

Mayor Proclaims U.S.O. Week

The Week of Feb. 18 through 25 has been designated as USO Week with a proclamation, signed by Mayor Horace Hargrove, appearing on Page Five of this edition.

Mrs. Ray Wilson, recently appointed member of the USO National Council, is representative for the local USO fund raising campaign.

Since its founding in 1941, the USO has provided morale - boosters for U.S. troops around the world.

"Concern for the morale of American servicemen has come a long, long way since WWI when the nearest thing to the USO was a single star, Elsie Janis," writes Louis Schol in the January, 1971, edition of "The American Legion Magazine," covering the Story of the USO. "She abandoned her stage career to dedicate herself to entertaining troops in the war zones. The U.S. servicemen have been engaged, so to speak, to rub shoulders with glamor queens, including the successive Miss Americas, Miss Universes and Miss Black Americas — or with such celebrities as Bob Hope, Martha Raye and Georgie Jessell, as well as with Jack Benny, Marlene Dietrich, Al Jolson, Carole Landis, Edgar Bergen and Joe E. Brown.

Mrs. Wilson said that a check for \$100.00 would be mailed to the USO from the Merkel Community Fund. However, she said if any individuals wanted to contribute toward this fund, they might mail their donations to her or to the National Council of the United Service Organizations, Inc., 237 East 52nd St., New York, N. Y. 10022.



REPRESENTS FARMERS UNION — Merkel farmers attending the Texas Farmers Union Legislative Day activities in Austin are shown visiting former U.S. Senator Ralph Yarborough. They are, from left, Morris Smith, Tom Seymore, Cramer Reynolds, and C. M. Seymore. Mike McMaigal, right, is the district fieldman for Farmers Union.

NOTICE

Automobile license plates will be sold at Max Murrell Chevrolet Saturday, Feb. 20 and also Saturday, Feb. 27, according to Burl King, Taylor County Tax Assessor - Collector.

Hours for both dates will be from 9:30 a.m. until 4 p.m.

MERKEL BADGERS TO PLAY ALBANY LIONS AT 6:30

The Merkel Badgers, District 7 - AA winners will play the Albany Lions, District 6 - AA winners this Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the Taylor County Coliseum in a warm up game for Bi - District.

Following the Merkel - Albany game, there will be a game between Hardin - Simmons University and Midwestern University from Wichita Falls. Price is \$1.50 for adults and fifty cents for students and this price entitles fans to see both games.

The Badgers completed a perfect District 7 - AA season at Stamford this past Friday, by downing the Bulldogs, 79 - 66 with Alan Arwine as high point Badger, with 24 points.

The victory was the 10th straight for the Badgers in district play without a loss and it set up the bi - district meeting with either Balingier or Coleman of District 8 - AA.

Other high pointers for the Badgers were Kerry Thames with 14, Billy Diltz with 15 and Randy Smith, 10.

Individual points and average for the Badgers for the season are Alan Arwine, 522, average 20.9; Kerry Thames, 253, — 9.4; Tommy Anderson, 236 — 9.1; Paul Thames, 217 — 8.7; Randy Smith, 203 — 7.3; Billy Diltz, 142 — 5.5; Mike McLean, 82 — 4.6; Buster Tarpley, 59 — 3.1; and Mike Teaff, 34 — 1.9.

CITY ELECTION SET FOR SAT., APRIL 3

Merkel's City Election has been called by Mayor Horace Hargrove for April 3, 1971, the first Saturday in April.

Election will be for the purpose of electing a mayor and two councilmen.

Councilmen whose terms expire are Derrell Farmer and Leon Walker.

Walker, in telephone conversation Tuesday evening, said that he "definitely" did not plan to file for re - election.

"I have enjoyed my work with the City Council and with the people of Merkel," said Walker, "but I will not file for re-election."

Farmer said that after serving as council member for four years he "thought that was long enough." "I have enjoyed the 2 terms of working with the other council members, but I don't plan to file for re - election," said Farmer.

Hargrove is in Dallas this week, attending a National Electrification meeting, and could not be contacted.

The City Election will be held at the Merkel High School gymnasium and polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. Mrs. Betty Cyfert has been appointed presiding officer of the election.

Deadline for filing for mayor and councilman is March 3. Absentee voting will begin March 15 and end March 30, and will be held at City Hall.

Roy Kimbrell, city secretary, urged persons interested in filing for any of the city vacancies to come in to City Hall at the earliest possible time.

"We need citizens to file," said Kimbrell, "and interested citizens on our council makes for a more progressive city."

TEC ANNOUNCES CHANGE IN CONTEST

A change has been made in the programming of the Taylor Electric Cooperative Youth Tour to Washington oratorical contest.

Both the boys and girls contest will be held on Monday night.

Trents School Board Vote Set

Three members of the Board of Trustees of the Trent Independent School District will be elected in balloting April 3.

Members whose terms expire are Weldon Beasley, Mark Williamson and C. L. McElmurray, current board president.

Election will be held at the Trent City Hall from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. W. P. Wood will be election judge.

Annual C-C Banquet Scheduled Mar. 27

An outstanding area educational leader will be principal speaker at the Merkel Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet Saturday, March 27.

He is Dr. Elwin Skiles, president of Hardin - Simmons University.

Directors of the chamber met Monday night and set the date for the annual organizational banquet.

"I am delighted that Dr. Skiles has accepted our invitation to be our banquet speaker," said Johnny Hammond, chamber president. "Having a speaker of Dr. Skiles' warmth and ability will add a great deal to Merkel's chamber of commerce program."

Directors also made plans to name an outstanding citizen and an outstanding farmer or rancher at the banquet.

Area residents are urged to send in the names of their suggestions for outstanding citizen and farmer or rancher to the Merkel Chamber of Commerce, P. O. Box 536, Members of a committee named by Hammond will judge the suggestions according to civic work and other factors. (A coupon for the convenience of those wishing to suggest outstanding men or women is on Page Five of The Merkel Mail).

Directors also affirmed a list of six members to be candidates for chamber directors.

Three places on the board will be vacant. They are the places held by Ted Smith, Truett Thompson and Dave Gamble.

Those proposed for the election are E. A. Conley, Billie Bob

Toombs, Mrs. Ray Wilson, Ed Lewis, Duane Shugart and J. L. Fisher.

