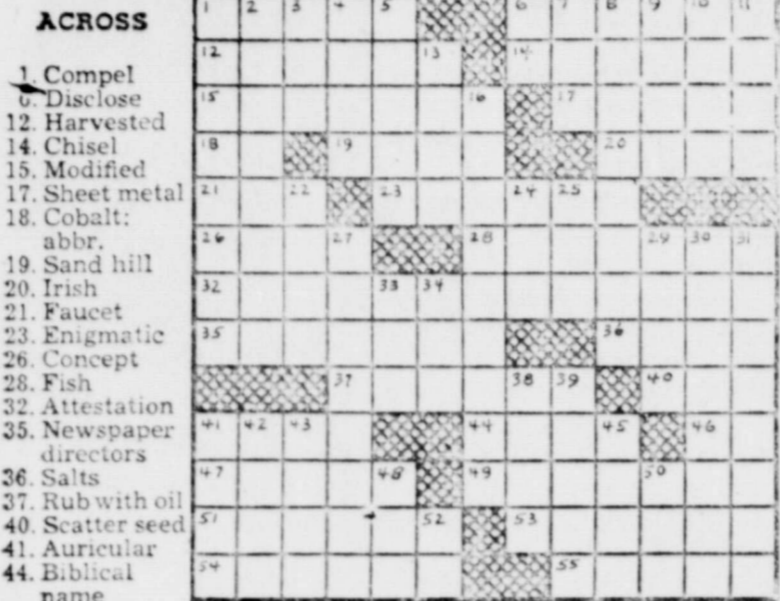
The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 18 day of Dec. A.D. 1970.

Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD  
Clerk, 42nd District Court  
Taylor County, Texas  
My Marie Gill, Deputy.

THE MERKEL MAIL, MERKEL, TEXAS  
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**Crossword Puzzle**



**ACROSS**

- Compel
- Disclose
- Harvested
- Chisel
- Modified
- Sheet metal
- Cobalt: abbr.
- Sand hill
- Irish
- Faucet
- Enigmatic
- Concept
- Fish
- Attestation
- Newspaper directors
- Salts
- Rub with oil
- Scatter seed
- Auricular
- Biblical name
- This: Fr.
- Skating areas
- Gatherer
- Hold in love
- Like the Alps
- Turbulent boundaries
- Having
- Assailer
- Dutch island
- Geological epoch
- Replied
- Charged atom
- To and —
- Ancient Italian city
- Chinese monies
- Mined materials
- Tinge
- Indian: comb. form
- Mile River
- Uncle —
- Nest
- Railway: abbr.
- Man's name

**DOWN**

- Exercise
- Recharged
- Consume
- Accelerated
- Serous fluid
- Pronoun
- Wipe
- Skunk
- Winglike
- Seaks
- Woody plant
- Contradict
- Scorning
- Elf
- Twitching
- Man's name

Answer to Puzzle

**RELIGIOUS**

**REVIEW**

<b>MISSION BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Bethel	Preaching ..... 11:00	<b>CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> Billy Patton, pastor
Sunday School ..... 10 a.m.	Evening Preaching ..... 7:30	SUNDAY
Morning Worship ..... 11 a.m.	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Bible School ..... 9:45
Training Union ..... 6 p.m.	Mid-Week Evangelistic Service ..... 7:30	Morning Worship ..... 10:30
Evening Worship ..... 7 p.m.	Mid-Week Service ..... 7:30 p.m.	Evening Worship ..... 6:00
		<b>WEDNESDAY</b>
		Bible Classes ..... 7:30
<b>RACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH</b> James Sinclair, pastor		
Sunday School ..... 10:00	<b>CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH</b> 5th and Runnels Herschel Smith, pastor	
Morning Worship ..... 11:00	<b>SUNDAY MORNING</b>	
	Sunday School ..... 10:00	
<b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Kenneth Jones, pastor		
SUNDAY		
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.		
Radio Broadcast ..... 10:15 a.m.		
Worship Service ..... 11:00 a.m.		
Training Union ..... 6:00 p.m.		
Morning Worship ..... 7:00 p.m.		
<b>VICTORY BAPTIST CHURCH</b> 307 El Paso St. W. G. Richardson, pastor		
SUNDAY		
Bible School ..... 10:00		
Worship Service ..... 11:00		
Evening Service ..... 7:00		
<b>FIRST METHODIST CHURCH</b> The Methodist pastor		
SUNDAY		
Sunday School ..... 9:45		
Morning Meeting ..... 10:50		
Evening Worship ..... 7:00		
<b>ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> John Curits, pastor		
SUNDAY		
Sunday School ..... 9:45		

