

## Absentee Voting Begins In Merkel

Absentee voting for city election began this past Monday and will continue through Tuesday, March 30, according to City Secretary Roy Kimbrell.

Candidates in the April 3 election are: for Mayor, incumbent, Horace Hargrove, and for councilmen, incumbent Leon Walker, Lou Allen David, Joe Alves and Mrs. G. D. McConnell.

Places for candidates on ballots will appear alphabetically, said Kimbrell.

Absentee voting is being conducted at City Hall, Monday through Friday, hours 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

School Board absentee voting is also being conducted at City Hall and candidates are incumbents Ben Robert Hicks, Johnny Teaff and Joe Henry.

Charles Jacobs, Merkel farmer and rancher, told plans of campaigning for a write-in vote for the one year unexpired term, created when Joe E. McDuff resigned to become Commissioner for Taylor County.

## FHA Members To Volunteer Time

The Merkel Chapter of Future Homemakers of America will conduct a Muscular Distrophy Fund Drive in the community, according to Judy Hester, chapter member.

The Drive will be on Monday and Tuesday, March 22-23 from 5 p.m. until dark, said Miss Hester.

## TC Farmers Union To Meet Tonight

The regular meeting of Taylor County Farmers Union will be held Thursday, March 18, 7:30 p.m. at the Taylor Electric Cooperative building, according to Billy Bob Toombs, president.

"This is a very important meeting, and members are urged to attend," said Toombs.

## Methodist Youth

The Methodist youth of the Abilene District will sing the religious folk musical, "Rejoice," Sunday, March 21, at the First United Methodist Church in Merkel. Time will be 7 p.m.

The group is composed of forty young people from the various churches in the District.

"Everyone is invited for this worship services," said pastor, the Rev. James Merrell.

## IN BASKETBALL

# MERKEL SENIORS ON ALL-DISTRICT TEAM

Three members of the Merkel High School Boys Basketball Team were selected to All District for 1970-71 season, in a district coaches' meeting held March 10 in Hamlin.

Ronnie Aldridge, coach for the Merkel team, was also selected all district coach at the same meeting.

Named all district players were Allan Arnwine, Paul Thames and Tommy Anderson, all seniors.

Honorable mention went to Kerry Thames, Randy Smith and Mike McLean.

Mary Doan and Beth Peachey, both MHS seniors, were also on the honorable mention list for All-District for the girls' team.

The 7-AA Basketball schedule for 1971-72 begins Jan. 4, with Merkel playing Rotan here.

Other games scheduled are: on 7, Merkel at Anson; Jan. 11, Haskell at Merkel; Jan. 14, Ham-



ALL IN FUN — Carol Yates, playing the role of Gammer Gurton in the upcoming Festival of Drama play, "Gammer Gurton's Needle," has difficulty in getting through the door of her house but the rest of the cast doesn't seem to be bothered. They are, from left, Suzie Wilson, as Tyb; Bill Jackson, Hodge; and Betsy Johnson, State Manager. (Staff Photo)

## FESTIVAL OF DRAMA IS MARCH 26

Merkel High School's Festival of Drama will be held Friday, March 26 at 7:30 p.m. at the auditorium.

Two senior plays and the University Interscholastic League play will be presented, said director, Mrs. Don Dudley.

The first play to be presented at curtain time, will be "Cyrano De Bergerac," a love story and tragedy, which was first performed at Nederland High School, Nederland, Texas and also presented at the San Antonio World's Fair, HemisFair, '69.

Cast for Cyrano De Bergerac consists of Jana Farmer, Judy Hester, Vickie Robertson, and Linda Sanford.

Also Wanda Earnes, Beth Peachey, Karlan Gamble Stan Casady, Lon Beasley and Mike Teaff.

Also Robert Clemmer, Ricky Nance, Allen Fudge and Tommy Anderson.

Costume head for this play is Patti Byers; make up head, Elaine Brady; stage crew, David Rister, head, and Charles Ledbetter; stage manager, Robert Clemmer; sound-light, Lon Beasley, head, Mike Teaff, Allen Fudge and props, Wanda Earnes and Linda Sanford.

The second one-act presentation is "Gammer Gurton's Needle."

... a comedy that gives a picture of the illiterate, uneducated, unsophisticated village life of sixteenth century England."

Cast includes Billy Jackson, Suzie Wilson, Carol Yates, Buster Tarpley, Mike Warren, Gail Gentry, Annette Campbell, Paul Thames, Mike McLean and Betsy Johnson.

Maintenance crew for the play include Allen Arnwine, Danny Lackey, Randy Smith, Mike Walker, Ricky Thomas and John Dixon.

Also Don Purser, Mike Steck, Becky Eastham, Leeann Hollo-

way, Donna Dickerson and Mary Ann Doan.

"Exit the King" is the last presentation and also the UIL play.

Cast includes Mike Warren, Mark Dudley, Judy Hester, Patti Byers, Suzie Wilson and Richard Nance.

Crew consists of Billy Jackson and Beth Peachey.

Action of the play passes on a morning in the dilapidated throne-room of King Berenger the First's crumbling palace.

The public is invited to attend the three one-act performances.

## CLYDE BARTLETT DIES AT AGE 66

Clyde Bartlett, assessor-collector for the Merkel Independent School District, died Tuesday at 3:10 a.m. at Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene, following a three-month illness.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at First Baptist Church, with the Rev. Kenneth Jones, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery, directed by Starbuck Funeral Home.

Mr. Bartlett, 66, and a longtime Merkel businessman and civic leader, was born Dec. 18, 1904, in Santa Anna. He married Desta Evans there, Aug. 25, 1925. She died May 8, 1946. He was married to Mona Fay Robertson Aug. 8, 1948, in Merkel.

He moved to Matador in 1935 where he was manager of Burton-Lingo Lumber Co. He was transferred to Merkel with the company in 1939 and continued with the company here until it was closed in January, 1964.

He became assessor-collector for the Merkel Independent School District and held that position until the time of his death.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church and AF&AM No. 710, and a past member of the school board and Lions Club.

Survivors are his wife; three sons, Clyde Bartlett Jr. of Grand Prairie, James Bartlett of Birmingham, N.Y., and Ralph Bartlett of Evergreen, Colo.; a daughter, Mrs. Drain (Mona) Jones of Abilene; his mother, Mrs. J. Ed Bartlett of Santa Anna; a sister, Mrs. R. E. Allbright of Baton Rouge, La.; nine grandchildren.

