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Farm Bureau Queens Contest Slated Friday

Texas Farm Bureau, District 7 Queen Contest and Talent Find will be held at the Starlite Inn Friday, Aug. 12 at 7:30 p.m.

Queen contestants and Runners-up will represent Callahan, Jones, Runnels, Gillespie and Comanche counties. Talent entries will be from Callahan, Runnels, Coleman, Gillespie and Comanche counties.

The welcome address will be given by Jack Hancock, president of the Taylor County Farm Bureau, and crowning of the 1971 Queen will be done by Miss Lorene Eggmeyer, 1970 District 7 Farm Bureau Queen.

Winners in district competition will compete in the state contest in Amarillo in November.

AT TRENT

First Baptist Set Lay Witness

"Expect a Miracle" is the theme of a Lay Witness Mission, to be held at the Trent First Baptist Church Friday night through Sunday night, Aug. 13-15.

"The Mission will feature members of the Sweetwater Lamar Street Baptist Church as leaders and speakers," said pastor, the Rev. Jasper Masseege.

Friday night's meeting will open at 7:30 p.m. with a "get acquainted fellowship time," and the public is invited to attend any or all of the Mission.

Band Rehearsal Tonight at 7:30

High School Band Rehearsal will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 12 at the Band Hall, according to director Glenn Reed.

"We have sent out letters to those returning band members," said Reed, "however, we are very interested in getting any students to rehearsal who have moved into Merkel. All high school students who have been in band are invited to join the Badger team."

Students will be getting ready for school activities that include the band and particularly the coming football season, said Reed.

AT FIRST BAPTIST

REVIVAL SERVICES BEGIN AUGUST 15

A week of revival services will be held at First Baptist Church in Merkel August 15 through 22, pastor Kenneth F. Jones has announced. Week-day services will be at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. The morning services will be in the Fellowship Hall and the evening services in the church auditorium.

The guest evangelist for the meeting will be Bro. Price Mathieson, assistant chaplain at Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene. He has served as missionary in Japan and has been a teacher-coach in schools in that country. Chaplain Mathieson is currently on leave from the Southern Baptist Foreign Missions Board and is serving on the Hendrick Hospital staff during this time. During his ministry he has preached in over 200 revival meetings.

The revival choir and congregational singing will be directed by Mr. Phil Hall, minister of Music and Youth of Merkel's First Baptist Church. Choir rehearsals will be held each evening at 7 o'clock, prior to the evangelistic service.

Pastor Jones has stated that the members of the church have ex-



4-H'ERS AT WORK! — A sign telling people driving up and down Ash Street to "go slow" was on the back of a pickup Tuesday evening, as approximately thirty Merkel 4-H'ers and adults were busy picking up litter from the Railroad right of way south on Ash Street. Workers are shown here just before going to work. (Staff Photo)

4-H'ERS IN CLEAN UP PROJECT

Passers-by took a "second look" Tuesday evening as they drove along Ash Street around 5:30.

The scene was a group of young people — all ages — all sizes, with sacks in hand, picking up litter strewn along the streetside. Merkel 4-H'ers were putting the final touches to projects for the year and, also attempting to make one street in Merkel look a little cleaner and attractive because "they'd been there."

Projects are mighty important to 4-H'ers, either individually or in groups, and community projects are high on the list.

And, as the litter "pickers-uppers" proceed along Ash Street, the interest quickens:

"Look at this old cold drink can... why, it's one I threw out last year," said one hard at it 4-H'er. "Goes to show you'd better be careful about throwing out litter — you might be picking up your own."

"Dear John" reads another from a half torn note.

"Dear John — why I wrote that note last year at school,"

says a pretty blonde blue-eyed miss, "and here it is in the ditch."

Litter pick up included everything from torn pieces of paper, cardboard boxes (large and small), bottles, cans, newspapers, and even a wrapping for "please don't squeeze the Charming."

4-H'ers participating in the Litter Pick-Up project include Teddy Byrd, Lee Reddin, Maury Moore, Dana James and Tammy Thomas.

Also Jan South, Cindy Smith, Dana Russell, Lori DuBose, Cindy Boone, Vickie Reddin and Christy Fudge.