Directors present were Mack Fisher, Fred Sarbuck, Johnny Hammond, Vernon Mansfield, Truett Thompson, Ted Smith, Dave Brumbeau and Dave Gamble.

Absent was Kent Saterwhite.

Executive secretary Benny Melton was authorized to contact groups interested in catering the banquet.

A delegation representing the industrial committee of the chamber was authorized to call on Pierce Manufacturing Co. to stress that Merkel is interested in and appreciates the firm.

TRENT FFA CHAPTER HAS BUSY SCHEDULE

By MARK WILLIAMSON JR.

The Trent Chapter Future Farmers of America have had a busy year and look forward to a full schedule of programs.

Activities the Chapter has participated in the past year include entering Sweetheart in the West Texas Fair; sending delegates to District Meeting at Cisco — (at this meeting Tom McLeod was elected district reporter); and sending three teams to leadership contests, held at Cooper High School in Abilene.

Also sending delegates to district banquet; sponsoring the Trent Stock Show, and showing stock in the Abilene and San Antonio shows. Taking stock to the Houston Show, entering a judging team in Dairy Livestock and land; plans to build pens on the 18 acre farm owned by the FFA chapter, and sending delegates to the State Convention to be held in Houston.

The Chapter also plans to enter the "Building Our America" council program which was established by President Nixon in 1969-70 for the purpose of improving the community. Members will work on removing solid waste, cars old buildings — all in an effort to "make their town look better."

Honors received by the Trent FFA Chapter include Silver Emblem — a chapter rating which is the second highest award to be received, and the Silver Award on Farm Safety.

Current officers are Mark Williams, president; Allan Frazier, vice president; Owen O'Kelly, secretary; and Ray Sharp, treasurer.



MARK WILLIAMSON JR. ... chapter president

Also Bill Hamner, reporter; David Dickerson, sentinel, and Mr. Jon Henderson, advisor. Pat Watson is the chapter sweetheart.

Golf Supper Set For February 19

The Merkel Country Club will have a golf supper Friday, Feb. 19 at 7:30 p.m. at the Country Club.

Hosting the supper will be Messrs. and Mrs. H. O. Boney, John Stout, Lonnie Beard, Wayne Jackson, E. A. Conley and J. C. Carson.

All members are urged to attend and persons interested in becoming members are invited.

LOCAL FFA REVIEWS YEAR'S ACTIVITIES

By MIKE SNOWDEN Reporter

The Merkel Future Farmers of America has an enrollment of fifty - five members. Each member carries a project throughout the year with the most popular ones being steers, sheep and swine. Many of the members enter their animals in stock shows in Houston, Fort Worth, San Antonio, El Paso, San Angelo and Abilene.

Vickie and David Robertson and Mike Steck showed lambs at the Fort Worth Stock Show this year and Mike Ray showed hogs.

There is also the Merkel Stock Show held each year in January and draws a large number of entries as well as a large crowd of observers.

The Chapter plans to send teams of boys to livestock judging contests at Abilene and Stephenville and two members, Bobby Barnes and Robert Whitehead, plan to go to the San Angelo Stock Show and participate in the calf scramble sponsored by the Show.

The 1970 - 71 officers are Rusty Holloway, president; Tommy Anderson, vice president; Michael



RUSTY HOLLOWAY ... Merkel FFA president

Ray, second vice president; Stanley Casady, secretary, and Mike Teaff, treasurer.

Also Mike Snowden, reporter; Mark Clemmer, sentinel, and advisor, Chester Collinsworth.

Each spring the Chapter has a Father - Son Barbecue at the Taylor Electric Cooperative's picnic grounds, at which time members and their fathers have a time of eating and discussing the chapter's activities.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SENDS 'SENTIMENTS'

Excitement ran high last week at Merkel Elementary School as members voted for their favorite king and queen, and sent "sentiments" to their "favorites."

Named Valentine king and queen were Brad Shugart, 5th grade and Patricia Boyd, 7th grade.

Votes cost a penny each, and total collected from voting was \$26.20. Overall collections from votes and "sentiments" were \$43.69.

King candidates were Tim Wozencraft, Gregg Doan, Randall Hawes, 8th grade; Shawn Moore, Wayne Webb and Danny David - Bose, 7th; Mike Henry and Du - Hendricks, 6th; and Brad Shugart and Donnie Reagan, 5th.

Queen candidates were Nancy Fudge, Kim Shive and Suzie Goodman, 8th; Patricia Boyd, Ophelia Castillo and Kathy Hendricks, 7th; Patty Wood and Judy Diltz, 6th; and Cindy Hogan and Linda Williams, 5th.



VALENTINE CELEBRITIES — Brad Shugart and Patricia Boyd were named Valentine King and Queen during last week's activities at Merkel Elementary School. Patricia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Boyd is a seventh grader, and Brad, son of Mr. and Mrs. Duane Shugart, fifth grader. They were named winners as a result of receiving the highest number of votes in the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grades. (Staff Photo)

PUBLIC NOTICE
Proposed **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**
NUMBER FOUR ON THE BALLOT (SJR 17)
Special Election May 18, 1971

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
Section 1. That Article III of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended by adding thereto a new Section 49-d-1 to read as follows:
"Section 49-d-1. (a) The Texas Water Development Board shall upon direction of the Texas Water Quality Board or any successor agency designated by the Legislature issue additional Texas Water Development Bonds up to an additional aggregate principal amount of One Hundred Million Dollars (\$100,000,000) to provide grants, loans or any combination of grants and loans for water quality enhancement purposes as established by the Legislature. The Texas Water Quality Board or any successor agency designated by the Legislature may make such grants and loans to political subdivisions or bodies politic and corporate of the State of Texas, including municipal corporations, river authorities, conservation and reclamation districts, and districts created or organized or authorized to be created or organized under Article XVII, Section 59, or Article III, Section 52 of this Constitu-