Palbearers were Ted Smith,

Carroll Benson, Bennie Melton, Horace Hargrove, Craig Jones and Joe Earl Lasiter.

Honorary pallbearers were Dr. W. T. Sadler, Earl Baze, Mack Fisher, Bryan Dunagin, Oddie Jones and Claud Wilson.



NOLAN PALMER ... at top of list

## Local Car Dealer In Sales Contest

Nolan Palmer, owner of Palmer Motor Company, is first on the list in this area in a new car sales contest, which sends the winner to Europe this summer. London and Switzerland or Rome and Naples.

Contest ends May 10, and winner will be announced shortly after that date, said Palmer. The trip is sponsored by the Pontiac Division of General Motors Corporation and will be for two,

# Grass, Brush Fires Keep Firemen Busy

Merkel Volunteer Firemen have been "working overtime" the past few weeks, fighting local and area brush and grass fires, and Fire Chief Waymon Adcock warns that "it could get a lot worse, if all manner of precautions aren't taken."

"With the high winds and dry conditions, brush and grass fires have become dangerous," said Adcock. "And we urge everyone in Merkel and the area to take extra care with any kind of fire — especially matches and cigarettes."

In a Monday morning interview with Adcock, the fire trucks took off to fight a fire along the Santa Fe Railroad, southwest of Trent and reported that on the way back from that fire, they caught one at Blair.

"Railroad Right of Way fires are most often started from sparks," explained Adcock, but our local ones are nearly always from carelessness."

There were eight grass and brush fires for February and already fifteen fought for this month.

Fires and locations for March include:

March 1, fire on the T&P right of way, from the Derstine Road on to Trent. (Called in by a highway patrolman).

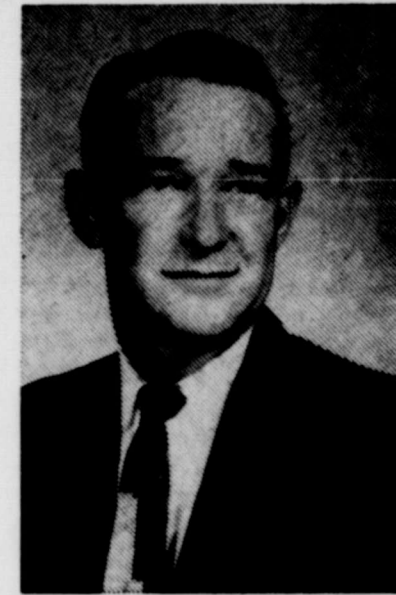
March 4, along the Santa Fe Railroad right at View.

March 5, Firemen were back on the T&P right-of-way from Ash street to "about a mile east of Merkel."

March 11 — Fire at North 3rd and Orange streets.

March 12, Firemen were back at the Santa Fe Railroad, about three miles west of Blair. Also on same date, there was a local fire at South 8th and Locust streets.

March 13, A fire south of city on the FM 1235 road on the Jacobs' place southeast of town. Also on same day, another fire, along the Santa Fe right of way, three miles west of Blair.



WAYMON ADCOCK ... urges fire caution

March 14, Firemen helped area units with the Buffalo Gap fire in the Lake Abilene area.

Adcock expressed appreciation to the volunteer fire unit for the

extra time they are giving fighting these fires.

"We have a fine group of firemen," said Adcock, "and we do appreciate their working overtime."

A special thanks went to Fireman, Bobby Womack, assistant fire chief, Billy King, and to Jerry Horton, Billy Lucas and Robert Harris for their work. Also thanks went to Mrs. Womack for manning the telephone and radio while firemen are out fighting fires.

"We never know what starts a grass fire, except perhaps along the railroads," said Womack. "They can start with matches or cigarettes being thrown from car windows onto dry grass or brush, and even from broken bottles with the sun reflecting through."

Regardless of how the fires begin, both Adcock and Womack urged people to be "extra careful and to be on the lookout for small fires."

# TRENT 4-H'ER BUSY WITH MANY PROJECTS

Being a member of one 4-H Club can keep a person busy, but Judy Brnovak is a member of two clubs! — Mulberry Canyon and Trent.

"There's never a spare moment," admits the Trent High School sophomore. "There's always a project to begin or complete, and plenty of shows to enter."

An eight-year 4-H'er, Judy has had projects in Food and Nutrition, Canning, Poultry, Sheep and Menz Management.

She has been in the District Food Show three times, and will be competing in this year's show, to be held Saturday, March 20 at Brady.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brnovak, Judy has gone to District in Vegetable Preparation, Money Management and Nutrition Education Demonstrations. She has been a junior leader for three years, entered the Gold Star Girl competition in

1970, and is secretary of County Council this year.

Past president of the Trent 4-H Club, Judy is currently its secretary.

In 1970 she won grand and reserve champion Capon in the County Show. For 1971 Judy had the grand and reserve lambs at the Trent Show.

In school Judy's activities include basketball, freshman and sophomore years and this year on the starting team as a forward.

She is active in the Trent Chapter Future Homemakers of America, currently president of the organization. She has attended conventions in Austin and Stephenville, and in 1970 she received her Junior Degree. She is also a member of the Future Farmers of America, Trent Chapter.

Judy is secretary of her sophomore class, and has been elected head cheerleader for 1971-72.

She attends Pioneer Memorial Methodist Church.



WINNER AND WINNINGS — Judy Brnovak, member of the Mulberry Canyon and Trent 4-H Clubs, has a pleased smile for all her gifts received this past week as a result of being named high point girl in the County Food Show held in Abilene. The gifts are all kinds of kitchenware, and were presented to her by the Foley Manufacturing Co. (Staff Photo)

## Senior Librarians To Tour Austin

Merkel High School Senior Librarians aides will leave Thursday, March 18, for a trip to Austin. Leaving after school at approximately 3:30 p.m., the group will return late Saturday evening.

The trip to Austin will include a tour of school, city, University, and state libraries, plus many scenic attractions, said Mrs. Ruth Windsor, Library instructor, who will also accompany the group.

