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LITTLE LEAGUE, T-SHIRT LEADERS TO MEET TONIGHT

Parents, leaders, and officers of Merkel Little League Association will meet this evening at 7:30 at the Merkel Restaurant for the purpose of electing new officers and planning the season's activities.

"This purpose is to be a most important meeting," said president, Don King, "and we urge that parents of Little Leaguers and T-Shirter's make every effort to attend."

The season which begins in May, includes boys in Merkel and area, said King. T-Shirt players must be 7 years of age before August 1 and Little Leaguer 9 years of age before August 1 and not over twelve years of age.

"We invite our boys of the area to participate in this program," said King, "and we urge that parents encourage them."

Merkel firms and organizations that sponsor the Little Leaguers and T-Shirter's last year included Veterans of Foreign Wars, Carson Super Market, Farmers and Merchants National Bank, West Texas Utilities, Taylor Electric Cooperative and Boney Insurance, Little League, and Beta Sigma Phi, Wilson Food Store, First Baptist Church and Merkel Drug, T-Shirt.

Other officers of the Association besides King are, Boney Melton, vice president and Mrs. Melton, secretary - treasurer.

PTA PROJECT

SPAGHETTI SUPPER SCHEDULED MARCH 5

A Spaghetti Supper, sponsored by the Merkel Parent - Teachers Association will be held Friday, March 5, in the school cafeteria, according to president, Bobby Toliver.

"Serving will begin at 6 p.m. and close at 8 p.m.," said Toliver. "Price of tickets will be \$1.00."

Menu will include "all the spaghetti one can eat, plus salad, crackers and or bread and drink." There will be pies and cakes, made by members of the PTA to sell either whole or by the piece.

A committee of students from the Merkel Elementary School Council will be selling tickets in

the downtown area. Tickets may also be purchased from Vincent Barnett at the Post Office Barbershop, Mrs. Alvin Wozencraft at the Farmers and Merchants National Bank, and from Howard Carson at Carson Super Market.

Both Elementary and High School offices will sell tickets. Everyone is welcome and tickets may be purchased at the door.

Money raised by the PTA through these activities will be used toward their annual project of helping the school in some worthy project, said Toliver. "This year it is hoped by the Project Committee that the PTA will be able to provide better lighting for the school auditorium."

Merkel Cub Scouts

BLUE AND GOLD BANQUET

Thursday, Feb. 25 --- 7:30 p.m.

SCHOOL CAFETERIA

CARL WILLOTH, Cub Scoutmaster



MRS. DAVE BRUMBEAU
... to head drive

RED CROSS NAMES TC FUND CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Dave Brumbeau, editor and part - owner of the Merkel Mail, has been named chairman of the Taylor County Red Cross drive to be held in March.

Jack Holden, Taylor County chairman for the American Red Cross, in announcing Mrs. Brumbeau's appointment said that the county drive is for the unincorporated areas of the county and no solicitation would be made in areas covered by the United Fund or Community Fund in which the Red Cross participates.

Mrs. Brumbeau said the county drive would be organized in districts roughly coinciding with the school districts.

"We hope to have a captain in the various areas of Taylor County to make it easy for everyone in the county to be a portion of the beneficial work done by the Red Cross," said Mrs. Brumbeau.

The weekly newspaper editor listed benefits of the Red Cross as work with disaster victims, servicemen and their families and veterans and their dependents.

She cited the Red Cross first aid training, water safety training and nurses services programs as activities of the Red Cross.

Mrs. Brumbeau is the wife of an Abilene printing and public relations executive. The couple lives at 1393 Amarillo St. in Abilene. They have one daughter, Jan, a student at Jefferson Junior High School.

Filing Deadline Is March 3

Roy Kimbrell, Merkel City Secretary, reminds citizens that "there are only five days left in which persons may file for vacancies on the City Council."

Vacancies to be filled by vote April 3, are for Mayor and two councilmen.

Kimbrell said that persons desiring to file for election must come to City Hall between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Thursday, Friday, Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday.

TEC Youth Tour Winners Are Named

Stephanie Walker of Merkel and Al Henager of Clyde were winners for the Taylor Electric Cooperatives' Oratorical Contest, held Tuesday evening at the TEC annex.

Miss Walker is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Walker, and Henager, son of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Henager.

Named alternates were Margo McAllister, daughter of Mrs. Tommy McAllister, and Mark Henager, son of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Henager of Clyde.

Speaking on "Rural Electric Cooperatives - Helping Texas Grow," Miss Walker stressed the fact that "Rural Electric Cooperatives are concerned and are doing something about it."

"They are putting their belief to work in the communities which they serve," she said, "Taylor Electric Cooperative has continued to grow throughout the years since its birth in September, 1939. The cooperative has expanded its territory into nine counties, with 2,844.99 miles of line and with 6,162 members."

Miss Walker added, "Practical and economical electrical energy provided by Rural Electric Cooperatives to the rural communities has proven its worth. It has promoted better equipped schools and churches, modern farm technology and a higher standard of living for the consumer. They continue to meet the rising demand for power by all their consumers, while seeking ways to lower the cost of that power."

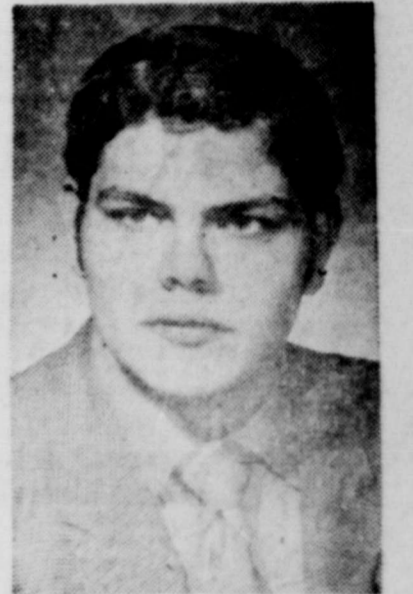
Henager also spoke on "Rural Electric Cooperatives - Helping Texas Grow," by recalling the history of agriculture and its dependence upon the Electric Cooperatives.