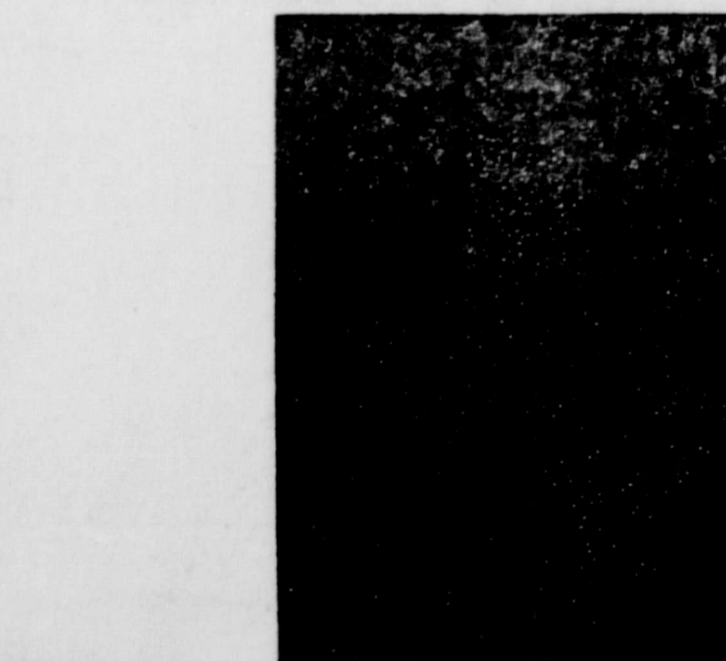
tion, State agencies, and interstate agencies and compact commissions to which the State of Texas is a party, and upon such terms and conditions as the Legislature may authorize by general law. The bonds shall be issued for such terms, in such denominations, form and installments, and upon such conditions as the Legislature may authorize.
"(b) The proceeds from the sale of such bonds shall be deposited in the Texas Water Development Fund to be invested and administered as prescribed by law.
"(c) The bonds authorized in this Section 49-d-1 and all bonds authorized by Sections 49-c and 49-d of Article III shall bear interest at not more than 6% per annum, and mature as the Texas Water Development Board shall prescribe, subject to the limitations as may be imposed by the Legislature.
"(d) The Texas Water Development Fund shall be used for the purposes heretofore permitted by, and subject to the limitations in Sections 49-c, 49-d and 49-d-1; provided, however, that the financial assistance may be made pursuant to the provisions of Sections 49-c, 49-d and 49-d-1 subject only to the availability

PUBLIC NOTICE
Proposed **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**
NUMBER THREE ON THE BALLOT (SJR 5)
Special Election May 18, 1971

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
Section 1. That Article III, Section 51-a, of the Texas Constitution, be amended to read as follows:
"Section 51-a. The Legislature shall have the power, by General Laws, to provide, subject to limitations herein contained, and such other limitations, restrictions and regulations as may be deemed expedient, for assistance grants to and/or medical care for, and for rehabilitation and any other services included in the federal laws as they now read or as they may hereafter be amended, providing matching funds to help such families and individuals attain or retain capability for independence or self-care, and for the payment of assistance grants to and/or medical care for, and for rehabilitation and other services to or on behalf of:
"(1) Needy aged persons who are citizens of the United States or noncitizens who shall have resided within the boundaries of the United States for at least twenty-five (25) years;
"(2) Needy individuals who are totally and permanently disabled by reason of a mental or physical handicap or a combination of physical and mental handicaps;
"(3) Needy blind persons;
"(4) Needy dependent children and the caretakers of such children.
"The Legislature may prescribe such other eligibility requirements for participation

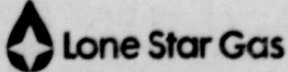
Legislature is specifically authorized and empowered to prescribe such limitations and restrictions and enact such laws as may be necessary in order that such federal matching money will be available for assistance and/or medical care for or on behalf of needy persons.
"Nothing in this section shall be construed to amend, modify or repeal Section 31 of Article XVI of this Constitution; provided further, however, that such medical care, services or assistance shall also include the employment of objective or subjective means, without the use of drugs, for the purpose of ascertaining and measuring the powers of vision of the human eye, and fitting lenses or prisms to correct or remedy any defect or abnormal condition of vision. Nothing herein shall be construed to permit optometrists to treat the eyes for any defect whatsoever in any manner nor to administer or to prescribe any drug or physical treatment whatsoever, unless such optometrist is a regularly licensed physician or surgeon under the laws of this State."
Sec. 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this State at an election to be held on May 18, 1971, at which election the ballots shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment removing the limitation on the total State appropriations for assistance grants for the needy aged, the needy disabled, and the needy blind, and setting a limitation on total State appropriations during any fiscal year for assistance grants for needy dependent children and the caretakers of such children."

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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: Joe Nosario Sanchez, Defendant.
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 1st day of March A.D. 1971, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 18th day of January A.D. 1971, in this cause, numbered 6038 on the docket of said court, and styled Janie Loya Sanchez,

Plaintiff, vs. Joe Nosario Sanchez, Defendant.
A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married on or about June, 1959, separated on the 25th day of June, 1964. Two children were born, Modesta Loya Sanchez and Raymond Loya Sanchez. No community property has been accumulated during this marriage as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.
If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.
The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates 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 19th day of January A.D. 1971.
(Seal)
Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD, District Clerk, Domestic Relations Court Taylor County, Texas By Faye Terry, Deputy. 48 4c

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Travis E. Cash, Defendant,
Greeting:

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 25 day of January A.D. 1971.
(Seal)
Clerk, Domestic Relations Court, Taylor County, Texas By Rilla Mahoney, Deputy. 48 4c

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 8 day of March A.D. 1971 to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court on the 19 day of November A.D. 1970, in this cause, numbered 5931 on the docket of said court and styled Cynthia Ann Cash, Plaintiff, vs. Travis E. Cash, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Divorce Petitioner and Respondent Married on or about August 6, 1969 and lived together as husband and wife until on or about May, 1970. No children were born. Community property in the nature of an equity in a home at 2901 Donalee, Fort Worth, Texas. Petitioner asks her former name Cynthia Ann Clark to be restored as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.
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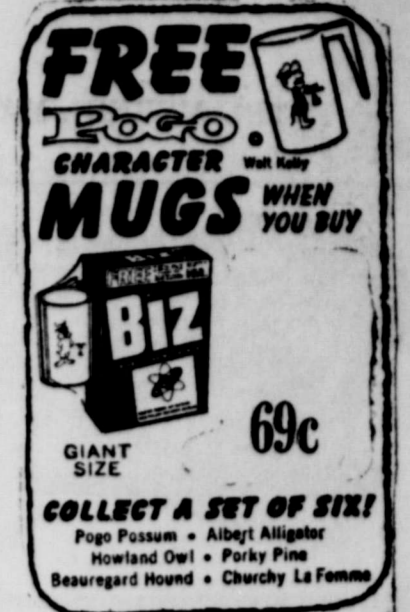
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ROUND-UP

By ELAINE BRUMBEAU

A letter tripping the stack of mail on the editor's desk this Monday morning caused a lot of interest and a lot more "remember whens" among staffers as they read its contents.