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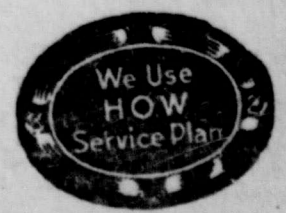
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## The B. H. Stallos Children Home For Holiday Visit

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Stallo over the holidays were their eight children and their families. They were Messrs. and Mmes. Jerrell Stallo, Jerie, Joel and Jana from Lorraine, Kan.; Benny Stallo, Lynda and Dwayne, Odessa; William Stallo and Jonathan, San Diego, Calif.; and Jerry Caughman, Kim, Deneice, Lesley and Lisa from St. Louis, Mo.

Also Messrs. and Mmes. Jack Stallo, Tammy and Jackie, Abilene; Clarence Harris, Mike and Tim, San Antonio; Corky Land, Midland, and Miss Deborah Stallo of the home.

Mrs. Stallo reports that this is "the first time in over 10 years that everyone in the family had been together."

## Christmas Theme For Study Club

Mrs. Comer Haynes was hostess for the Christmas program of the Fortnightly Study Club Dec. 8. Spiced punch and cookies were served to members and guests before the business meeting and program.

After a short business meeting, Christmas program was presented by Mrs. Haynes and Mrs. N. S. Daniel. "Remembering the Carol," was given by Mrs. Haynes, and Mrs. Daniel presented a Christmas story, "Poinsettias Will be Best."

The club's next meeting will be Jan. 12 with Mrs. J. Lynn Knight as hostess.

## A. J. Greenfields Have Guests

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Greenfield for the New Year Holiday were their three children and five grandchildren. They are Peggy, Jim and Mike Lucas of Lompo, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Billy Greenfield, Gaylene and Scott of Big Spring, and Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Greenfield Jr., Daryl Jay and Lance of Odessa.

Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Price Floyd, Pat and Margo McAllister and Ronnie Bigbee of Merkel.

The Jim Lucas family had been on an extended vacation from California to Texas and to Louisiana to visit Mr. Lucas' relatives.

## TEC Employees Attend Showing

Kent Satterwhite and Paxton Hays, with the appliance division of Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc., were in Dallas this week attending a Westinghouse Showing of '71 appliances.

New features for '71 were displayed at the showing.

## CLASSIFIED ADS GET RESULTS

## MISS RACKOW BRIDE OF STANLEY HICKS

Renee Rackow and Stanley Deen Hicks were married Sunday, Jan. 3 in Highland Church of Christ, Abilene, with Lyle Dabell, Herald of Truth minister, officiating. Parents of the couple are Mrs. Betty T. Rackow of Buffalo Gap and the late Harry Rackow, and Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Hicks of Trent.

The bride was given in marriage by her mother. She was escorted by her brother in law, Carl Corthron of Buffalo Gap.

She wore a velvet gown with empire bodice, and a floor length veil of illusion. She carried white glameillas with rosebuds.

Mrs. Carl Corthron was her sister's matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Mrs. Ronald McMillon, Vicki Dodson and Cathy Haines of Houston.

Attendants wore royal blue gowns and short veils of blue illusion attached to blue bows. They carried long-stemmed red roses. Callie and Crystie Corthron were

flower girls. Ring bearer was Tammy Hicks, escorted by Gary Corthron. Eldon Hicks of Trent was best man. Groomsmen were Skip Hicks of Fort Worth; Pat Carriker, Trent, and Bill Allison of Woodville.

Ushers were Tim Reagan of Trent, and Johnny Powell and Casey Corthron, both of Buffalo Gap.