"The Electric Cooperatives have helped the farmer increase his yield to feed a hungry world," said Henager. "We are living in an age of food, and the demands upon agriculture are growing every day."

"Over the past thirty years, agriculture has grown to be the largest industry in the world," he said. "And it is the people with the rural background that are the hope of American agriculture - and a hungry world."



STEPHANIE WALKER
... oratorical winners



AL HENAGER

With the proper know-how - which we have, and power - which, thanks to Taylor Electric Cooperative - we also have, we can meet these tremendous challenges and opportunities that lie ahead."

Statewide winners in the Washington Youth Tour will leave June 11 and meet together in Waxahachie to begin tour for Washington, D.C. beginning June 12. Stopoffs will be in Memphis and Knoxville, Tennessee, arriving in Washington June 14. The youths' agenda in Washington includes a Congressional reception,

Youth Day, and tour of Smithsonian Institute and other historical monuments.

The young people will begin the return trip home June 19.

Contestants besides the winners named above were Vickie Payne, Leeann Holloway and Mark Dudley, all of Merkel; Al Henager and Mark Henager, Clyde; Mark Baum and Freddy Greenway, Baird; Melba McDonald, Hawley; Carolyn Jo Newsom, Highland; Glenda Sue Brazelton, Sweetwater; Mark Williamson Jr., Trent and Ralph Landers, Cooper High School, Abilene.

CHANNEL 4 PERMIT APPLICATION MADE

Edgar Head, conducting Survey for TV Cable in Merkel, said Wednesday that application had also been made for permit for Channel 4 (Independent) out of Dallas.

"If this application is approved, we will have four channels to offer people in Merkel on TV Cable," said Head.

Other channels include Channel 11 (Independent) out of Fort Worth; Channel 13 (Educational) Dallas, and CBS Independent.

A survey coupon, which appears on Page Five of the Merkel Mail may be used by persons in

Merkel for indicating their interest in obtaining TV Cable. The "filing must" be signed and either mailed to Merkel TV Cable or they may be left in the news box in front of the Merkel Mail office.

"We must have as many as 500 persons in Merkel to sign up indicating an interest in obtaining TV Cable," explained Head. "To date we have had some response to the survey, but we need people to get their names sent in as soon as possible."

If approved and if enough people in Merkel desire TV Cable, the Merkel TV Cable service will "operate under jurisdiction of the Federal Communications Commission which requires them to comply with their rules and regulations."

"The important thing is to let you know that if our permit is approved and if TV Cable is brought to Merkel, we will strive to bring to you the best service that is possible," said Head.

Head is currently manages the TV Cable service in Baird and Clyde.

April 3 Date Set For Trent Election

The City of Trent will hold their election April 3, 1971.

Election will be for the purpose of electing two City Councilmen, A. B. Deiggers and Hollis Jones' terms will expire.

City election will be held at City Hall from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. L. P. Halbrook will be election judge.

Persons interested in filing for councilmen may file at City Hall on or before March 3, which is deadline for filing. Absentee voting will begin March 15 and end March 30.



GIRLS A-TEAM - Star players on MHS Girls' Basketball Team for 1970-71 are, front from left, Suzie Wilson, Stephanie Walker, Suzie Riney, Mary Ann Doan, Sandra Cox and Lee Ann Holloway; back row from left, Beth Peachy, Debbie Teaff, Coach Bill Tate, Gail Boone and Lou Ann Dean. The girls ended the season with an 11-13 standing and tying for third in district. (Staff Photo)



DISTRICT WINNERS - The Merkel Badgers were named District Champions in contest with Ballinger Tuesday evening at Sweetwater. Players are, front from left, Tommy Anderson, Randy Smith and Mike McLean; back row from left, Buster Tarpley, Paul Thames, Kerry Thames, Allen Arnwine, Mike Teaff, Monty Tittle and Billy Diltz. They lost bi-district championship in game with Ballinger.

LEGAL NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS

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

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

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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.

SIX FLAGS ANNOUNCES DATE FOR OPENING

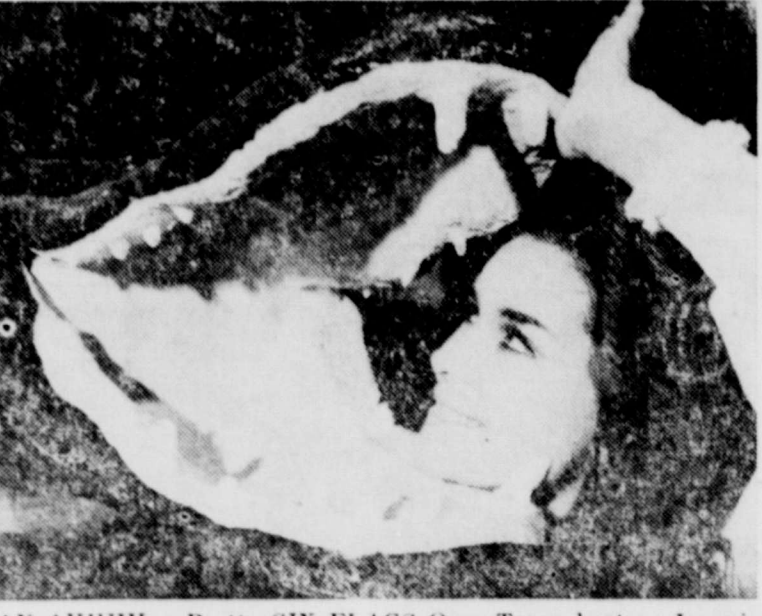
SIX FLAGS Over Texas will begin its tenth anniversary season with a special week-long celebration starting April 3.

The popular theme park at Arlington, midway between Dallas and Fort Worth, will be open on a daily basis during the week before Easter. After Easter Sunday, SIX FLAGS will be open on weekends only until daily, summer operation begins June 1.