It's a letter from L. B. Howard, a Merkel "Old Timer" and now living in Stephenville. Howard writes:

"Dear Sir:

I was in your town last week on a short business trip and ran into a couple of 'old timers' in one of your good restaurants. I left Merkel, where I grew up, in 1922. I moved back there for a brief period in 1930. I have been back many times in the intervening years, but for some reason had not seen these two old friends on any of these visits. Their faces looked very familiar, but in fifty years we all have changed quite a lot. The first I met was Hollis McCoy; the other was Mark Malone.

"When I think of Mark or Bob

Malone, I think of rodeos, bronc riding in the old cattle pens just south of the big depot we had in those days; also goat roping matches between George Weir and Allen Holder, World champions performing in a town of some 2,000 people. Of Rap Green, Phillip and Earl Diltz. Of the big blue horse 'Old Blue Jay,' that would pull a plow all day, but would not let anyone ride him. There was one exception. A stranger dropped into town one Saturday, dressed as a plow jockey, took all the bets he could get. got on 'Old Blue' and scratched him all over; after four or five trips around the roped arena 'Old Blue' gave up. The local boys went home broke, and the plow jockey skipped town as mysteriously as he had arrived.

"I think this was his last trip to Merkel. Mission accomplished; he had ridden the best buckler in Texas, and 'conned' the pokels out of their cash.

"Once or twice a year 'Booger Red' would bring his traveling Rodeo to Merkel, stake out his heavy canvas rodeo arena, stay four or five nights, take home most of the loose change around town, and go on to the next stop. What a show for twenty-five cents!

"No clowns, no roping, no prancing harness horses, nothing but pure Rodeo. This meant bronc busting, and a lot of it!

"Until I read an article by Homer Stephan, columnist for the Stephenville Daily Empire - Tribune, I thought 'Booger Red' was his real name. He was born Samuel Thomas Privett, near Stephenville in 1864. Stephan said that he had interviewed several of 'Booger Red's' boyhood friends and learned that he did not smoke, drink, or chew tobacco.

"Perhaps some of our Merkel friends will remember 'Booger Red'.

Sincerely, L. B. Howard, 1211 No. Neblett, Stephenville, Texas 76461.

Running into Harold Odum at Lions Club Tuesday, learned that he and Mrs. Odum were glad to be back home after an eight day visit to Hong Kong, four day trip to Tokyo, Taipei, two days, Guam, 30 days, and Honolulu, 4 days.

"Hong Kong is certainly a must to see," said Odum. "We rode a bus to edge of Red China border, and also took a train trip to last stop just before entering Red China from Hong Kong."

Sounds like they had a real exciting trip and maybe we can get them to tell us more about it.

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CARD OF THANKS

THE KINDNESS AND SYMPATHY of neighbors and friends in our recent sorrow will always remain with us as a precious memory. Our sincere thanks for the food and prayers and gratitude for all these comforting acts. Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Seago and family.

CARD OF THANKS

WE, THE FAMILY OF T. J. BIRD SR., wish to take this opportunity to express to our many friends and relatives our deepest gratitude for their comforting words, many deeds of kindness, and prayers during our bereavement of the loss of our beloved husband, father, and grandfather. My God bless each and everyone of you.

Mrs. T. J. Bird Sr.
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TO VETERANS

Expenditures
Total \$3,877

The Veterans Administration today announced that expenditures for Texas for fiscal 1970 totaled \$522,997,791 of which \$3,877,076 was for Taylor County.

Jack Coker, Director of the VA Regional Office in Waco, said that the bulk of the money was \$311,680,001 in disability compensation and pension payments for Texas veterans — \$2,914,208 for Taylor County veterans.

Other VA expenditures in Taylor County for fiscal 70, Coker said, were for GI Bill and other VA education programs, \$557,870, and insurance and indemnities, \$404,968.

In announcing these figures Coker invited Taylor County veterans to contact the nearest VA office for information on any program, including the GI Bill.

ANTIQUA SALE

If interested in submitting a bid on an antique Whitney Upright Piano, especially made for rich furniture and undertaking companies, the House of Satisfaction, Big Spring, Texas, in late 1800 or early 1900, contact Mack Fisher, superintendent schools, Merkel, Texas. 50 tpc

Deaths, Funerals

T. J. Amason

T. J. Amason, 88, longtime Merkel resident, died Saturday, February 13 in Hendrick Memorial Hospital after a long illness. Funeral services were held Sunday in First Baptist Church, with the Rev. Kenneth Jones, pastor, officiating.

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

Born Feb. 23, 1882 in Milam County, he married Clara Patterson Nov. 29, 1906 in Gatesville. They moved to Merkel in 1915.

Mrs. Amason died Sept. 4, 1967 and Mr. Amason married Blanche Campbell, Nov. 15, 1938 in Merkel. They lived in Merkel until Mrs. Amason's death April 9, 1965.

Mr. Amason was a member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors include two sons, Baylor of Graham and Joe of Noodie; three sisters, Mrs. Ida Mae Douglas of Abilene, Mrs. J. B. Henley of Lamesa and Mrs. Myrtle Maxwell of Portales, N.M.; six grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. Grandsons were pallbearers.

Mrs. Dona Chaney

Mrs. Dona Clara Chaney, 84, formerly of the Abilene area, died Sunday, Feb. 14 in Kenedy, after an extended illness.

Funeral services were held Wednesday in the Starbuck Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. H. S. Earp, minister of the Assembly of God Church in Abilene, officiated. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Chaney was born Oct. 24, 1886, in Alabama. She married James M. Chaney May 6, 1905 in Center Hill. They moved south of Merkel in 1919 and lived here until 1932.

After living in Abilene, Breckenridge, on the West Coast and in Fort Worth, the couple moved back to Merkel in 1951. Mr. Chaney died March 27, 1969. Mrs. Chaney moved shortly afterwards to Kenedy.