Members taking the tour are Annette Campbell, Gail Gentry and Vickie Robertson.

## Harris Attends Water School

Robert Leo Harris, superintendent of Merkel Water Department was at Texas A&M University March 7-12 attending the 53rd Texas Water Utilities Association's Short School.

The school included a two-day session on sewer collection system; one-day session on manpower for the future and water utilities; an all-day session on solid wastes, including landfill operations, and a day given to general water meetings.

Opening the session was association president, Walter Biederman, from Waco. Instructors included men from Texas A&M and from various parts of the United States.

The school concluded Friday.

**PUGGY**



by Horace Elmo

**Women IN THE KNOW**

By Jean Kingsley, Women's Consultant, The Travelers Companies Children and Money

Many a parent has learned, with a combination of pride and chagrin, that a series of financial demands begin as soon as his baby is born. Not only is the proud parent presented with the hospital bill at almost the same time he's passing out cigars — but friends, relatives and banks exhort him to start saving for the child's college education immediately.

For most of us, saving is a positive action leading to desired goals. And the urge for something in the future has to be stronger than that for immediate satisfaction. Most children don't grasp this idea until they're about eight or nine years old. By then the child has learned to plan ahead — understanding, for instance, that spending his allowance on candy in the morning means no money left for ice cream in the afternoon.

A weekly allowance for a child can be an effective way to teach thrift and provide standards of family financial planning. Women in the know consult their local Travelers financial planner who can help the family set up a good financial program.

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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: Dewayne Brown Peel, the natural father of Wesley Ray Peel, a minor child. Greeting: **YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED** to appear before the Honorable 104th District Court of Taylor County, 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 5th day of April A.D. 1971, to Petitioner's Petition for adoption filed in said court,

on the 28th 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 a petition of Wesley Ray Peel, a minor child, Petitioner, David J. Arnold, is joined by his wife, Sandra Arnold, who is the natural mother of said minor child.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Petition 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 Wesley Ray Arnold as is more fully shown by Petitioner's Petition on file in this suit.

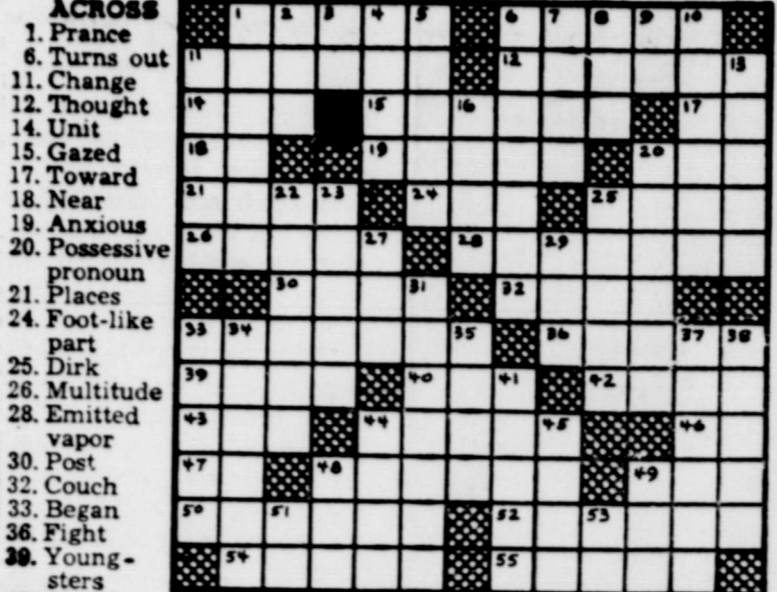
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The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

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

Witness: **IRENE CHAWFORD**  
Clerk, 104th District Court  
Taylor County, Texas

**Crossword Puzzle**



- ACROSS**  
1. France  
6. Turns out  
11. Change  
12. Thought  
14. Unit  
15. Gazed  
17. Toward  
18. Near  
19. Anxious  
20. Possessive pronoun  
21. Places  
24. Foot-like part  
25. Dirk  
26. Multitude  
28. Emitted vapor  
30. Post  
32. Couch  
33. Began  
36. Fight  
39. Youngsters  
40. Also  
42. True  
43. Grande nickname  
44. Expiate  
46. Yes. Span.

- DOWN**  
1. Middle  
2. Hail  
3. Jumbled type  
4. Being  
5. Strike again  
6. Woods  
7. Imitator  
8. Free of  
9. Half an em  
10. Seat  
11. Cook  
12. Gave medicine  
16. Eras  
20. Confined person  
22. Fruit  
23. Flies  
25. Less risky  
27. Cavity  
29. Goddess of dawn  
31. Epistles  
33. Thong  
34. Worked  
35. Access  
37. Savors  
38. Medleys  
41. Assault  
44. Affirm  
45. Wriggling  
48. Consumed  
49. Poem  
51. Thus  
53. On top

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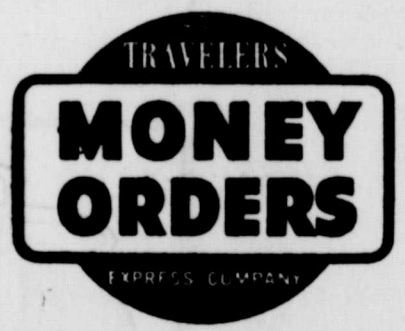
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**FOR SALE** — Three bedroom home: back yard fenced, garage apartment at 501 Ash. Call 928-5935 after 5 p.m. 48 t/c

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**FOR SALE** — 3 bedroom, large living room, central heat and cooling, other added features, corner lot, A-1 condition, 1112 South 3rd. Contact Cyrus Pee Agency. 466 t/c

**FOR SALE** — Whirlpool automatic washing machine. Real good condition. \$35.00. H. R. McKeever, 928-5577. 2 2/c

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Mrs. Bob Hook

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**Stith News**  
By MRS. FRITZ MALE

The women of the Community were busy this last Monday morning cleaning out the dust due to the big dust storm we had Sunday. A good rain would be appreciated.

Ira Stanley had throat surgery Wednesday in Hendrick Memorial Hospital. He was still in intensive care Monday. Mrs. Cleo Liles of St. Louis is here with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. John Browning met all their children in Ranger recently for a family get together. They reported a wonderful time. Those attending were Mildred and Lonnie Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Harris of Dallas; Rev. and Mrs. Jack Bedford and children of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Browning and children of Tuscola.