Officials of the Park also revealed that a major, new ride is under construction at plants in Switzerland and West Germany. To be known as the Jet Racer, the new ride travels on tubular rails at a speed about ten miles per hour faster than SIX FLAGS' well-known Runaway Mine Train.

In addition, the Park will inaugurate a new type of show in its Texas section pavilion. The production will feature Country and Western music performed by talented collegians. A new show is also slated for Sid and Marty Krofft's Puppet Theater. Called "Pufnstuf" it will feature the star of the Kroffts' popular television series H. R. Pufnstuf.

Scheduled for the Southern Palace Music Hall is a show which Producer-Director David Blackburn calls, "The most ambitious production we have attempted, particularly from a technical standpoint." It will make use of motion pictures and



SAY AHIIHH—Pretty SIX FLAGS Over Texas hostess Jeannie Huffine checks the freshly-painted molars of an "alligator" from the theme park's river ride. All of the animated figures used on SIX FLAGS' many rides are getting a special renovation in preparation for the park's tenth anniversary season which begins April 3.

color slides which form a constantly changing backdrop for the musical performance. He noted that the new Seven Seas oceanarium will be opening this summer on a site just west of SIX FLAGS and predicted that the dual attractions will lead to at least a two day stay in the area for many out-of-state visitors.

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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 8 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.

MULBERRY CANYON 4-H CLUB NEWS

By BEVERLY GILMORE

The Mulberry Canyon 4-H Club met Feb. 18 for their regular meeting 4-H Pledge, Prayer and Motto was led by Johnny Gray; American Pledge by Dwain English, and Inspiration given by Judy Brnovak.

Members congratulated Judy Brnovak for her winnings at the Taylor County 4-H Food Show held Feb. 13.

Leaders discussed the upcoming Adult Leaders' meeting to be held in Mulberry Canyon in April. A report on the Teen Square Dance, held Feb. 13 was given by Johnny Gray.

Teresa Clemmer introduced guest speaker, Les Eberhart, who presented a program on conservation in rural areas. Mr. Eberhart was also presented a gift of appreciation by Teresa.

Refreshments were served to guests and members, and president, Suzie Riney, adjourned the meeting.

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Mrs. Butler Hosts Goodman HD Club

The Goodman Home Demonstration Club met with Mrs. Dennis Butler February 19, with president, Mrs. Garland Price, presiding.

Mmes. Elbert Foster and Price presented films on safe driving. Refreshments were served to Mmes. H. H. Windham, Foster, Cal McAninch, Frank Carter and Karl Bonneaux.

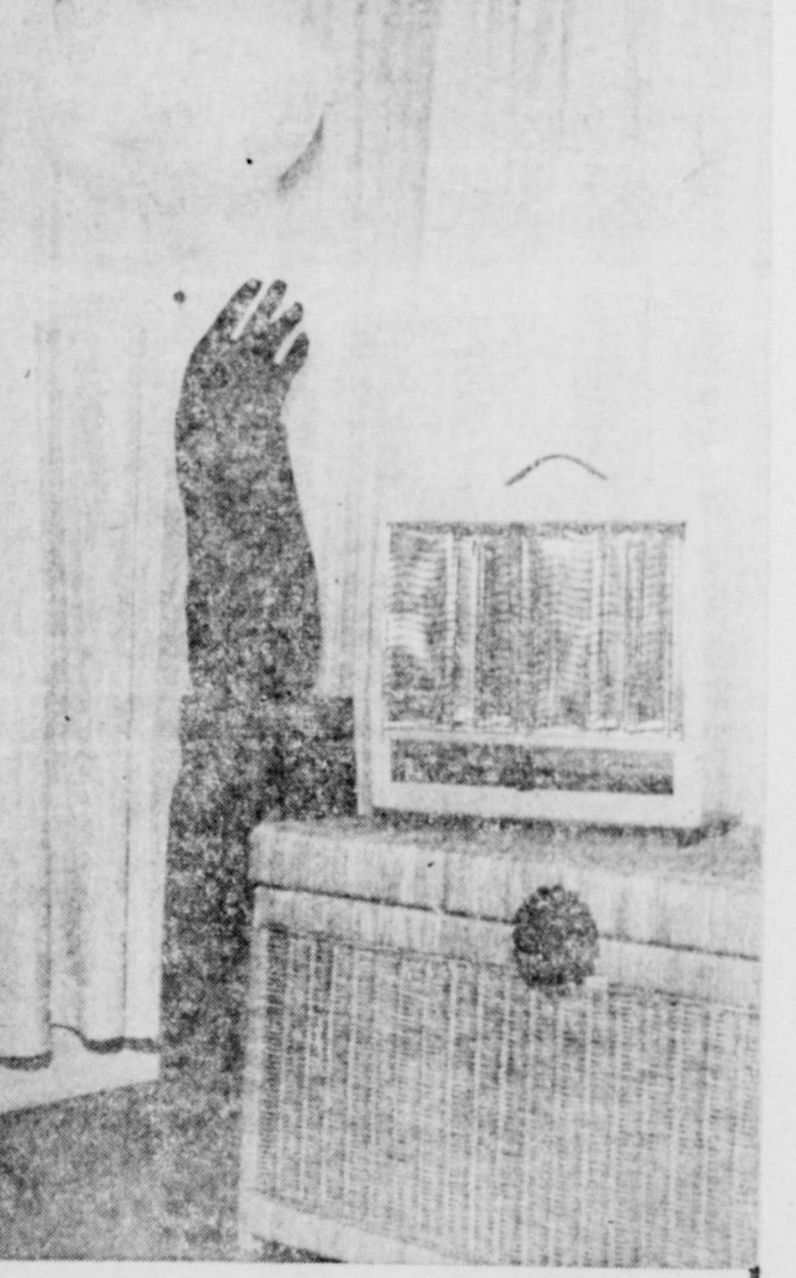
Also Mmes. Emmett Womack, Price, and hostess, Mrs. Butler.