Survivors include five sons, Vernon Chaney of Los Angeles, Calif., Leron Chaney of Hawthorne, Calif., James H. Chaney of Abilene, Dr. A. P. Chaney of Kenedy, and Melton Chaney of Beaumont; two brothers, Jeff Stevenson of Oklahoma and Marvin Stevenson of Wichita Falls; two sisters, Mrs. Vera Rogers of Tulsa, Okla., and Mrs. Ruby Price of Mineral Wells; 14 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

MERKELITE'S BROTHER DIES IN ALBUQUERQUE

Edgar Grayson, 74, and brother of Mrs. C. W. Seago, died Monday, Feb. 15 in Veterans Hospital at Albuquerque, N.M.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at Monument, N.M. Born in the Shiloh Community, north of Merkel, Mr. Grayson moved to Monument in 1933.

Tarantulas have no sense of hearing.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF ELECTION

Merkel is hereby given that an election will be held at the Merkel High School Gymnasium, within the City of Merkel, Texas, on the 3 day of April, 1971, for the purpose of electing a mayor and two (2) aldermen, each serving a two (2) year term.

Betty Cyfert has been appointed presiding officer of said election, which shall be held as nearly as possible to conform to the general laws of the State of Texas, regulating general elections when not in conflict with the provisions of the statutes relating hereto.

No person shall vote in said election unless he be a qualified voter under the constitution and laws of this State.

Said election was ordered by

Horace Hargrove, by order passed on the 15 day of February, 1971, and this notice is issued pursuant to said order.

Dated this the 15 day of February, 1971.

ROY J. KIMBRELL
City Secretary 51 ttc

Miss Edwards Sets Wedding

Miss Cheryl Edwards and James Crawford will be married March 13 at 7 p.m. in the First Baptist Church in Anson.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Thurston Edwards of Anson and Mr. and Mrs. Onis Crawford of Merkel.

The couple will live in Midland where both are employed.

Why Is The Bible So Hard To Understand?

Proverbs 25:2 says "It is the glory of God to conceal a thing . . ." There are many things concealed in parables, allegories, metaphors, figurative language and prophecies. And here the scripture says it is becoming to the majesty of God to so publish his will, that it requires SERIOUS STUDY to be understood, in order that the TRUTH may be MORE PRIZED and APPRECIATED when it is discovered.

II Thessalonians 2:8-12 (especially versus 10-12) says that if you do not LOVE that truth you can be deceived by a strong delusion (something that is real convincing). Thus in Philippians 2:12 we are told to work out our salvation with "fear and trembling." Jesus said ". . . if ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:31, 32. Absolutely nothing but the TRUTH will set us free from sin.

In James 4:17 we are told that to know that truth and reject it is sin! It is as important to do ALL that is scriptural as it is to be scriptural in all that you do. A person cannot be saved doing only part of what is required by God. For example, Jesus said: "He that believeth AND IS baptized shall be saved (Mark 16:16). Just as Peter gave the command no Pentecost (Acts 2:38) to "Repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ (by his authority as he gave the command) for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." You cannot rightfully expect "remission of sins" without first "repenting," neither can you rightfully expect it without "believing," but neither can you rightfully expect that forgiveness by "repentance" only, neither by "faith" only.

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**LETTERS
TO THE EDITOR**

**TEENAGERS--WHOSE
RESPONSIBILITY?**

EDITOR'S NOTE — Letters to the editor do not necessarily express the view of the editor nor of this paper. But The Merkel Mail will continue to run letters to the editor as long as same are not liable, in good taste, and they must be signed.

Dear Editor:

After much thought concerning our teenagers and our responsibility for them, I feel we should do some serious thinking.

Who is responsible for our teenagers' actions? For need of a better scapegoat, blame the Teen Center. As a parent, have you offered to sponsor or chaperone any of their activities? Those parents who "holler" the loudest quite often are the first ones to complain and the last to offer any assistance. If we fail to offer our teens a place to go and enjoy themselves within our community where we have a restraining hand, then we as parents are to blame when they seek it elsewhere.

Parents are invited to drop in

at anytime to find out exactly what's going on! Do you know what goes on or is it strictly hearsay from a misinformed person?

For your information: When the Teens have activities at the Teen Center, there is no smoking or drinking allowed. There's no running in and out, except at a scheduled intermission. Most of the teens remain in the center until it closes. Any student misbehaving or suspected of drinking is asked to leave and to my knowledge, this has been observed.

Are you interested? Do you really care? Then, offer your assistance. And as a parent, recognize the fact that your teen is your responsibility. The Teen Center can only supervise their activities while inside the Center.

So — parents, let's all wake up! Let's help our teens now or be ready to share the blame when the occasion arises.

From a Concerned Parent,
MRS. BOBBY (JOYCE) WEST



PAMELA SUE SANDUSKY
... sets wedding date

**Sandusky - Bishop
Engagement Told**

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sandusky Jr. announce the engagement of their daughter, Pamela Sue, to Mr. D. A. Bishop, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Bishop.

The bride-elect will graduate in May from Merkel High School. The bridegroom-elect is a graduate of Merkel High School and attended McMurry College. He is presently employed by Barrett's Auto Supply in Abilene. Wedding date is set for June 12.

**Stith HD Club
Hears Program**

The Stith Home Demonstration Club met February 10 with a covered dish luncheon at the Stith Community Center. Following the luncheon, president, Mrs. Roger Burfield called the meeting to order. Mrs. Roy Mashburn presented devotional, reading the 23rd Psalm. Prayer was by Mrs. Fletcher Jones; Mrs. Ray Perry led the group in singing "God Bless America," and Mrs. Mashburn directed games.

Eleven members answered roll call with "A Chore I've Been Putting Off." Mrs. Paul Hudman presented a program on bottle stretching, and directed members in stretching bottles.

One new member, Mrs. M. C. Church, was welcomed to the club. Hostess gift was presented to Mrs. O. W. Dickerson.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, Feb. 24 with Mrs. Perry as hostess and Taylor Jones County agent, Mrs. Mary Newberry, will be present.

**'Swingin' Singles'
New Organization**

An organization called the "Swinging Singles," has been formed in Abilene for parents without partners, and includes any age, according to president, Mrs. Renee Wood.

"The newly formed club for men and women meet at the YMCA in Abilene every Friday at 7:30," said Mrs. Wood. "It is a social hour and various games are played, with refreshments being served."

A special invitation is extended to Merkel area "singles" to attend the social. The YMCA is located at North 10th and Orange Bowen and secretary is Mrs. Streets.