Gary Mabry was soloist.

Mr. and Mrs. Hicks hosted the rehearsal dinner at the Americano Restaurant.

The bride and bridegroom are students at the University of Texas at Austin. A graduate of Wylie High School the bride is 1970 Miss Eastland.

Hicks, a graduate of Trent High School, at UT he plays right defensive end on the Longhorn football team.

Following a trip to Ruidoso, N. M., the couple will live in Austin.



MRS. STANLEY DEEN HICKS  
... formerly Renee Rackow

## ROUND-UP

By PAT BYRD

January 7, 1971 and we're seven days into the New Year — seven days since "New Year's Resolutions" were made — and seven days of testing.

After some "serious" considerations, the Merkel Mail staff decided to "announce" their resolutions:

PAT BYRD: (assistant editor) "I resolve to do better about meeting my deadlines on time and trying to make fewer mistakes."

CARL FOUTS: (Linotype operator) "Quit," (until I saw what Mr. Brumbeau had to say)

CHICK FIELDS: (backshop operator) "Try to be more patient with the editor and assistant editor."

BOB NELSON: (backshop operator) Lose patience and scream at the editor and assistant editor."

GARY HICKS: (presman) " resolve to try to get the publisher to completely re-tape the press folder."

ELAINE BRUMBEAU: (editor) "Somehow, someday, get all the local news there is to get, in each week's paper."

DAVE BRUMBEAU: (publisher) "See that the above 'resolvers' do what they say they're gonna do."

The ZEDIC L. JOHNSONS spent the Christmas holidays in San Antonio with Zedic's sister, Mrs. Gertrude Lange and brother, Homer Johnson.

Mrs. Johnson said they were most impressed with San Antonio at Christmas time. "The street and home decorations were beautiful," she said, "and the Poinsettias were more beautiful than ever."

While in Santone, the Johnsons toured some scenic spots, and spent quite some time at the House of Horns — a museum of stuffed animals. "We saw all kinds of stuffed animals that has horns, and chairs made out of horns, setees, and tables," she said.

Holiday visitors in the DAVID GAMBLE home were their daughter and her husband, Mr. and

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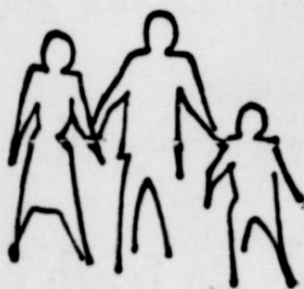
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# Worship this week



CHERYL LEE EDWARDS, JAMES O. CRAWFORD  
... couple to wed

## Cheryl Edwards, J. O. Crawford Engagement Told

Mr. and Mrs. Thurston Edwards of Anson announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Cheryl Lee, of Midland, to Mr. James O. Crawford of Austin. The bridegroom-elect is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Onis Crawford of Merkel.

The couple will be married in First Baptist Church, Anson, with date to be announced later.

The bride-elect is an Anson High School graduate and attended the University of Texas at Arlington and is a graduate of the University of Texas School of Dental Hygiene, Houston. Miss Edwards is employed as hygienist in the office of J. C. Whitaker, D.D.S., in Midland.

Crawford is a Merkel High School graduate and attended Cisco Junior College and Texas A&M University, before serving in the United States Navy. He is presently employed by the Texas Department of Public Safety.

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Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Sadler in memory of Mrs. Waldo Cox  
Mrs. Jennings Winter and children in memory of Mrs. Waldo Cox

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Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hogan in memory of R. D. Ely  
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Mr. and Mrs. Max E. Swofford  
Mrs. Johnny Sears Snyder, in memory of R. D. Ely  
Mr. and Mrs. W. S. J. Brown in memory of R. D. Ely  
Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Gardner in memory of Mrs. Waldo Cox  
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Mr. and Mrs. Jarrett Pinckley

## Services Held For J. C. Hobbs

Funeral services for J. C. Hobbs, 64, of Grand Prairie and former Merkel resident, were held Wednesday, Jan. 6 in Southland Funeral Chapel with Buck Griffith officiating. Graveside rites were held Wednesday afternoon at Rose Hill Cemetery with Starbuck Funeral Home in charge of local arrangements.