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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 public 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 XVI, Section 59, or Article III, Section 52 of this Constitution. 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 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 of funds and without regard to the provisions in Section 49-c that such financial assistance shall terminate after December 31, 1982.

"(e) Texas Water Development Bonds are secured by the general credit of the State and shall after approval by the Attorney General, registration by the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas, and delivery to the purchasers, be incontestable and shall constitute general obligations of the State of Texas under the Constitution of Texas.

"(f) Should the Legislature enact enabling laws in anticipation of the adoption of this amendment, such Acts shall not be void by reason of their anticipatory character."

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 Tuesday, May 18, 1971, at which election all ballots shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the issuance of One Hundred Million Dollars (\$100,000,000) bonds to provide financial assistance to cities and other public agencies for water quality enhancement purposes, providing for the improvement and continuance of the water resources program, and establishing an interest ceiling on Water Development Bonds at 6% per annum."

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 by the Legislature 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 in these programs as it deems appropriate.

"The Legislature shall have authority to enact appropriate legislation which will enable the State of Texas to cooperate with the Government of the United States in providing assistance to and/or medical care on behalf of needy persons, in providing rehabilitation and any other services included in the federal laws making matching funds available to help such families and individuals attain or retain capability for independence or self-care, to accept and expend funds from the Government of the United States for such purposes; provided that the maximum amount paid out of State funds to or on behalf of any needy person shall not exceed the amount that is matchable out of federal funds; provided that the total amount of State funds paid for assistance grants for needy dependent children and the caretakers of the children shall not exceed Fifty-Five Million Dollars (\$55,000,000) during any fiscal year.

"Provided further, that if the limitations and restrictions herein contained are found to be in conflict with the provisions of appropriate federal statutes, as they now are or as they may be amended to the extent that federal matching money is not available to the State for these purposes, then and in that event the 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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THE PASTRY SHOP is closing. All equipment will be sold on Feb. 25th and 27th, 135 Kent St., Merkel. 52 tlc

CAR PORT SALE Thursday and Friday, 304 Lois. 52 tlc

WANTED

Mechanic, Contact Palmer Motor Co. 928-5113. 52 tlc

WARNING

Anyone seeing a Marine, 6'7", brown hair, and blue eyes, smoking around town near 8th and Kent before Feb. 25, please contact Jana Farmer 528-4305 or Paul Byers 739-8151. 52 tlc

HELP WANTED

Someone to work at Badger Den from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Call 928-5171 or 928-5286. 52 tlc

GARAGE SALE

Friday, 9:30 and Sun 107 Oak St. Come see what we have. 52 tlc

PUPPIES TO GIVE AWAY

1409 Herring Dr. Mrs. Larry Justice, 928-5017. 52 tlc

PAINTING

Interior and outside. References. Free estimates. Phone 928-5342. 47 tlc

For Rent

HOUSE FOR RENT—Available March 1st, completely redone, extra nice, 3 bedrooms, huge lot, well to wall carpet. Must see to appreciate. Call 928-5272. 52 tlc

TWO BEDS—Two bedroom house at 928-5113, available March 1. Call 928-5281, or contact Lillian O'Brien, 714 Lois. 49 tlc

FOR RENT—A clean furnished house with 3 bedrooms, unfurnished house. Call 928-5276. 49 tlc

For Sale

FOR SALE—2 wheel livestock trailer, 800 lb. capacity. Appaloosa horse colt, \$125. 849-4171. 50 tlc

FOR SALE—Three bedroom house at Trout, good vented air condition, plumbed for washer, good location. Call 928-5017. Merkel. 50 tlc

NEED

A New Water Well Drilled? Also install Meyers Subs & Jacuzzi Jets
Call **ROBERT HIGGINS** 928-5998

FOR SALE

1957 Ford Galaxie Car, 4 door, good condition. Call Irven Thompson, 928-5812 or 928-5224.

FOR SALE

John Deere Tractor model 70—3 point hookup TTD, LP gas, excellent condition. Call 928-4874. 43 tlc

FOR SALE

Three bedroom home: back yard fenced, garage apartment at 301 Ash. Call 928-3653 after 5 p.m. 48 tlc

FOR SALE

3 bedroom, large living room, central heat and cooling, other added features, corner lot, A-1 condition, 1112 South 3rd, contact Cyrus Pre Agency. 48 tlc

FOR SALE

1960 Mustang, green, standard, air conditioner, real good condition. Call 928-669, Wayman Hicks, for a real top. 52 tlc

FOR SALE

Movie camera, movie projector and slide projector. Phone 928-5374. 52 tlc

FOR SALE

1966 Falcon pickup, and college Victoria, 17" TV, antique cupboard, also few pieces sale items. Mrs. Don Grifflin, 509 Main, Phone 928-5286. 52 tlc

CARD OF THANKS

WE AND OUR FAMILY WANTED TO SAY THANKS AND APPEAL FOR HELP during a time of sorrow during the passing of my brother, Mr. H. G. O'Brien, by the many kind, caring, and thoughtful friends who gave us such a wonderful funeral. May God's blessings rest on each of you.
Max and Charlie Snaps

CARD OF THANKS

MAY WE TAKE THIS METHOD of thanking our friends and neighbors for all the beautiful flowers, visits, prayers, and thoughts during Ricky's stay in the hospital. Such kindness and thoughtfulness can never be forgotten.
Leroy Thomas Family

CARD OF THANKS

OUR HEARTFELT THANKS to all who extended comforting sympathy and help in our recent sorrow. For the beautiful service, floral offerings, food, cards, telegrams, memorials and other kindness, we are deeply grateful.
The family of Mrs. E. C. Ray

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LEGAL NOTICE

The City of Trent will hold their election, April 3, 1971. Election will be for the purpose of electing two City Councilmen. City election will be held at City Hall from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

L. P. Hallbrook will be election judge. March 3, 1971 is deadline for filing. Absentee voting begins March 15 and ends March 30.