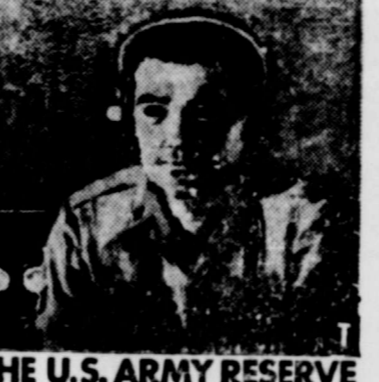
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley and Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McDonald visited Sunday at the Anson Care Home with Mrs. Nora McDonald and Mrs. Tom Busby. They also visited with Mrs. Olin Potts at the Anson General Hospital.

Hal Beck of Abilene and Fritz Hale visited Friday at Hawley with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hollis Sr. Don Clyburn attended a play at Hardin Simmons Saturday night. Visiting Marsha Clyburn Thursday was Miss Gayle Teaf of Tye.

Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Jones visited Mrs. Olen Potts in Anson Hospital Sunday. While the Jones were in Anson they also visited with Mrs. Nora McDonald and Mrs. Tom Busby.

A birthday celebration honoring Jim Burns, Mrs. Billy Harris and Ruby Reddin was held in the Burns home Sunday. Others enjoying the birthday dinner and picture taking were Mrs. Burns, Mamie Hardin, Billy Harris and Kathy, Mrs. Ora Harris of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Burns and Martha and Don Burns of Abilene.

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**BANQUET HONOREES** — The Middle Clear Fork Soil and Water Conservation District gave special recognition to area conservationists at their banquet held this past Monday. Special honors went to, from left, Joe Holloway, outstanding conservation farmer; Mrs. Don Dudley, outstanding teacher; Gayla Heatly, Trent, essay contest sweepstakes winner, and Theresa Hogg, Abilene conservation poster sweepstakes winner. (Photo Courtesy The Abilene Reporter-News)

## HONOR ROLL STUDENTS ANNOUNCED THIS WEEK

Honor Roll students for the past six weeks for the Primary and Elementary grades were announced this week by principal, Leon Walker.

To make the Honor Roll students must maintain an A average for the six weeks' period.

Eighth grade honor roll students are Beverly Gilmore and Beverly Mawson.

Other students being placed on the Honor Roll include:

Seventh grade — Shellie Baker, Carolyn Davis, Kathy Hendricks, Pat Hendricks, Jerre Smith and Annetta Stephan.

Sixth grade — John Biera, Mike Henry, George Hernandez, and Stanley West.

Fifth Grade — Mary Ascencio, Freda Crenshaw, Pam Evans, Cindy Hagar, Sherry West and Linda Williams.

Fourth grade — Robbie Baker, David Burfiend, Pam Crenshaw, David Clyburn, Roger Dye and John Drew Mawson.

Also Danna Russell, Mike Sims, Cindy Smith, Janice South, Tammy Thomas, Rusty Watts and Debra Ybarra.

## MULBERRY CANYON 4-H CLUB NEWS

The Mulberry Canyon 4-H Club met March 11 for their monthly meeting with vice president, Mark Clemmer, presiding. The 4-H Pledge, Prayer and Motto were led by Lisa Higgs and the American Pledge by Lisa Swinney. Beverly Gilmore gave the inspiration.

Mark Clemmer gave a report on the results of the judging contest held at Houston. The Taylor County Team, which included Mark Clemmer, Robert Clemmer and Wayne Eaton, placed fourth out of 360 teams entered. They won a trophy for second place in the Swine Judging, and Mark placed 34th out of 1,180 in the individual judging.

Judy Brnovak will compete in the State Food Show in Brady on March 20 — Good luck, Judy!

After a business discussion and recreation, the meeting was adjourned.

Also Wendy Hogan, Kim Mashburn, Marissa Sandusky, Tina Hernandez and Brad Wade.

Second grade — Sheila Adair, Lisa Allen, Lori Barnes, Manuel Biera, Patti Bird and Mark Bland.

Also Sheri Clark, Tammy Davis, Cindy Doan, Stuart Douglas, Judy Ford and Todd Gregory.

Also Kelly Knight, Sherry Lawrence, Ann Melton, Jan Melton, Kent McManigal and Louise Sellers.

First grade — Rene Aiken, Kristi Alves, Susan Allgaier, Loyce Baker, David Black and Nancy Click.

Also Kel Crain, Tammie Cunningham, David De La Cruz, Rcherta Duran, Barbara Evans, Dana Faglie and Sheila Glenewinkel.

Also Janice Jacobs, Sheryl Luckey, Maria Moreno, Connie Page, Leisa Rayburn, Todd Robinson, Stacy Seymore, Yvonne Swinney and Lee Ann Williams.