Also Tonya Moore, Annetta Stephan, Patricia Boyd, Mary Beth

Boyd, Wanda Braune and Jerrie Stephan.

Also Nancy Fudge, Audy Byrd, Glen Braune, Leslie Reddin, Shawn Moore, Andy Stephan and Doyle Russell and David Sparks, a student at Merkel Junior High was a visitor.

Adults working with the clean-up group were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stephan, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Moore, Mrs. Alvin Braune and Mrs. Charles Reddin.

TC Homemakers Slate Tea

The Annual Installation Tea will be held by the Taylor County Young Homemakers at the Taylor Electric Cooperative building Thursday, Aug. 12 at 7:30 p.m., according to Mrs. Glenn Bicknell, outgoing president.

Officers to be installed are Mrs. Hugh Baker, president; Billy Bob Toombs, vice president; Jack King, secretary; Roland Pack, treasurer, and Freddy Toombs, reporter.

"All members are urged to attend this special meeting," said Mrs. Bicknell, "and a special invitation is extended to those ladies who are interested in becoming members of our organization."



BARBARA ANNE McANINCH
... in political science

Trent HS Grad To Get Masters

Some 1,300 students are candidates for degrees, or diplomas, which will be awarded by the University of Houston in Summer commencement exercises on Saturday, Aug. 14 at 3 p.m.

Barbara Anne McAninch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cal McAninch of Trent is a candidate for the master of arts degree, with major in political science.

State Senator Barbara Jordan will deliver the commencement address, and Dr. Philip G. Hoffman, UH president, will confer degrees and diplomas. Dr. Emmett B. Fields, executive vice president and dean of faculties at UH, will recognize honor graduates at the ceremonies to be held in the Hofheinz Pavilion.

Miss McAninch is a 1965 graduate of Trent High School and received her BA degree from Texas Tech.

Membership Drive Slated For Aug. 19

Directors and associate directors of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce met Tuesday evening, mapped plans for the C-C Membership Drive to be held Thursday, August 19 and heard committee reports.

"The August 19 Membership Drive will be aimed primarily at procuring individuals members in the organization," said Duane Shugart, membership chairman, "however we are still inviting and urging local businesses to join up."

Appointed by Shugart to work with him on the individual membership drive are Mrs. Ray Wilson Benny Melton Mrs. Wm. R. Cypert, Mrs. Dave Brumbeau and Mrs. Lawrence Hewitt.

A meeting is scheduled for Friday morning, Aug. 13 when Membership Committee will contact members of the Chamber to work on the Thursday drive.

Drive workers will meet early Thursday morning, get their list of prospective members and begin making contacts, Shugart explained.

"It is hoped that we will be able to begin and complete the major part of the drive in one day," said Shugart, "however, we do plan to contact all citizens and invite them to join."

Membership for individuals is \$1.00 per person and \$1.50 for husband and wife team per month. Does not include dues in full for one year or by the month.

In a drive conducted in April, thirty one new businesses joined the Chamber.

"If our individual membership drive is as successful as our drive for business membership, we should go over the top," said Shugart.

In other business Tuesday evening, directors heard a report by Mrs. Ted Wilson, chairman of Library Committee on progress of the new building. Mrs. Wilson reported that an estimate of \$7,500 was given for work on the floor and a drop ceiling for the building given the library from the Pinkley Estate.

Members discussed possibilities of how to get many repairs done through volunteer labor, and perhaps through the Community Action program, recently set up in Merkel.

Johnny Hammond and E. A. Conroy, co-chairman for the Senior Citizen Committee, reported they were working with Mr. Richard Pierce of Perce Manufacturing Corporation on getting a sample bench built to place in downtown Merkel, and

also cost of same would be given after completion.

Melton reported that the Summer Recreation Program "was the best year we've ever had." After expenses were paid (including raises for workers) there was \$123.60 left in the Recreation Fund.

Lassiter reported on the approaches and exits to IH 20, and told members that a July 21 meeting with J. C. Roberts, District Highway Engineer for the Abilene District was a most profitable one.

Lassiter said that a route of financing lighting projects included plan drawn and forwarded to Texas Highway Commission, schematics drawn up and submitted, Bureau of Federal Highways notified and appraised of project, and petitions, letters and testimonies from local citizens submitted in support of the request.