ANTIQUY SALE

If interested in submitting bid on an antique Whitney Spright Piano, especially made or 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 tlc

DEATHS AND FUNERALS

MULBERRY CANYON RESIDENT DIES

Mrs. Suel C. Ray, 52, of Merkel died Wednesday, Feb. 17, at Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene after an illness of several months.

Funeral services were held Friday at the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. James Merrell, pastor and the Rev. Lucian Budel of Odessa, officiating. Burial was in Rest Hill Cemetery under the direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Mrs. Ray was born Margery I. Butman April 22, 1889, the daughter of pioneer settlers, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butman Sr., on the Butman Ranch in Mulberry Canyon, near Merkel. She graduated from Abilene High School in 1910, and attended Hardin-Simmons University through 1921, and taught school for several years.

She married Paul C. Ray May 5, 1923 in Merkel. Soon after they were they moved to Coleman, where they lived until 1933. They then moved back to the ranch at Merkel, living in the house where Mrs. Ray was born.

She was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Methodist Church in Mulberry Canyon. The chapel was built by Mrs. Ray's father and given to the church about twenty years ago.

Survivors include her husband; two sons, Kenneth Ray of Merkel, and Vernon Ray of Hurst; three daughters, Mrs. Horace Steele of



MRS. SUEL C. RAY
... early day resident

Heaton, Mrs. Lucia Hedd and Mrs. Doris Peters, both of Odessa; 13 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; four brothers, Will and Ford Butman of Merkel and Louis and Ben Butman of Abilene; three sisters, Mrs. Lattie Everett, Mrs. Mary Butson and Mrs. Joe Swinney, all of Merkel.

Pallbearers were grandsons Kenneth D. C. Ray of Midland, Randall Steele of Houston, David and Danny Huff of Odessa, Mark Ray of Hurst and Michael Ray of Merkel.

HEBRON CHURCH GETS 'FACE-LIFTING'

Located about five and one-half miles north of Merkel on the Nozzle Road, is the Hebron Reformed Church, with its large covered parking area.

And presently take a second glance now of its new, renovated walls and the new porch added to the front of the building.

For several years this church has been in need of renovation. A new worship center and a new sanctuary were planned and approved by the church members. The old sanctuary was completely replaced.

The renovation of the church was the project which was completed by the pastor, Rev. R. M. Pressler.

"We're happy about our congregation," said Rev. Pressler, "and we're grateful for our increase in attendance. A year ago the church was averaging nine to eleven in Sunday School attendance. The last two months and the first two Sundays of this month, we have averaged twenty—three to thirty-five."

A year ago, there was one baptismal service and one Eucharist, and they now have five baptisms, two Eucharists, two catechisms and two Eucharists.

"The farthest anything I ever dreamed could be done by this church is being done," said Rev. Pressler.

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NEW ARRIVALS

A boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. McCluskey, Feb. 16, in Irving Community Hospital, weighing four pounds, eleven ounces. The baby was named Justin Lynn.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. A. McNary of Merkel, and paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Barney of Irving.

Housewarming

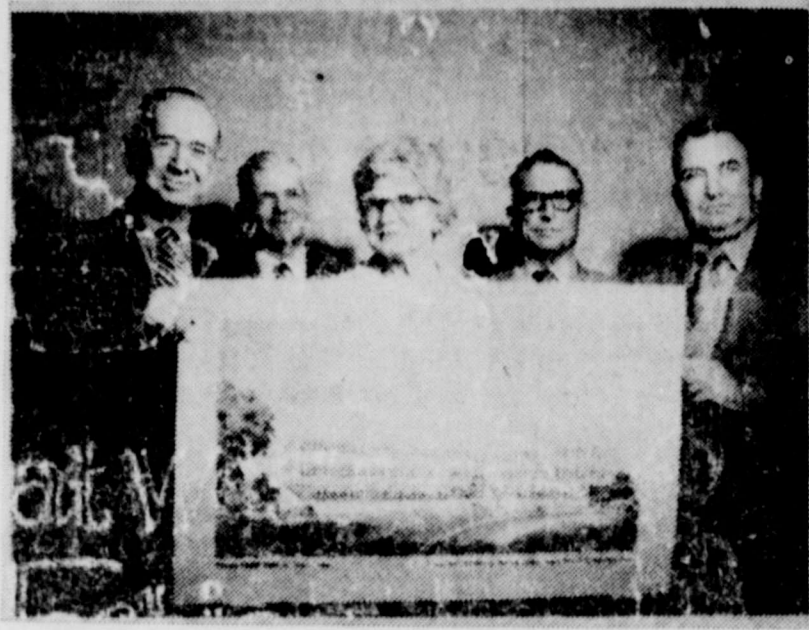
Friends are invited to a Housewarming for Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Ford in their new home at 702 Orange Sunday, Feb. 28. Hours will be from 2 until 4 p.m. and hostesses hosting the occasion are Mrs. A. A. Reagan and Mrs. L. D. Bishop.

Keep on serving. Keep on learning.

A man who serves in the U.S. Army Reserve is helping more than his Country. He's also helping himself. By keeping sharp for his civilian career through on-the-job training. By giving himself the chance to further that career through courses at Army Reserve Schools. It pays to join. It pays to stay.



THE U.S. ARMY RESERVE



ATTENDS CONFERENCE—Area members of Taylor County Farm Bureau attending the District Convention held in Brownwood February 19 are, from left, T. J. "Red" Woodson, state president; Sam Bean, Taylor County membership chairman; Mrs. Bean; Jack Hancock, Taylor County president; and B. J. Gist, state director for District Seven. They are displaying a picture of the new proposed building for State Headquarters of TFB, to be located in Waco. (Photo Courtesy TFB)

DELEGATES ATTEND BROWNWOOD MEETING

Several Farm Bureau programs and activities, including plans for constructing a new state headquarters building, were discussed in a District Convention of Farm Bureau County presidents in Brownwood, Friday, Feb. 19.