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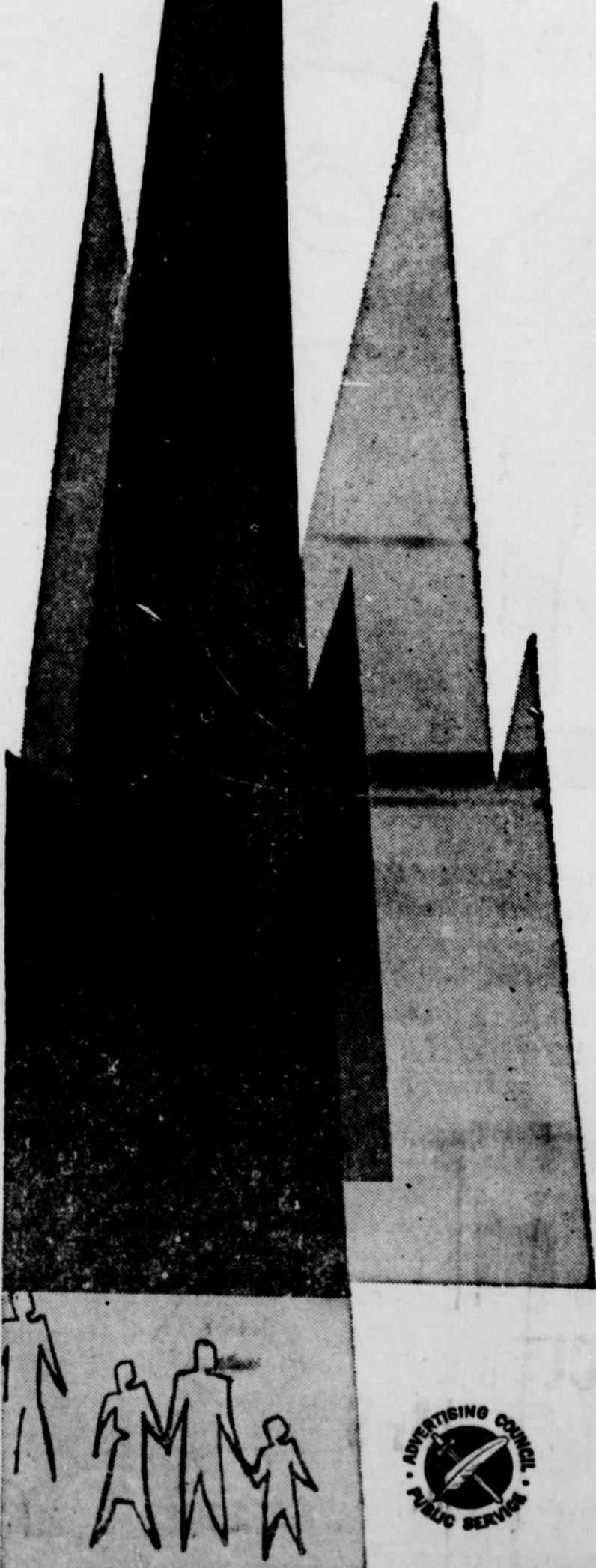
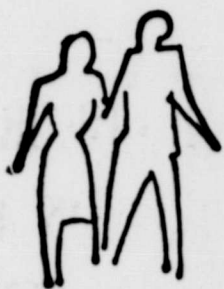
Find the strength  
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Does it seem to you sometimes that the world has gotten so crowded and complex that you just don't count at all in the grand scheme of things? It's not uncommon, that feeling. We feel helpless... unable to alter or even really to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

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

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

# Worship this week



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### AN OPEN LETTER TO A CITY COUSIN

**EDITOR'S NOTE** — The following letter was received by The Merkel Mail this week, with author requesting signature of only "Your Country Cousin," for reasons that will be explained in the "letter." We are therefore, publishing it's letter, and following this person's request although true signature was on letter.

Today I had to take my rifle from the rack on the wall and kill your dog.

I didn't enjoy doing it. It made me sick. The first time I saw her she was a healthy dog, standing by the road, where you had abandoned her. Today, she was sick and starved looking. Her coat was matted with dirt and cecleburbs. She hadn't eaten in several days. I hated doing this sort of thing, but it was the biggest favor she had received since you decided you didn't want her any longer.

The above is not an isolated case, but one that happens pretty often out here. The story begins like this. Some one will decide they can no longer keep their dog, usually for three main reasons: (1) moving to another city, (2) the dog is so big that it is eating them out of house and home, or (3) the approach of motherhood. Owners are then faced with the problem of how to get rid of the animal since Merkel does not have a dog pound. Shooting the dog themselves is out of the question, because this is too inhuman and cruel. If it can't be given to a neighbor the next thought that comes to mind is, "Let's take the dog out in the country. We'll find a nice looking farmhouse and when the occupants aren't locking, we'll put it out quickly and leave. They will be just delighted to have another dog (especially ours) and even if they're not, the dog can catch rabbits and live happily ever after."

Wouldn't it be great if this dream were true?

The real story goes like this: Most farmers already have two or three dogs that have been

given to them when they weren't looking. As much as farmers love animals, they simply cannot feed everybody's dog! A farmer, under these circumstances, can do one of three things: He can (1) try to discourage the animal from staying at his house, (with rocks and sticks), (2) shoot the dog, or, (3) carry it back to downtown Merkel (at night). If he is successful in discouraging the dog, it goes from one farm to the next, looking for a handout, only to be chased away (especially if the animal has developed a liking for eggs and chickens). This goes on and on, resulting in a slow, cruel death by starvation. The final end is delayed by an occasional chicken or a rabbit that has been run over in the highway.

You may say, "Can't they catch their own rabbits?"

The truth is that there is not one dog in fifty that can catch a rabbit, especially a dog that has been fed all of his life.

The latter two alternatives must be applied where a farmer cannot discourage a dog from staying at his home. A farmer loves animals and he hates to do either. He may be a little sick at the stomach for hours after shooting a dog, but he knows that this is a great deal more humane than allowing one to roam the country or returning him to the streets of Merkel.

The solution to the problem is not simple, since the City of Merkel has no provisions for handling unwanted pets. I do know that it would be better for you to do the adult humane thing and face your responsibility to dispose of your pets in a quick and sure way yourself. I know you cared a little for the animal or you wouldn't have selected my farm so carefully as a place to dump it.

Please face your responsibilities — please don't be cruel.

Sincerely,  
COUNTRY COUSIN  
Country Cousin  
Rural Route 3  
Merkel, Texas 79636

### LEAGUE SPONSORS NAMED THIS WEEK

Team sponsors were named this week for the summer season of Merkel Little League, according to Benny Melton, association president.

They are West Texas Utilities, Killowatts; Farmers and Merchants National Bank, Bankers; Boney Insurance, Braves; Carson Super Market, Supers; Taylor Electric Cooperative, Willies, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Vets.

Registration of little leaguers is scheduled to be held Saturday, April 3, in front of the West Texas Utilities building, said Melton.

Mrs. John Brady will be chair-

man of the registration committee.

Tryouts for all new members (boys having moved into the Merkel area and those turning 9 years of age) will be held Monday, April 12.

Auction is scheduled for April 16, with practice starting April 19, said Melton.

The first game of the season will be May 4.

Little League registration form is found on Page Six of this edition.

Much of your social security business can be handled by phone under the new teleclaim system.

### Leeann, Rusty Winners Again

Bringing home ribbons and trophies this past week from the San Angelo Fat Stock Show were Leeann and Rusty Holloway, both students at Merkel High School, and members of Taylor County 4-H.

Winning the reserve champion Angus heifer banner was Rusty in his first show at the San Angelo event.