Mr. Hobbs, son of Mrs. J. H. Hobbs of Merkel, died Monday, after a lengthy illness.

Born Nov. 23, 1906 in Merkel, Mr. Hobbs had lived in Grand

Prairie the past 30 years. Before his retirement he had been employed by LTV as an assembler and was also a carpenter. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors are his wife, Alta, of Grand Prairie; two sons, J. D. of Grand Prairie and Jimmie of Austin; his mother, Mrs. J. H. Hobbs of Merkel; three brothers, T. E. of Irving, G. H. of Fort Worth and Bennie of Merkel; two sisters, Mrs. Bob Fowler of Riverside, Calif., and Mrs. H. C. Chancey of Richardson; four grandchildren.

## B-Team Tourney Thursday, 2:30

The Merkel B-Team Tournament starts Thursday at 2:30 p.m. with the Merkel girls playing Roscoe girls, followed by Merkel boys playing Roscoe boys' team.

Other B-teams entered are Clyde, Anson and Hamlin (all entering boys and girls teams) and Baird's girls' team and Jim Ned's boys team.

The tournament is sponsored by the Merkel Booster Club, said Merkel's Coach, Ronnie Aldridge.

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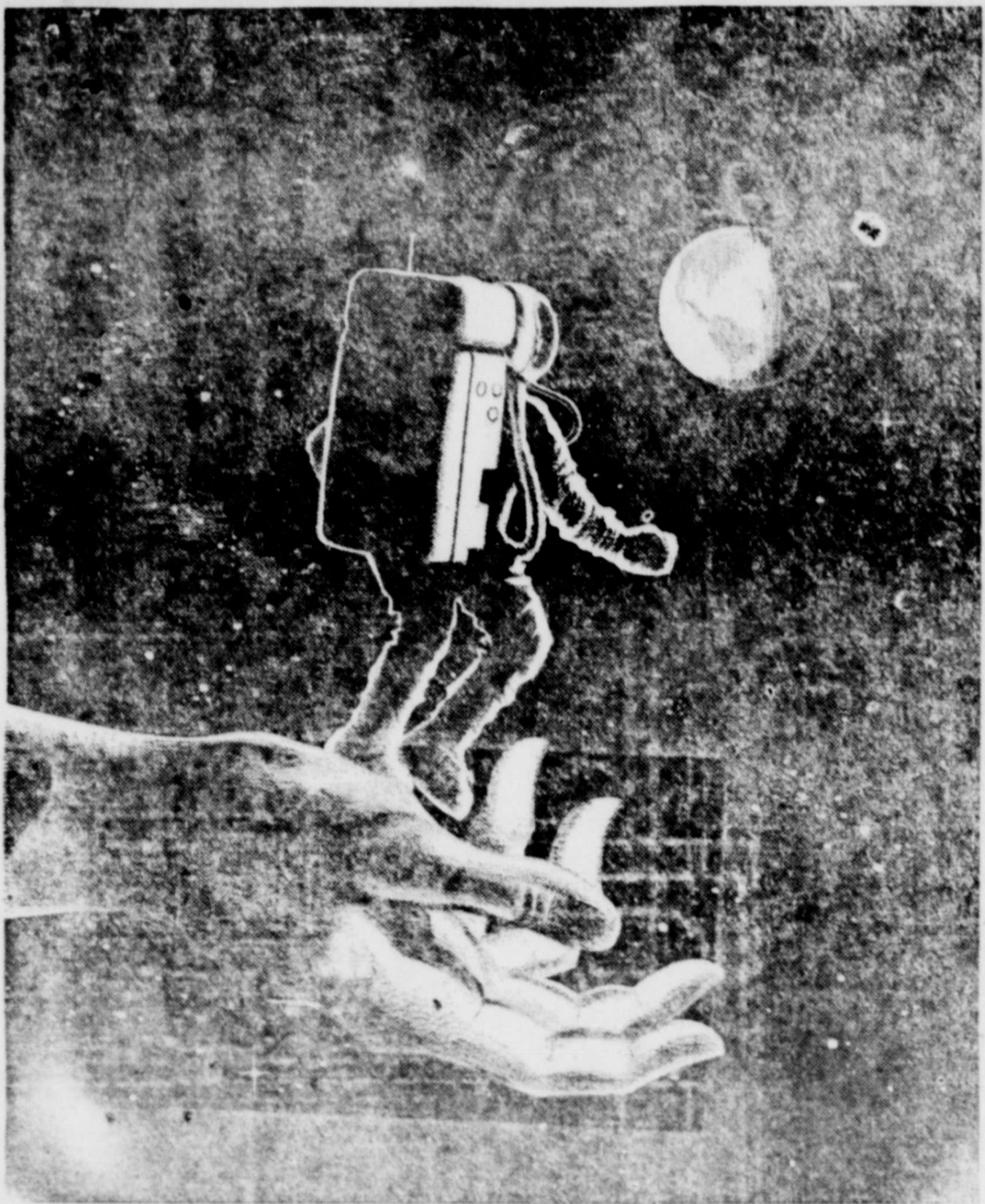
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A few short months later two other human beings set foot on the virgin moon — the first time that Man has explored a world other than his own.