Jack Hancock, president of Taylor County Farm Bureau, along with membership chairman, Sam Bean and Mrs. Bean, represented Taylor County, B. J. Gist, state director of District Seven, and J. J. "Red" Woodson, state president, were in charge of the conference.

Construction on the four-story contemporary design building of approximately 100,000 square feet, is expected to start in the near future, Hancock reports.

The new headquarters for the AFB will be located on a beautiful suburban site overlooking Lake Waco in northwest Waco. "Front burner" matters, discussed at the meeting included state and national legislative issues, program expansion activities, etc.—and a review of County and State Farm Bureau leaders, and a financial report from TFC.

Farm Bureau members in Texas have been contributing toward the cost of a new building, through their membership dues for the past sixteen years, said Hancock. Total cost of constructing the new building, including fifty-nine acres of land on which the building will be located is \$3.1 million.

The Texas Farm Bureau membership has grown from a few thousand farmers and ranchers in 1923 to the present membership of 121,150 member families in 204 organized County Farm Bureaus in the State.

GARDEN CLUB MEETS; ELECTS OFFICERS

The Merkel Garden Club met in the home of Mrs. E. N. O'Brien Thursday for a business meeting. Mrs. W. L. Brown, fourth vice president, presided.

Mrs. Charles Sherill presented an all inclusive arrangement of Odessa and Mrs. W. L. Brown delivered a program arranged using three kinds of fresh material. Colored slides which were made at the Club's Christmas party, was shown by Mrs. Aaron Striboth and Mrs. H. N. Odum displayed and discussed recent, brought back from Tokyo, Japan, which the Odums recently returned.

During business meeting officers of 1971-72 were elected. They are Mrs. Odessa Griffin, president; Jerry Williams, first vice president; Mrs. Charlie Sherill, second vice president; Lattie Everett, third vice president; and W. L. Brown, fourth vice president.

Also Mrs. Striboth, reported secretary; Ora Griggs, corresponding secretary; B. M. Ferguson, treasurer; Christine Collins, parliamentarian; and W. T. Sadler, press reporter.

The following members answered roll call: Mrs. Brown, Mary Clict, John O. Albert, Criswell, Newton Daft and Ferguson.

Also Mrs. S. D. Gambia, Griffin Grimes, Joe Grimes, Odum, Sherill, Sadler, Williams and Collins.

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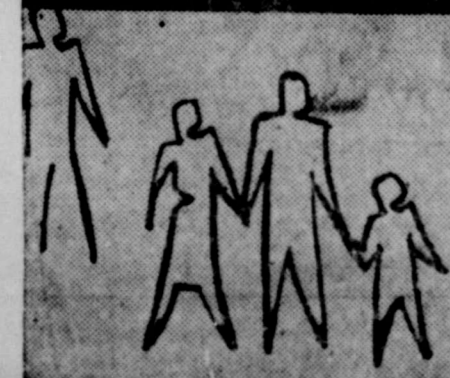
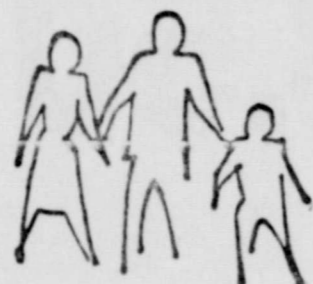
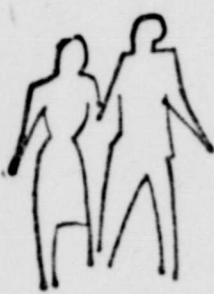
Find the strength
for your life...

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

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

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

Worship this week



SOCIAL SECURITY INCOME HELPS LARGE PERCENTAGE

Social security payments ac-
count for the largest single share
— about 34 per cent — of total in-
come of people 65 or older and
their wives or husbands, accord-
ing to R. R. Tuley, social security
district manager in Abilene.

Social Security Administration
studies of the Nation's 200 million
elder people indicate that their
annual income is about \$39 billion,
with social security benefits ac-
counting for \$20 billion, Tuley
said.

About 29 per cent of the in-
come of older people still comes
from earnings, according to the
study. Income from assets ac-
counts for 15 per cent. Other sources
are: public pensions other
than social security, 7 per cent;
private group pensions, 5 per cent;
public welfare, 4 per cent;
veterans' benefits, 3 per cent;
contributions from friends and
relatives not in the elder house-
hold, 1 per cent; other sources, 3
per cent.

According to the study, about
21 per cent of older people re-
ceive income from wages and

salaries; 6 per cent from self-
employment; 6 per cent from
Government - employe pensions;
12 per cent from private group
pensions; 4 per cent from rail-
road retirement pensions; 10 per
cent from veterans' benefits; 3
percent from personal contribu-
tions; 2 per cent from private
individual annuities; 1 per cent
from unemployment insurance; 12
per cent from welfare.

Beef Cattle Field Day to Emphasize Consumer Benefit

McGREGOR (Special) — March
11 is set for the 1971 Beef Cattle
Field Day here at the Texas
A&M University Agricultural Re-
search Center.

Talks by five specialists re-
cognized nationwide for their knowl-
edge of the beef cattle industry
will be part of the theme of the
annual event, "The Consumer
and the Beef Industry."

The day's program will begin
at 9:30 a.m. with time out for
a Dutch - treat lunch, and end at
2:45 p.m., with the auction of
surplus bull's and crosbred heifers.

TAX MAN SAM SEZ:

YOUR FEDERAL
INCOME TAX

Each year the Internal Revenue
Service produces one of the best
services of all books printed —
Publication 17, "Your Federal In-
come Tax," 1971 Edition, price
75¢. If you need more information
about your 1970 income tax re-
turn, get a free copy in hand and
visit your nearest IRS office for
a copy. You will find a simple
answer to a very large part of
your tax questions. IRS doesn't
give any guarantees, but most
tax payers figure they will re-
duce their taxes more than the
10¢ cost and thereby profit from
the saving.