Vice president is Mrs. Jessie Georgia Fletcher.

House Warming

A housewarming for Mr. and Mrs. Oscar McLean will be Sunday, Feb. 21, from 3 until 5 p.m. at the McLean's new home at 504 Ash Street.

All friends are invited, said Mrs. Roy Buchanan, member of the hostess committee.



National FFA WEEK February 20-27

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96,382,000 Gallons Pumped In 1970

Figures released this week show that the City of Merkel Water Department pumped 96,382,000 gallons of water for the year 1970, compared to 98,447,000 gallons for the year 1969.

Robert Leo Harris, water superintendent, said that the highest amount of water pumped was in July, with 12,435,000 gallons. Low month was February, with 5,514,000 gallons. Low day was Feb. 19, 1970 with 154,000 gallons. High day was July 30, with 5,490,000 gallons. Average per day for 1970 was 264,000 gallons.

HONOR ROLL STUDENT

Her name was listed as Lee Ann Robertson in the list of honor roll students published in the Feb. 4 edition of the Merkel Mail.

Pop-Tent Warms Winter Sports



Some lethargic souls call a halt to all athletic activities once the first snowflake shows itself, but the adventuresome of the species have discovered snowmobiling. Johnson Skee-Horse snowmobiles have put areas formerly inaccessible under their blanket of snow within reach of those who enjoy the snowcapped beauty of winter.

A Thermos Pop-Tent, a long time favorite of campers, makes an ideal warming center for snowmobilers when noses begin to numb. Easy to tote in its own compact carrying case, even a snow bunny finds this lightweight tent simple to put up. The smaller size (81" wall to wall) comes in red or gray, the larger size (100" wall to wall) in gray only. This externally framed tent does not require stakes so it sets up on snow unlike other tents. It can even be turned around and its position improved while pitched. Zipped storm flaps add further coziness.

Unless you have a Pop-Tent with a waterproof sewn-in floor of vinyl nylon, it's a good idea to put up your tent on a waterproof ground cloth when there's snow underfoot. The ground cloth provides added insulation and also acts as protection against melting snow when you use a catalytic heater.

For further warming, you'll want hot chocolate, coffee, tea or other chill-dispelling beverages carried in stainless steel Thermos brand vacuum bottles to withstand the bumps and jolts of snowmobiling.

PROCLAMATION

CITY OF MERKEL
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

WHEREAS, United Services Organizations (USO) is this year completing thirty years of service to the members of the Armed Forces throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, this service has been freely given in this country and overseas to the citizens of Merkel meeting our nation's military needs in war and peace; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of thousands of dedicated USO volunteers from all walks of life have ministered to the social and spiritual off-duty needs of men and women in the uniform of their country during the past thirty years; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Horace Hargrove, Mayor of the City of Merkel, in the State of Texas, do hereby proclaim February 18-25, 1971 as

USO WEEK

in Merkel, and call upon the citizens of Merkel to observe this 30th anniversary of the founding of this great organization with appropriate and fitting ceremonies.

GIVEN, Under My Hand and Privy Seal of the State of Texas, at the City of Merkel, in the Year of Our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy One.

HORACE HARGROVE
Mayor

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North 1st, Merkel, Texas 79536. Deadline for
balloting is March 19)

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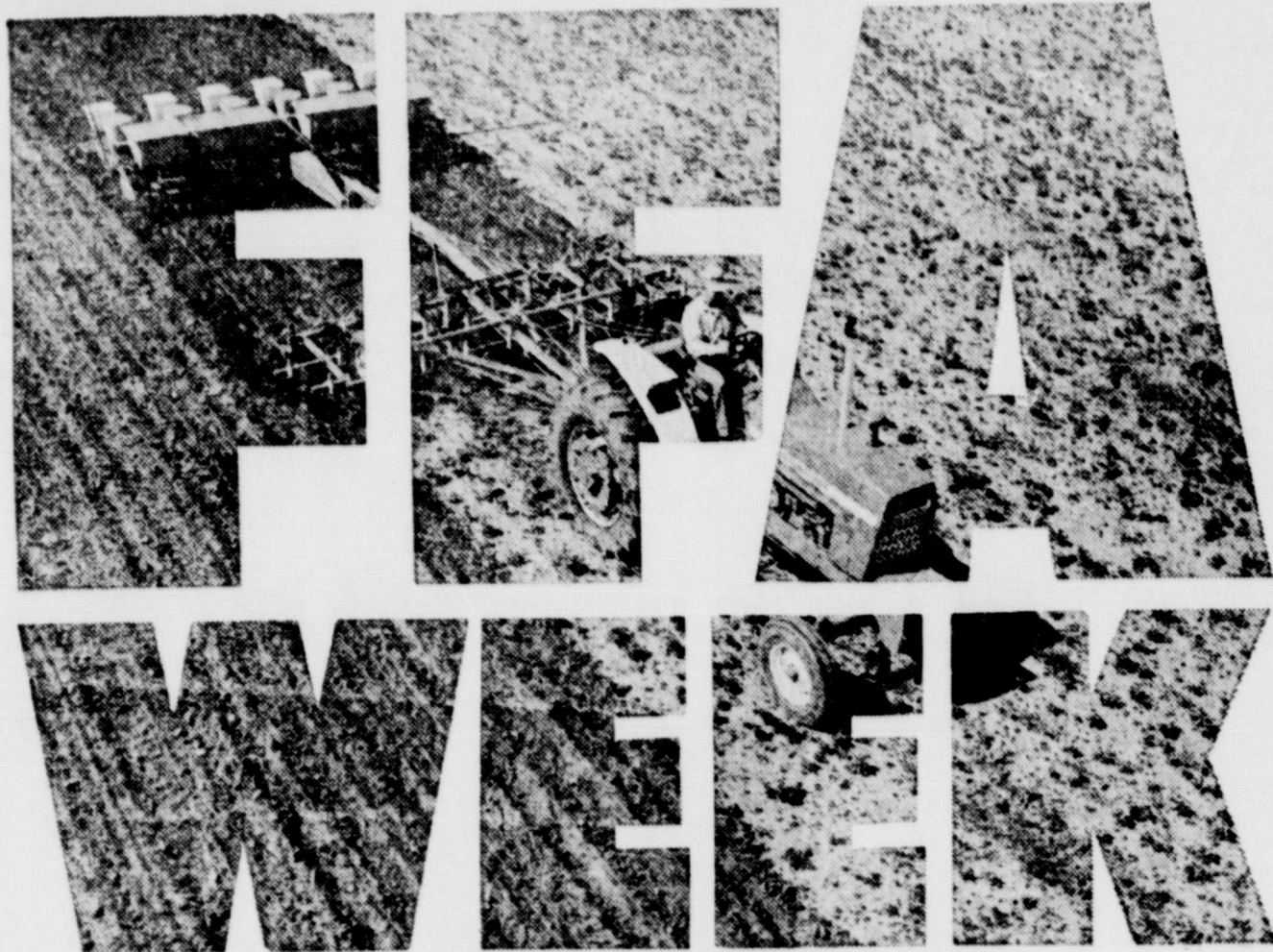
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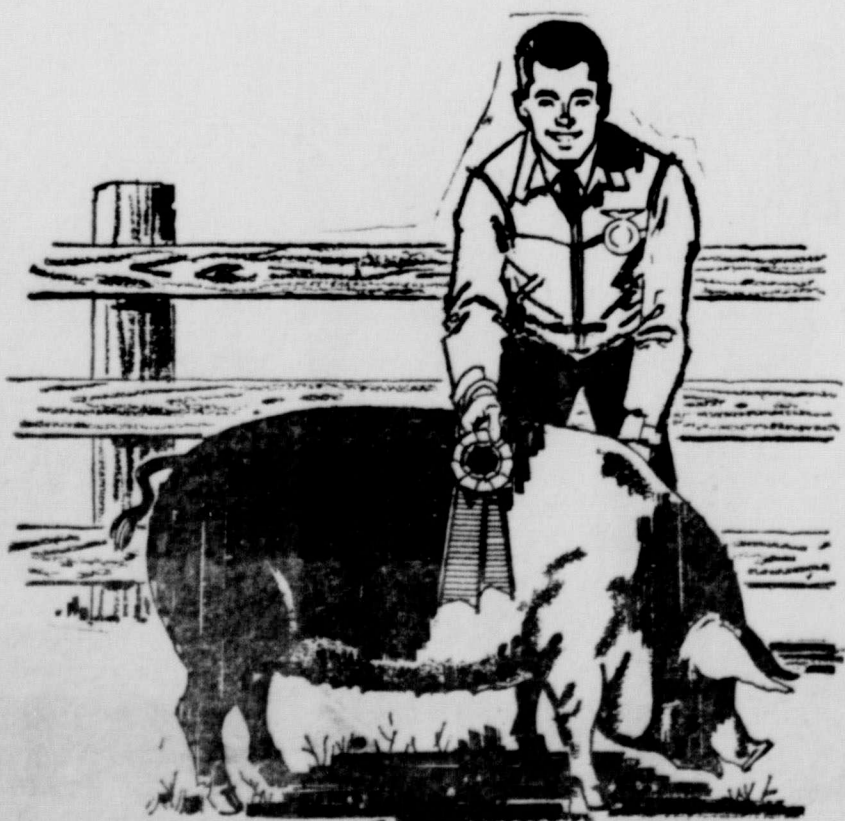
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To any Sheriff or any Constable
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GREETING:

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: Orfelina R. Bergman, 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 3 day of March A.D. 1971, to Plaintiff's First Amended Petition filed in said court, on the 25 day of Jan. A.D. 1971, in this cause numbered 5223 on the docket of said

court and styled Charles Edward Bergman, Plaintiff, vs. Orfelina R. Bergman, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and defendant were married March 14, 1968 and were separated on or about Sept. 15, 1968. Plaintiff would show that one child was born and defendant is a proper person to have his control. No community property exists, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's First Amended 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 25 day of Jan. A.D. 1971.

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

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THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: James Louis Hilderbrand, 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 22 day of March A.D. 1971, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 1 day of Feb. A.D. 1971, in this cause, numbered 6067 on the docket of said court and

styled Agnes Elaine Hilderbrand, Plaintiff, vs. James Louis Hilderbrand, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Petitioner and Respondent were married on or about July 8, 1965 and were separated on or about Aug. 29, 1965. Petitioner sues for divorce. There were no children born and no community property accumulated, 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 2 day of Feb. A.D. 1971.

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

Christine Collins Hosts Study Club

The Fortnightly Study Club met February 9 with Miss Christine Collins, with roll call being answered with "A Great Friendship." Mrs. Newton Daniel reviewed the book, "The Lone Woman," by Dorothy Clark Wilson.

Refreshments were served to Mrs. Lige Gamble, Collins, Johnny Cox, Daniel, S. C. Dixon and Don Dudley.

Also Mrs. Byron Dunagin, Charles Eager, Mack Fisher, Comer Haynes and J. Lynn Knight. Also Mrs. Andy Shouse, Ray Wilson, Don Dudley, Lem Dudley and five guests, Mrs. Dewell McLean, Ross Ferrier, Raymond Ferguson, Ruth Anderson and Aaron Sudderth.

TAX MAN SAM SEZ:

COMMUNITY PROPERTY LAW

Your federal income tax return can be affected by the Texas Community Property law. In Texas, married couples can't file separate returns without splitting the community income between the two spouses. If you need additional information about the effect of the community property law on your income tax, drop a card to Code 101, Internal Revenue Service, 1600 Patterson Street, Dallas, Texas 75201. Ask IRS to send you Publication 555, "Community Property and Your Federal Income Tax."

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Henry V. Burk, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 104th 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 29 day of March A.D. 1971, to Plaintiff's First Amended Petition filed in said court on the 9 day of Feb. A.D. 1971, in this cause, numbered 11,373-B on the docket of said court and styled Callaway's, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Burk Construction Company, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: A suit on debt, account and contract, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's First Amended 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 9 day of Feb. A.D. 1971.

Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD
Clerk, 104th District Court,
Taylor County, Texas.
By Marie Gill, Deputy.