Tomorrow promises to bring Man in direct contact with other planets; someday perhaps the very stars will become the venue of Man's exploration.

He is reaching for the very Heavens.

Technology — Man's technology — is conquering the Universe.

There is talk of science — Man's science — unlocking the secret of life itself.

All of which prompts many thoughtful people to ask — particularly at a time of year when we celebrate the birthday of the Prince of Peace — whether Man is reaching too far, attempting to usurp the role of the Creator.

It is an old question, Science vs. Religion. It was asked of Dr. Wright Douglas, who used the known natural laws that if God had intended Man to fly, He would have given him wings.

It is a question that has engaged eminent scientists and

philosophers. Albert Einstein wrote that "science without religion is lame; religion without science is blind."

The conclusion, generally, has been reassuring. Cornell University's first president, Andrew Dickson White, put it this way:

"My conviction is that science, though it has evidently conquered Dogmatic Theology based on Biblical texts and ancient modes of thought, will go hand in hand with religion; and that, although theological control will continue to diminish, religion, as seen in the recognition of a Power in the Universe, not ourselves, which makes for righteousness, and in the love of God and of our neighbor, will steadily grow stronger and stronger."

But this was before the moon-ship Apollo.

The implications of manned space flights are so enormous that the theological questions inevitably rise again.

Man understood the world, if he felt, God understands the Universe. It is infinite.

It is the only way to explore the outer end, chart its boundaries, read its wonders with the precision of the surveyor's transit and mapmaker's compass.

Is creation in danger of becoming MAN'S handiwork?

Most of our nation's astronauts — the men who have actually ventured into the void — are religious men. And evidently they have

seen and felt nothing to shake their faith in the one Creator of this universe we are now beginning to probe.

The words are once again words of reassurance.

On his return from the moon, astronaut Neil Armstrong visited the Vatican, addressed the Cardinals and bishops at the Roman Catholic synod then in meeting. Now, he was asked, had his moon walk affected his personal relationship with God?

"Today as I looked around this building," replied Armstrong, "and looked up at the ceiling, I saw the best of Man's art work and it left a profound impression on me.

"But as we traveled between

planets and saw with our eyes the views that are rather poorly seen by means of television and film, I was profoundly moved by the best of God's art work."

The lesson of Man's first hesitating steps into space shines perfectly clear to these men. And, from all accounts, it runs something like this:

Man can learn to explore the universe, can achieve the ancient dream of breaking free of his own planet. But we cannot conceive of a universe that had no Cause, or an intellect that had no Creator.

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### Berlin Re-Opens Its Crime Museum



A massive double-edged executioner's sword from the 16th century, an album of mug-shots compiled in 1876, a right-hand telescope for casing a likely "joint" from around the corner, are some of the intriguing exhibits seen by visitors to the re-opened Crime Museum in West Berlin. Hefting the ancient sword is Inspector Heinz Buchwalder, the Museum's director.