ROUND-UP

By ELAINE BRUMBAU

MRS. GOLDIA MALONE had
an exciting story to tell after
her return from California fol-
lowing a visit to a sister who
was ill in Cenoga Park, Califor-
nia.

Leaving Abilene at 1:30 p.m.,
via Dallas, and arriving at Wes-
tern 190's Hospital in Cenoga
Park, same day, she had a two
day visit with her sister, Lena
McCan, before the Big Happen-
ing, Tuesday morning, Feb. 9.

"I was asleep when the ter-
rible blast hit," said Mrs. Ma-
lone. "And the first thing I
thought of was the dynamite
blast we had in May, 1927 —
rounded just like that."

Mrs. Malone's niece, Letha Pil-
lars, who knew what was hap-
pening, came in to warn every-
one to "stay put," for this is a
quake.

"The dishes were broken, tele-
phone out, and I began wonder-
ing about my sister," said Gol-
lia. "The radio warned us not
to light fires, and to be calm."

Mrs. M. said that everyone
seemed to be calm, but that she
was not!

"We sat around most of the
day," she said, "for when you
walked about, the floor would
move and you would get that
light headed feeling."

When asked if she was glad to
be back home and in Merkel, she
remarked, "I certainly am —
back on solid ground."

An article appearing in the
Merkel Mail in the year 1938,
worked its way up from the stack
of "remember whens" and it
was about the price of things,
the goings on, thirty - five years
on back. That would make the
things talked about having hap-
pened in 1903.

And here's what the article
said:

"Thirty - five (1903) years ago
eggs were 8 cents a dozen, but-
ter 10 cents a pound, milk 5
cents a quart, pork five cents a
pound, beef, 3 cents, and the
butcher gave away liver and
created the kids withologna.
The old stock all died during the
hard winters, the hired girl re-
ceived two dollars a week and
did the washing; women conceal-
ed their ankles and did not pow-
der and paint, (in public) smoke,
veto or play poker, men wore
whiskers and boots, chewed to-
bacco, spat on the sidewalk and
cussed; beer was 5 cents and
lunch free, laborers worked ten
hours a day and never went on
strike, the hot check grafter was
unknown, a kerosene lamp hanging
and a stereoscope in the parlor
were luxuries, no one was ever
operated on for appendicitis or
had their faces revamped, folk-
crobes were unheard of, milks
lived to a good ripe old age and
every year walked miles to
church on Sunday or rode in ox-
wagons to be with their old
friends.

"But today (1938) everybody
rides in automobiles or flies,
plays golf, shoots craps, plays the
piano with their feet, goes to the
movies nightly, smokes cigaret-
tes, drinks everything, blames
the high cost of living on their
neighbors, the government pays
for a crop they don't make, buys
all their old cattle about three
days before they die and kill
them, never go to bed the same
day they get up, and think they
are having a hell of a time, these
are the days of bootlegging, high
taxes, crime, speed and nerves."

And just think — these remarks
were made in 1938 and much of it
about things that went on in 1903.

We've surely come a long way.

LEGAL NOTICE

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

You are hereby commanded to
cause to be published once each
week for four consecutive weeks,
the first publication to be at least
twenty - eight days before the re-
turn 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: Dwayne Brown Peel, the
natural father of Wesley Ray
Peel, a minor child. Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COM-
MANDED to appear before the
Honorable 104th District Court
of Taylor County, Texas, by fil-
ing a written answer at or before
10 o'clock A.M. of the first Mon-
day next after the expiration of
forty - two days from the date
of the issuance of this citation,
same being the 5th day of April
A.D. 1971, to Petitioner's Petition
for adoption filed in said court,
on the 25th day of December A.D.
1970, in this cause, numbered 11-
507-B on the docket of said court
and styled: In the Matter of
Adoption of Wesley Ray Peel, a
minor child, Petitioner, David J.
Arnold, is joined by his wife, Son-
dra Arnold, who is the natural
mother of said minor child.

A brief statement of the nature
of this suit is as follows, to-wit:
Petitioner by David J. Arnold, joined
by his wife, Sandra Arnold, in
which David J. Arnold petitions
the court for leave to adopt said
minor child, Wesley Ray Peel
and to change his name to Wes-
ley Ray Arnold as is more fully
shown by Petitioner's Petition on
file in this suit.

If the objections not proved
within ninety days after the date
of its issuance, it shall be return-
ed as granted.

The officer executing this writ
shall personally serve the same
according to requirements of law,
and the mandates thereof, and
make due return as the law di-
rects.

Issued and given under my hand
and the seal of said court at Abi-
lene, Texas, this 17th day
of February A.D. 1971.

(Seal)
Attest: IRVINE CRAWFORD
County Clerk
Taylor County, Texas

Shepp Singing Is Saturday

The Shepp Gospel Singers will
be Saturday, Feb. 27, at the Shepp
Community Center.

Time will be 7:30 p.m. and
"everyone is invited."

CHAMBER TO HONOR CITIZEN; FARMER

People of Merkel and the im-
mediate area are reminded that
an Outstanding Citizen and Out-
standing Farmer or Rancher will
be honored at the Chamber of
Commerce Annual Banquet Sat-
urday, March 27.

We have gotten some sugges-
tions at this date," said C-C
president, Johnny Hammond,
"but we do need to remind our
citizens to send their choices in
as soon as possible."

A coupon for naming outstand-

ing Citizen and Farmer or Ranch-
er is found on Page Four of
this edition, and may be mailed or
brought to the Chamber office.

Principal speaker for the Ban-
quet will be Dr. Edwin Skiles,
president of Hardin - Simmons
University.

The event will be held at the
school cafeteria and is schedul-
ed to begin at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets will be \$1.75 each and
will be on sale the first part of
next week, said Benny Melton,
executive secretary.

TV Cable Survey

I am interested in having TV Cable in Merkel. I
realize this is a survey and not a commitment on
my part.