Leeann took fifth in the summer yearling class at the show.

Their parents are Mr. and Mrs. Truman Holloway.

### Aboard San Diego

USS KITTY HAWK, March 8 — Navy Petty Officer Third Class Joe C. Wyatt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip O. Wyatt of Tye, Texas, is serving aboard the San Diego based attack aircraft carrier USS Kitty Hawk presently on an extended deployment to the Western Pacific.

## ROUND-UP

By ELAINE BRUMBEAU

Mrs. Glenn Reed, librarian at Merkel Elementary School, and her class, were quietly reading books and doing all the things that are done during a library period last Thursday morning when their "thoughts" were interrupted with the addition of a "new student."

With an expression of "I'm here — what can you do for me?" a calf entered the room of peace and quiet and plopped down on the library floor.

"Needless to say, we were all surprised," said Mrs. Reed. "And the arrival of the calf did interrupt our quiet hour."

The calf was one of the many that were scattered as a result of a cattle truck wreck on Inter-

state 29 near Merkel Thursday morning.

Mrs. Howard Beard and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bunger of Fort Worth have returned home after a visit on the Noal James' ranch in the Big Bend Country. They toured Amisted Lake, Del Rio, and also Mexico. While there, the big attraction was the rains that came, said Mrs. Beard.

Mrs. Lena Reeder and Ella Neeb have returned home after a six week's visit with Mrs. Reeder's daughter and family, the Doyle Grays in San Fernando, Calif. They also spent a week with Mrs. Reeder's cousin, Lela Brown, in Bakersfield.

## Spring Spruce-up

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**President Names Varipapa To Advisory Conference On Physical Fitness & Sports**



Andy Varipapa

The legendary Andy Varipapa was accorded the singular honor of being the only bowler among 50 sports celebrities to be named by President Nixon to the Advisory Conference on Physical Fitness and Sports. The appointment was announced by Apollo astronaut, James A. Lovell, Capt., U.S.N., Consultant to the President on Physical Fitness and Sports.

The venerable Varipapa joins such sports world stalwarts as Joe DiMaggio, Billy Casper, Joe Frazier, Andy Granatelli, Ben Hogan, Bart Starr, Ted Williams and Eddie Arcaro among others. At 79, Varipapa

is the oldest athlete named to the group. Members of the Advisory Conference will serve on special panels and study groups, meeting at the call of the Secretary. The purpose of the Council is to recommend programs to the President and Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare which will encourage nationwide participation in physical fitness and sports activities. The Council will seek to enhance State, local and private physical activity programs while stimulating and strengthening Federal services.

Varipapa's reputation as the world's greatest bowling trick-shot artist overshadows his distinguished bowling ability. He won his first All-Star Tournament in 1946 at the age of 55, and repeated the following year to become the first bowler ever to score back-to-back triumphs. Varipapa was elected to the ABC Hall of Fame in 1957.

Varipapa is a classic example of bowling's longevity syndrome. He is active to this day making exhibition appearances around the country. Much of his early public notice can be attributed to a movie short back in 1934, STRIKES AND SPARES, which was the first movie on bowling and starred Varipapa. More recently, Andy's trickshots have been featured in television commercials, adding a new dimension to the Varipapa legend.

**Little League Registration**

Date ..... Age .....

Name ..... Date of Birth .....

Address ..... Phone Number .....

League Age ..... Boy's Weight ..... Height .....

Throws Left or Right? .....

We, the parents of the above boy, give our approval for his participation in the activities of the Little League for the current season. We release the sponsors, officials, and the Little League organization from responsibility in case of injury or accident. All boys are covered with insurance for practice, games and travel by the League.

Father's Signature .....

Mother's Signature .....

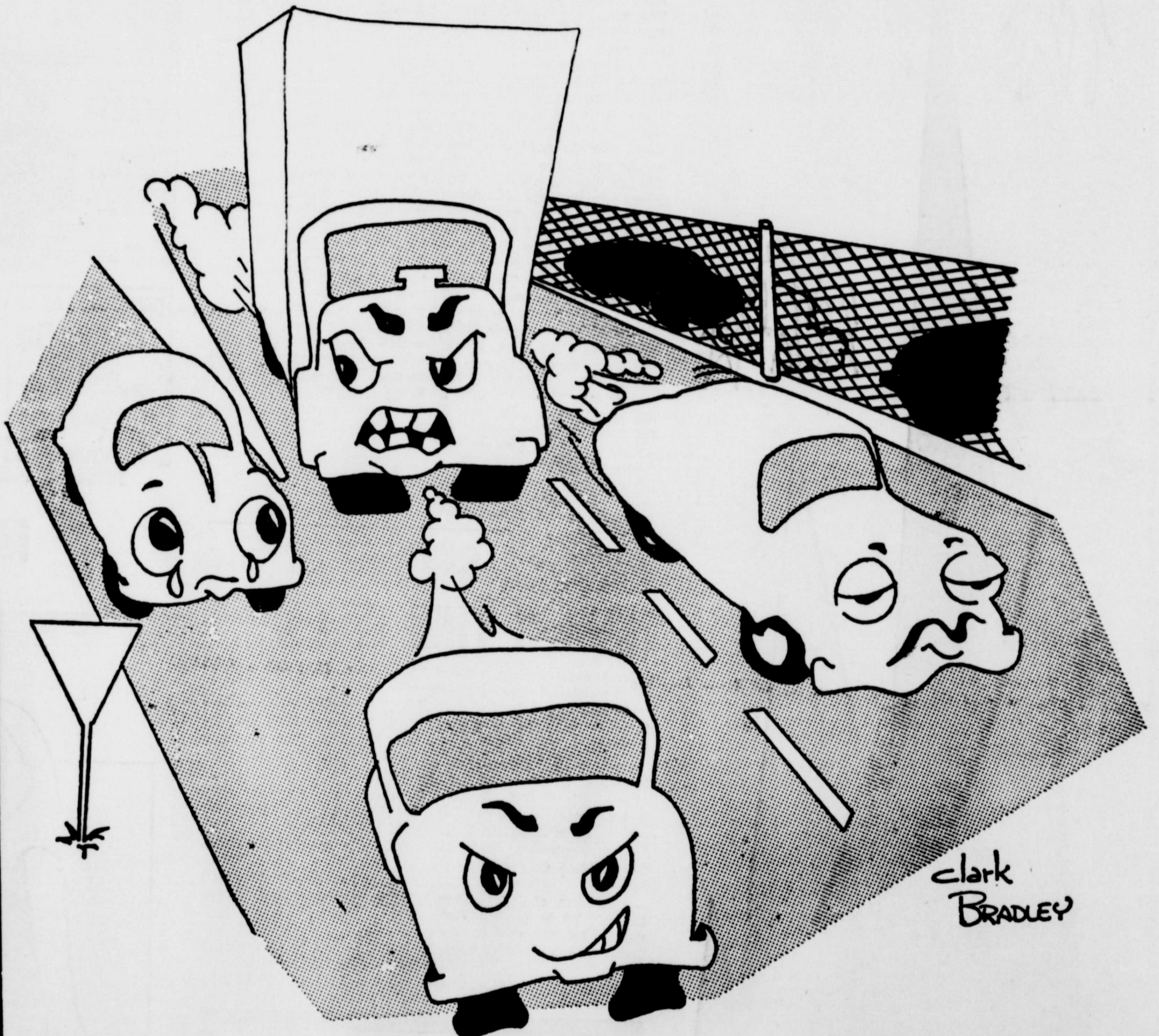
LEAGUE AGE — Any boy who will attain the age of 7 years before August 1 and who will not attain the age of 13 years before August 1st shall be eligible to play the year in question.