Scores of other interesting exhibits include home-made as well as professional-type burglars' tools, equipment used by forgers and counterfeiters, and ingenious gadgets that helped engineer short-lived breaks from prison.

For laughs, there is the iron safe which bungling amateurs welded shut trying to pry it open. For contrast is displayed the safe, from Hertie's department store, which expert safecrackers did cut into while Queen Elizabeth II was being escorted through the store during her State visit to Berlin in 1965.

Now occupying five rooms at the headquarters of the Berlin Criminal Investigation Division, the Museum was re-organized in February, 1969 to replace the one bombed out during World War II. The exhibit took two years to put together, but at a cost of less than \$825, proving once again that crime doesn't pay!

P. S.: Don't miss the effigy and case history of Wilhelm Voigt, the shoemaker turned habitual criminal, whose famous impersonation of a Captain of the Royal Prussian Army has been immortalized on stage and screen as "The Captain of Koepenick" by Carl Zuckmayer.

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# MULBERRY CANYON 4-H NEWS

By BEVERLY GILMORE

The Mulberry Canyon 4-H Club met Dec. 22 for their monthly meeting and Annual Christmas Party.

Meeting was called to order by president, Suzie Riney. 4-H Pledge, Prayer and Motto was given by Mark Clemmer. American Pledge was given by Jeff Whisenant.

Inspiration, titled "Human Bondage," was given by Carolyn Gilmore.

A report on the County Council Meeting was given by Johnny Gray; Mark Clemmer gave a report on the judging team.

Members then participated in a variety of recreational activities. After a visit from Santa Claus, refreshments were served to twenty members, three visitors and parents.

## Merkelites' Kin Voted Top Player

Mike Waker, son of Dr. and Mrs. Jimmy Walker of El Paso, and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Irl Walker, was voted most valuable player on the Coronado High football team for 1970.

Mike, a 160 pound running back, won two awards and was picked by the sports writers for his offensive running, defensive back field work, team leadership, scholastic achievement, as well as being the Thunderbirds' punter as a sideline.

He has been a three year starter for the T-Birds, two of those on offense, and the full three on defense. He lettered three years, was 1970 captain and selected to 1970 Coaches All District Team.

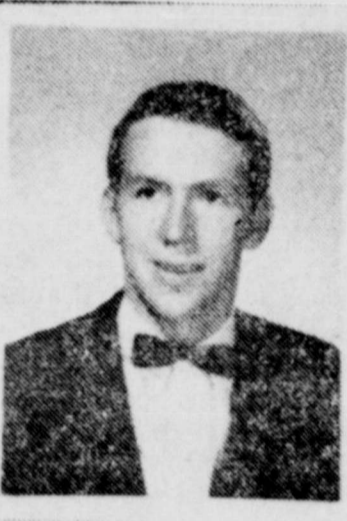
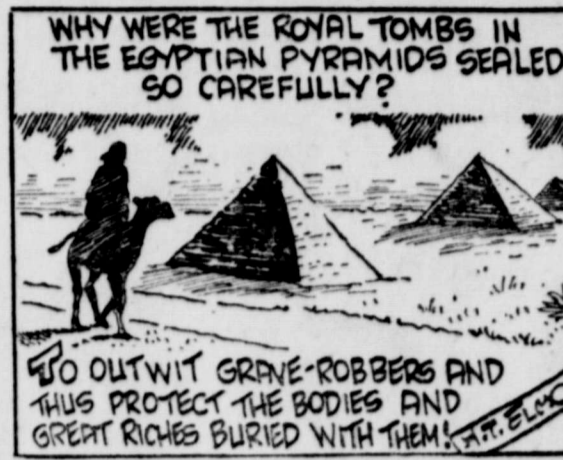
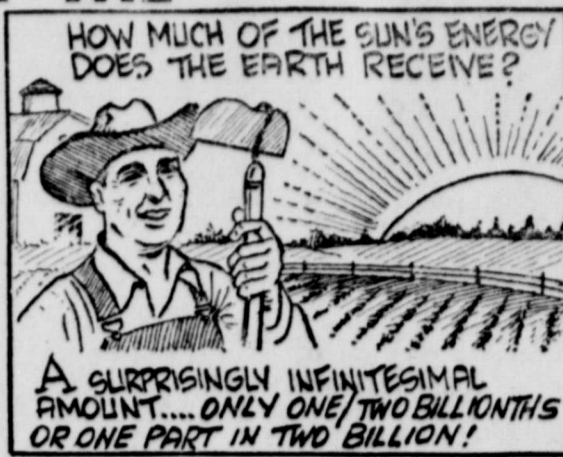
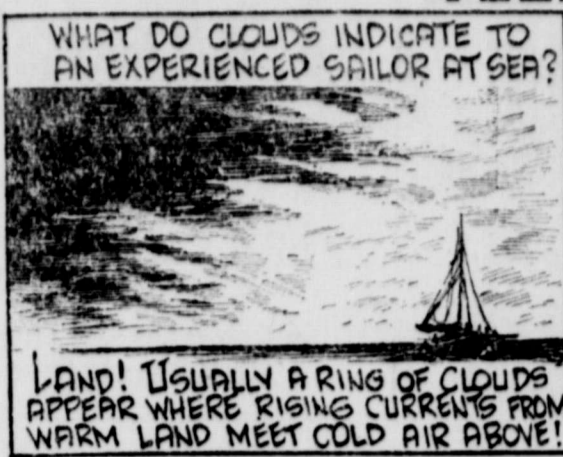
His father was a 1943 football star of Merkel High and coached three successful years at Mason, returning to UT - El Paso as assistant coach. He is now dean of students at UTEP.