Name _____

Address _____

(Clip and mail to Merkel TV Cable, P. O. Box F,
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wall in front of Merkel Mail office.)

THIS WEEK'S SPECIALS

LIVELY LADY Support Hose	2.85
250 Mg. TABLETS Vitamin C	200 for 1.99
REG. \$1.89 Bayer Aspirin 200 Tablets	1.23
COVER GIRL Liquid Make Up .. Reg. 1.75	1.09
MERCKSON Rubbing Alcohol .. Pint	33¢

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION
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, Texas, 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 6037 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 unsealed.

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 2 day of Feb. A.D. 1971.

(Seal)

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

50 4t

For OUTSTANDING CITIZEN and FARMER or RANCHER

(Write your choice for one each of the following)

Outstanding Citizen

Outstanding Farmer
or Rancher

(Mail ballot to the Merkel Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 536 or bring to Chamber Office, 1022 North 1st, Merkel, Texas 79536. Deadline for balloting is March 19)



GOVERNOR PRESTON SMITH accepts from Beauty Texas Council President William D. Colegrove a plaque naming him an Honorary Life Member of the Beauty Texas Council. The plaque honors Governor Smith "for outstanding leadership and dedicated service in preserving an attractive environment for Texas." The Beauty Texas Council is a statewide organization dedicated to working towards a more beautiful state.

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1. Scethe
5. Snare
9. Wing
12. Feminine name
13. Fixed
15. Greek god
16. Worked
17. Elongated fish
18. Hall!
19. Office-holders
20. Accompaniment
23. Pronoun
25. Courtyard
27. Musical note
28. Mark
29. Free from liability
32. Bonds
34. Otherwise
35. Pre-arrangement
37. Merchant
38. Concerning
39. Cornucopia
41. Great grain
43. Lines
44. Sick
47. Turle
48. Admiral
51. Resident
51. Resident
52. Roman material
53. Foodlike part
54. Religious
55. Interrogates
56. Down
57. Measure
58. Waxy plant
59. Instates
60. Enraged
61. Hiding place
62. Regret
63. Monkey
64. City in France
65. Skulls
66. Sheltered side
67. Increase
68. Masculine name
69. On the top
70. Fixed period
71. Pre-arrangement
72. Separation
73. Charis
74. Gaelic
75. Equal
76. Automobile
77. Sail upward
78. Makes up
79. Also
80. Shuts
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DEATHS & FUNERALS

Alfred L. Tittle

Funeral services for Alfred Lee Tittle were held Tuesday, Feb. 9 in the First Baptist Church of Brownfield, with the Rev. Ed Crow, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Terry County Memorial Cemetery under direction of Brownfield Funeral Home.

Mr. Tittle died in a Lubbock Hospital Feb. 7 of a heart attack. Born near Merkel, he attended Merkel Schools. His parents were early settlers in the Merkel area.

Survivors include his wife of Brownfield; one daughter, Mrs. Billie Apperson of Colorado City; one son, A. L. Tittle Jr.; his father, W. A. Tittle; two sisters, Mrs. Lola Mae Lowmire, Mrs. Ora Fae Cleveland, all of Brownfield; four grandsons.

Relatives from Merkel attending the services were Betty Jane Tittle, Neely Tittle, and Mr. and Mrs. Irl Walker.

Alvin A. Jones

Alvin A. Jones, 69, of Lueders, died Saturday, Feb. 20 in Hamlin Memorial Hospital. Funeral services were held Monday at Faith Methodist Church Chapel, with the Rev. Larry Jones of Fort Worth and the Rev. Marshall Stewart, pastor of Church of the Nazarene, officiating. Burial was in the Bethel Cemetery in the Funston Community.

A native of Jones County for 67 years, Mr. Jones married Exunia Nail at Anson Nov. 11, 1922. He was a retired farmer, and a member of the Missionary Baptist Church of Lueders.

Survivors include his wife; four sons, Paul A. of Grover City, Calif., Glenn D. of Dallas, Cloyd A. of Vallejo, Calif., and Donnie H. of El Paso; one step-brother, Edward Parks; one sister, Mrs. Lela Dillard of Abilene; one step sister, Esselle Hix; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Nephews were pallbearers.

Mrs. Campbell

Mrs. Annie Lee Campbell, 71, former Merkel resident, died Thursday, Feb. 18 at Snyder after a long illness.

Funeral services were held Saturday in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Joe Stevens, pastor of Northside Baptist Church in Snyder, and the Rev. Kenneth Jones, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery under direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born July 6, 1899, in Giles County, Tenn., Mrs. Campbell

'Let's Match Wits' Program Topic

The Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held their regular meeting Feb. 24 in the home of Mrs. Jimmy Leverich, with twelve members answering roll call.

"Let's Match Wits," and "Express Yourself," were program topics presented by Mrs. Lawrence Hewitt, Marnie Steck, John Brady and Vernon Wade.

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 - 1 cup water
 - 1 teaspoon Ac'cent
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - 1 package (10 ounces) frozen okra or green beans
 - 1 package (10 ounces) frozen mixed vegetables
- Drain oil from 1 can tuna into saucepan. Add onion and celery, cook until tender but not brown. Add next five ingredients. Simmer 5 minutes. Slice okra; add to saucepan with mixed vegetables and tuna. Simmer until vegetables are tender, about 10 minutes. YIELD: 4 to 6 servings.

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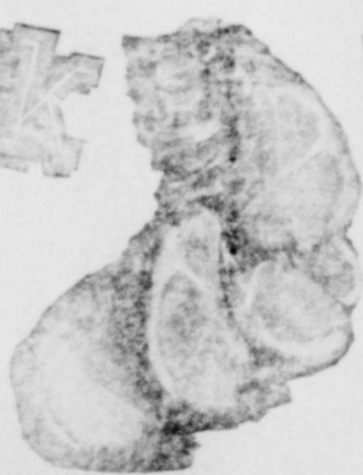
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