**A Flight Into History**



In September 1934, two Black Americans became the first of their race to fly a land plane into Nassau, Bahamas. C. Alfred Anderson of Tuskegee, Alabama (next to plane) and Dr. Albert E. Forsythe of Atlantic City, New Jersey (second from right) were among the first Negroes to become pilots. They helped to found the flying school at Tuskegee Institute and trained most of the black pilots of World War II. They made their historic flight in a single-engine 90 horsepower Monocoupe named the Booker T. Washington. Anderson today is still chief flight instructor at Tuskegee and Dr. Forsythe is a physician in New Jersey.

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**We're Glad You're Here! — New Watchword For Courtesy In U.S.**

The \$46 billion foodservice industry has thrown its full power into a 1971 program aimed at improving hospitality and courtesy in American life.

The multi-million dollar "We're Glad You're Here!" effort was conceived by the National Restaurant Association (NRA) "because the country needs it to counter the tensions which affect us all," said Martin L. Horn, Jr., NRA president.

"An all out effort is called for to brighten the mood of the public," Horn said. "As the nation's hosts, members of the foodservice industry are vitally concerned with the concept of cordiality."

"Our goal is to unite the country's over half a million eating places and their 3.4 million employees, plus civic organizations and many related businesses, in making 'We're Glad You're Here!' seen and heard all over the country literally millions of times."

The campaign features intensive national, regional, and local promotions of "We're Glad You're Here!" in thousands of businesses, contests and educational activities to promote employee courtesy; publicity and advertising tie-ins, and incentives for workers to be more courteous.

Among those taking part in the program are mayors of dozens of major U.S. cities, Discover America Travel Organizations, U.S. Travel Service, state and regional restaurant associations representing more than 120,000 foodservice operations, and many others.



President Nixon has indicated his approval of the drive.

The Chicago-based NRA represents the foodservice industry, the nation's largest employer of service-oriented personnel, and the fourth ranking industry in retail sales.

Horn said there are approximately 394,000 commercial eating establishments, 115,000 semi-commercial, and 32,000 institutional eating places in the United States.

"We are stimulating a groundswell of practicing courtesy in America, starting with the foodservice industry and spreading into many other industries and organizations where hospitality is a major element—such as convention and tourism bureaus, travel organizations, airlines, Chambers of Commerce, almost any type of retailing or service business."

**'Some Day I Will . . .'**

Many many people procrastinate for many years their obedience to God. They say "some day I will get around to it . . ." and then they begin to give excuses of physical ailment or displeasure for not doing so TODAY. But all too often it turns out to be a lie, because they seem never to get around to it . . . thus they die without God doomed to the "second death" (Rev. 20:14) ISN'T GOD WORTH MORE THAN WHAT IS LEFT OVER OF YOU AFTER THE DEVIL IS THROUGH WITH YOU???

What a sad picture: God so loved us — YOU that he was willing to give his son to come to earth, live as a human, die the human death, suffer the punishment of sin . . . and many still feel he isn't worth their service, worship and obedience TODAY.

Study Luke 14:12-24. Here Jesus teaches on this same subject. Many were invited but "they all with one consent began to make excuse." The word excuse means: a pretense, a lie. Absolutely no excuse takes away our responsibility to serve God! You will answer to God excuse or no excuse. (Matt. 25:31f; II Cor. 5:10)

How many are doing what Felix did? (Acts 24:24, 25) "When I have a convenient season." Too many are trusting in the POSSIBILITY of a "convenient season" which may never come . . . IS IT WORTH THE PRICE? Not if you understand eternity friend! Or even if you don't understand it.

**BILLY PATTON, Minister  
CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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You are invited to listen to the HERALD OF TRUTH program on KTXS-TV — 8a.m. Sundays.

You can get in trouble when you try to enter a busy expressway. You can probably keep out of trouble if you follow a few basic rules.

If the approach to the expressway is long and straight, it is what some of us call a "get up and go" lane. It is designed to allow you to match the speed of your car with the speed of the cars travelling on the expressway, so that (theoretically at least) you can blend in smoothly with the expressway traffic.

When you try to do this, be sure you have spotted a hole in the expressway traffic into which you can blend. Do not accelerate to expressway speed and then slam on your brakes because there is no hole in the traffic. If you do this, you may be rear-ended by a car or truck behind you.

During peak rush hours, you may have to wait for an opportunity to enter the expressway. Be patient. The driver of the car ahead of you may be frightened. Don't try to force him into action by blowing your horn. You could panic him into a tragic crash.

If yours is the first car at the starting line, move out just as soon as it is safe for you to do so. Unnecessary delay can cause a hurry-up motorist behind you to take foolish chances.

Expressway driving is not always easy, but it will probably get worse before it gets better. Practice up on your driving skill, improve your ability to judge speeds and distances, and get ready for tomorrow's supercongested superhighways.