## Basketball Schedule

January

- 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
- 25 - Open date
- 29 - Rotan, here, A&B boys, A girls

# TELL ME



RANDY DOAN  
... high average

## Merkel Graduate On Prexy's List

Randy Doan, a 1970 graduate of Merkel High School, has been named to the President's List at Dallas Institute of Mortuary Science.

The President's List is composed of those students whose academic averages are 95 or above. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen D. Doan of Abilene. Randy is employed in Dallas by Camp Funeral Home. He and his wife, the former Rhonda Middleton, live at 1428 North Fitzhugh in Dallas.



## Stith News

By MRS. FRITZ MALE



While there the Denton's had a little baby girl born, named Lisa Ann. She has two brothers and one sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Hardin and children of Lawn, Mrs. John Shaw and M. J. Shaw, Merkel, Roxie Meeks, Mr. and Mrs. Ricky, Benny and Charlie Meeks, Abilene, and Mr. and Mrs. Wade Shaw were dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mashburn and Rodney.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Clyburn and children attended a family get-together in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Truett Thompson in Merkel Christmas Eve. Others attending were Mr. and Mrs. Omer Bishop and children of Odessa, Mrs. Wayne Thompson and Mrs. Golden of Abilene.

Spending Christmas Day in the home of Mrs. John Hobbs and the Benny Hobbs family were Mrs. Ollie Fowler and Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Fowler and Tamara of California, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Holt, Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Beauford Buntin and Steve, Mr. and Mrs. Nick Davis of Arlington and Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Chaney and Sandra of Richardson.

Henry Holt, father of Mrs. Benny Hobbs is suffering from pneumonia at his home in Merkel.

Members of the Stith Baptist Church had a social at the Community Center Dec. 22 with the Rev. James Williams, pastor, giving the devotional. Supper was served and afterwards Rev. Williams and sons, Mike and Reggie, and granddaughter, sang Christmas Carols. The pastor and family received an "old-time pound- ing!"

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley during the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Berry and children, San Antonio; Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Row and children, Bledsoe; the Rev. and Mrs. Paul Howe and Mr. and Mrs. Boyce Barnard. Also Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Davis and Mrs. E. L. Berry, Abilene; Mrs. Inez Bradley, Mr. and Mrs. Alarzo Peterson, all of Merkel and Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Bradley of Richardson.