CEMETERY FUND

The following made recent donations to the Merkel Cemetery Association:

Ona and Pauline Johnson
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Sherwin - Williams Employees Welfare Fund in memory of Ira Farmer

Mr. and Mrs. Choc C. Jones

Mrs. Earl Stevens and family in memory of Jeff Anderson

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Mr. and Mrs. Stacy Bird in memory of Jarvis Tipton

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B. D. Butin

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Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Beasley in memory of J. J. Anderson

Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Sadler in memory of Jarvis Tipton

Mrs. M. G. Bryan

P. D. Skidmore

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilson in memory of Ira Farmer

Louise Winter

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Blake-more

W. W. and Johnnie M. Caddell

L. J. and Joyce J. Adams

Mrs. M. H. Ely in memory of H. W. Hester

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Higgins in memory of Henry Hester

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Butman in memory of Jarvis Tipton

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Butman in memory of Henry Hester

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. R. Cyfert in memory of Henry Hester

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilson in memory of Henry Hester and James Justice

Willie Taylor

Mrs. T. J. Bird Sr. and Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Cross in memory of Henry Hester

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hester in memory of T. J. Bird Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Fox in memory of T. J. Bird Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hester in memory of Rena Mae Dean Brown

Mrs. R. F. Mashburn

Eula Sears in memory of Henry Hester

Mrs. Pet Touchstone in memory of Henry Hester

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilson in memory of T. J. Bird Sr.

Robert J. Hester

Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Sadler in memory of T. J. Bird Sr.

Mrs. Gertrude Pee Estate

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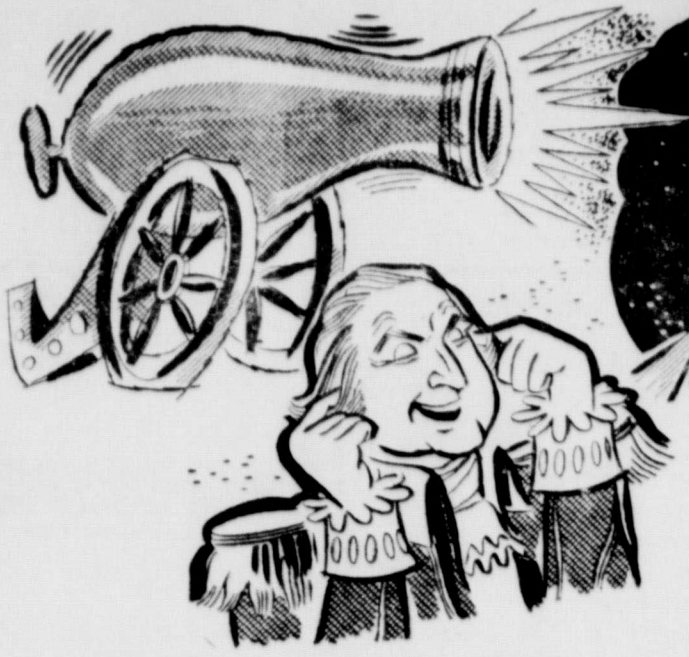
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BARRAGE of BARGAINS

Frozen Foods

MR. G. CRINKLE CUT
POTATOES

2 Lb. Bag **29¢**

WHOLE SUN 12 OZ.
ORANGE Juice can **29¢**

WISHBONE 16 OZ.
THOUSAND ISLAND or
GREED GOODIES
DRESSING Bot. **49¢**

COMSTOCK NO. 2 CAN
PIE FILLING
CHERRY Can **43¢**

LIPTON — Beef or Chicken
DELUXE — Serves 4
DINNER Each **59¢**

DEL MONTE 2 1/2
SLICED OR HALVES
PEACHES 2 for **59¢**

LIBBYS 4 OZ.
VIENNA
SAUSAGE 2 for **43¢**

PRICES GOOD THURSDAY,
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 18 — 19 — 20th

INSTANT TEA
LIPTON
3 Oz. Jar **99¢**

TALL
PET MILK
(4 LIMIT)
2 for **33¢**

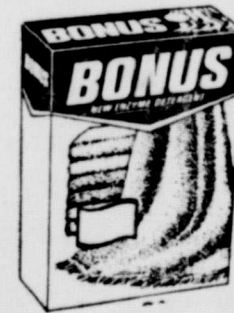
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18 Oz. Jar **33¢**

ARMOURS
CHILI
19 Oz. Can **59¢**

REGULAR
KOTEX 12 Ct. Box **43¢**



King Size **99¢**
(1 LIMIT)



KING SIZE **1.09**

DISH WASHER
THRILL

GIANT BOTTLE
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GIFT BOND
STAMPS

DOUBLE
ON
WEDS.

COFFEE

FOLGERS
Pound
Can **65¢**

With \$5.00 or More in Trade Exclusive of Cigarettes

METZGERS
HOMO 2 MILK 1 Gal. Jug **95¢**

METZGERS
Butter **MILK** 2 for **89¢**

DEL MONTE TIBLET 1 1/2
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DEL MONTE 303
FRUIT Cocktail 2 for **49¢**

DEL MONTE 12 OZ.
W. K. CORN 2 for **43¢**

DEL MONTE 303
Garden **PEAS** 2 for **43¢**

DEL MONTE 303 CUT
Green **BEANS** 2 for **43¢**

BEANS 300 CAN
RANCH Style 2 for **33¢**

DEL MONTE FAMIL SIZE
CATSUP 26 Oz. Bot. **39¢**

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Buttery **SESAME** Box **43¢**

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TOOTH BRUSH 3 for **\$1.00**

FLOUR Light Crust 5 Lb. Bag **49¢**

JELLO Assorted 3 Oz. Box 3 for **25¢**

SNOWDRIFT Wessen (1 Limit) 3 Lb. Can **69¢**

BEEF STEW Wolf 24 Oz. Can **53¢**

CHOICE BAAF
CHUCK ROAST

Pound **69¢**

STEAK GOOCH B R. FINGERS PKG. **69¢**

BEEF FRESH GROUND 2 LBS. **89¢**

SAUSAGE DECKER 2 LB. SACK **79¢**

BACON DECKER POUND **59¢**

FRYERS FRESH GRADE A LB. **29¢**

DECKER RANCH STYLE LEAN BONELESS **HAM** lb. **1.19** FRESH CALF **LIVER** lb. **49¢**

FRESH
LETTUCE
Pound **15¢**

GOLDEN **BANANAS** Lb. **9¢**

FRESH **CELERY** Lb. **10¢**

RED DELICIOUS **APPLES** Lb. **19¢**

WAXED **RUTABAGAS** Lb. **7¢**

RUSSET NO. 1 **SPUDS** 10 Lb. Bag **49¢**

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MERKEL, TEXAS
FRESH VEGETABLES

FREE DELIVERY
MON - WED - FRI
BEST MEATS IN TOWN