If you would like to know more about safety, write the Governor's Traffic Safety Office, the Department of Public Safety or the Texas Safety Association, Austin, Texas.



# EDWARDS-CRAWFORD VOWS ARE READ

Cheryl Lee Edwards of Midland and James Onis Crawford of Merkel were married in rites read Saturday, March 13, in 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.

Officiating was the Rev. O. Edwin Howard, pastor of Northside Baptist Church, Midland. Debra Tindie of Midland was organist, John Crawford of Abilene soloist.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride's gown was A-line organza and peau d'ange lace, with ring collar, wattleau train extending from a bow at the neckline.

Her headdress was of beaded pearl petals. She carried gardenias on a Bible.

Mrs. Monte Cowser was her sister's matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Mrs. Douglas Barnhart of Walnut Creek, Calif., and Mignon Crawford, sister of the

bridegroom. They wore yellow empire gowns with long slit sleeves, matching bow headdresses. They carried cascades of yellow pompons.

Ann Sosebee and Jim McKay of Houston lighted candles. Ushers were the bride's brother, Tommy Edwards of Fort Worth, Allan Dorbits of Dallas, Jack Chancey of Abilene and Monte Cowser.

The bridegroom's father was best man. Groomsmen were Douglas Barnhart of Walnut Creek, Calif., and Robert Crawford of Merkel, brother of the bridegroom.

A graduate of Anson High School, the bride attended the University of Texas at Arlington and was graduated from the University of Texas Dental School, School of Dental Hygiene. She is employed in Midland, in the office of J. C. Whitaker, DDS.

The bridegroom was graduated from Merkel High School, attended Cisco Junior College, Texas A&M University and Texas Department of Public Safety Academy. He is employed by the Texas Department of Public Safety



MRS. JAMES CRAWFORD  
... formerly Cheryl Edwards

in Midland.

The couple will live in Midland at 4303 Andrews Highway, No. 113.

Rehearsal dinner was hosted by the bridegroom's parents at Wilma's Restaurant in Anson.

## Mrs. Reddin Hosts Stith HD Club

The Stith Home Demonstration Club met in the Community Center building, with Mrs. Charles Reddin, hostess.

A song was led by Mrs. Ray Perry, and the Texas Home Demonstration Association prayer given by members. Recreation was led by Mrs. Roy Mashburn.

A program on "How to Make Good Barbecue and Chili," was given by members.

Hostess gift was presented to Mrs. Perry. Refreshments were served to six members.

The next meeting will be March 24 with Mrs. Ruby Reddin as hostess.



JANICE HILL  
... to wed May 15

## Noodle Graduates Engagement Told

Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Hill of Noodle announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Janice, to Mr. Nolan Watson Jr., son of Mrs. Kathleen Watson of Abilene, and Nolan Watson Sr., of Colgate, Okla.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Noodle High School and is a senior at McMurry College.

Her fiancé is also a graduate of Noodle High School and attends Hardin-Simmons University. He is active in the ROTC.

Wedding date is set for May 15 in the United Methodist Church in Merkel.

## Sharon Doan Tells Wedding Plans

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Vaughn Doan have announced the engagement of their daughter, Sharon Lee, to Mr. Joe David Dixon, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Dixon.

A graduate of Merkel High School and Commercial College at Abilene, Miss Doan is employed by Lion Hardware in Abilene.

Dixon, also a Merkel High School graduate, is a junior student at Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

Wedding vows will be read June 12 in the First Baptist Church.

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## Deaths, Funerals

### W. J. Largent

Funeral services for W. J. Largent, 79, were held Monday, March 15 at a Baptist Church in Clayton. Mr. Largent died Friday in Clayton, N.M.

A long time cattle rancher in the Merkel area, Mr. Largent had lived in New Mexico about five years, after leaving Merkel about 10 years ago. He ranged north of Merkel and was well-known in cattle circles, serving at one time as president of the American Hereford Assn.

He was born in Melissa and came to the Merkel area with his parents in 1896.

Survivors include his wife; a son, W. J. Largent Jr. of Tulsa; a daughter, Mrs. Royce Eiland of Folsom, N.M.; a brother, Tom Largent of Abilene; and a sister, Mrs. L. L. Swafford of Sarasota, Fla.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Roy Largent and C. M. Largent Jr.

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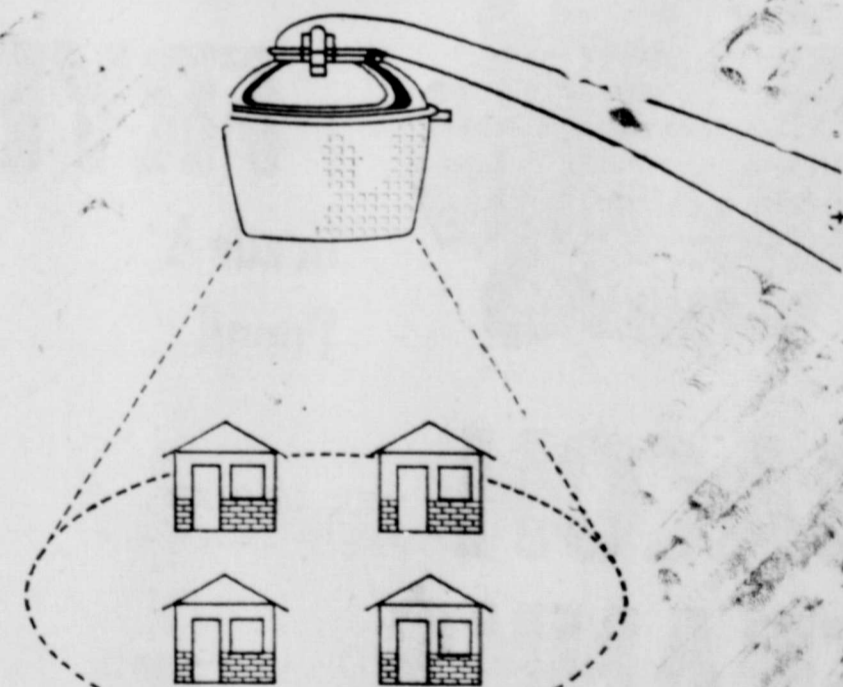
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