Spending Christmas Day with Mrs. John Browning were Mildred and Lennie Harris, Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Billy Roy Browning and children, Tuscola; the Rev. and Mrs. Jack Bedford and children, Oklahoma City, Okla., and Oma Spence of Abilene.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Burns and Marnie Hardin, Christmas Day, were Mr. and Mrs. Billy Harris and Kathy, Midland; J. C. Baird and son, Odessa; Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Burns and Martha, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Burns, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. David Glover and David, San Marcos, and Mrs. Nora McDonald, Anson.

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Stephenson and Melissa of Midland spent the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McDonald and George, Mrs. Nora McDonald, Anson, spent Christmas Day in her son's home.

Mr. and Mrs. Olin Potts and Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Berry of Abilene spent Christmas Eve with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Jones. Mr. and Mrs. Jones son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Truett spent Christmas Day with their Jones in Gatesville, and with their grandson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Jones, Jason, and Jarrett of Oklahoma City, Okla., who were visiting in their parents' home. Mr. and Mrs. Jones visited with Les Allen at the Scott & White Hospital in Temple; also with Mrs. Jones' sister, Mrs. O. N. Howard at the Gorman Nursing Home with friends, Mr. Butler, Mrs. Miles and Mrs. Bibby at the De Leon Nursing Home.

Ghrona Tarpley of Dallas visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Babe Tarpley and Buster during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Butler spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Perry. Other visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Ansel Armstrong of Manrattan, Kan.; Mr. and Mrs. Perry visited Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Armstrong at Trent Sunday and also at Tye with Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Perry and Mrs. Ruby Hinson.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Malone, Monica and Haley, Taylor, Mrs. James Hale and Mike, and Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Ray, Midland; Ethel Canida, Abilene, and Charier Hale, had Christmas Dinner with the Fritz Hales.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. West spent two weeks in Birmingham, Ala., with their granddaughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Manley Denton.

# WANT ADS GET RESULTS

## 'I Can Just Stay at Home And Live a Good Life And Still Go to Heaven.'

This is the belief and expression of many people, which sounds more like an excuse to stay away from worship and responsibility than it does a real valid belief. But if you feel this way here are some suggestions for you:

- 1 Where is your authority for that Belief — where in the Bible did you get that idea from? Acts 10 says of Cornelius, a "devout man, one who feared God," that he had more to do than just "be good" — read the chapter, especially verses 35 and 48.
- 2 Be honest with yourself — Is that just an excuse to get out of responsibility? Matthew 22 Jesus discussed a problem — "many were invited to the wedding," but as is stated in verse 5 "they MADE LIGHT of it." And in Luke 14:18 "they all alike began to make excuses" (RVS)
- 3 Is salvation — going to heaven have any connection with the CHURCH?

a The saved are in the church — the Lord's church (he certainly wouldn't add them to someone else's church) Read Acts 2:36-47 and Matthew 16:18. And Hebrews 12:23 tells us their name is recorded in heaven and Revelation 20:15 tells what happens to those whose names are not written there. (The question that remains of course is: Have you done those things which would cause the Lord to add you to his church?)

b You have a responsibility to go with membership in His church, and no amount of excuse will take away that responsibility. There is only one thing that takes away the sin — the blood of Jesus. Your responsibility: II Cor. 5:15 "live for him who died for you" and Matt. 28:19, 20 after you have been baptized for the remission of sins to TEACH others as well as live for him.

## BILLY PATTON, Minister CHURCH OF CHRIST

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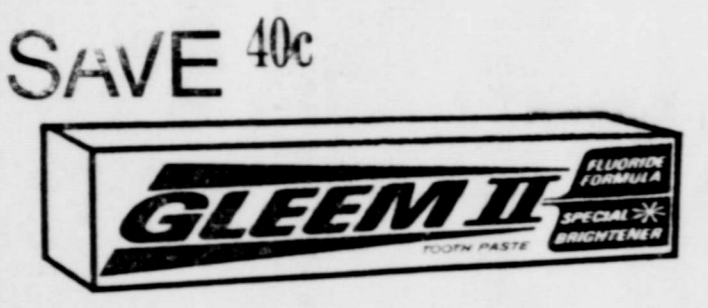
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