Attending the Tuesday meeting were Fred Starbuck C-C president, Mrs. Wilson, Conley, Hammond, Cypert, Button, Lassiter, David Gamble, Melton, Shugart and Lassiter.

TRENT SCHOOLS BEGIN MONDAY, AUG. 23

Trent Public School teachers will have a faculty meeting Thursday, August 19 at 5:30 p.m., prior to school registration on August 23, according to superintendent John B. Young.

"All students will register and begin classwork on opening day, Monday, Aug. 23," said Young. "Classes will meet in their respective home rooms at 8 a.m. when registration will begin."

Buses are scheduled to run at the regular time and lunch will be served on opening day.

Personnel for the 1971-72 school term are Young, superintendent; Jack Whittis, principal and math teacher; Charles Whittis, high school coach; Jerry Cotton Jr., coach and Social Science; Miss Lynn Johnson, Junior High and Social Science, and Mrs. Barbara Henderson, Science.

Also Mrs. Kay Whittis, home-making; Jen Henderson, Vocational Agriculture; Jim Pogue, band director; Mrs. Karen Pogue, primary; Mrs. Edith Rudd, 3rd and 4th grades; Mrs. Mildred Mitchell, 5th and 6th grades, and Mrs. Amelia Healy secretary and tax assessor-collector.

Other employees are James Dean, Title I coordinator; Robert

James Millikan, supervisor; Mrs. Syra Patterson and Mrs. Vera Sharp, teacher aides; Mrs. Sally Watson and Mrs. Nellie Barnhill, lunchroom and Henry L. Tittle, custodian.

Members of the school board are Yates Sipe, president; Weldon Beasley, secretary; Robert Scott Jr., Ronnie Freeman, Frank Brnovak, and Billy W. Hamner.

Merkel Badgers Begin Workout

Pre-Season Workout schedule for the Merkel Badgers will be found on Page Five of this edition, with schedule listed beginning Aug. 12.

On Wednesday, Aug. 11, clothing was issued to all participants, and equipment issued to 11th and 12th grade players.

During the workout schedule, Head Coach Paul Woodfin said that freshmen students would be working out at separate time from the older players.

Approximately 45 to 50 players are expected to come out for training this year, said Woodfin. Two new coaches were named this week — one for high school and one for 7th grade.

Varsity coach is Max Hibbets, a graduate of Throckmorton High School and Texas Christian University. He is married and they have one child.

Working with the seventh grade will be William George Martin, a graduate of Brownwood High School and McMurry College. Martin was on the Brownwood state championship team in 1966.

Fire Department To Have Fish Fry

Members of the Merkel Volunteer Fire Department and their wives will have a Fish Fry Monday evening, Sept. 13 at the Fire Station.

Ken Satterwhite will be "chief cook for the fry."

WTRC ROUND-UP PLANS UNDERWAY

ABILENE — The original Cripple Children's Round-Up for Crippled Children, which benefits the West Texas Rehabilitation Center, will kick off its twelfth annual Round-Up this month. Founded by the late Conda Wiley, the Round-Up has raised well over three quarters of a million dollars to the handicapped of the WTRC since its inception.

The Round-Up operates in many different phases. The next three phases will be the Cattle Sale on Sept. 27 at the Ranchers and Farmers Livestock Auction in Abilene; the Horse Sale on Oct. 2 at Abilene Livestock Auction, and the Sheep and Goat Sale on Oct. 11 at the Coleman Livestock Auction.

Officials of the Center announce the re-appointment of Charlie Morris as chairman of the Round-Up. In response to his re-appointment, Morris said, "I am more than happy to be able to head the Round-Up again this year. When I first accepted the chairmanship ten years ago, I had no idea that our six year old cerebral palsied grandson would be benefitting from help at the Center today."

Morris announced re-appointment of Sam Swann of Merkel for chairman for this area, Swann has served as area chairman for the past five years.

"Many people of the Southwest have helped the Center, never realizing that the Center would be able to help them someday. The Center's operating budget is \$426,000.

Operation of the Round-Up is the result of ranchers and stockmen picking out a calf or a pen of calves or some other livestock and pledging them to the Round-Up.



RECEIVES AWARD — C. H. Collinsworth, Voc-Ag teacher at Merkel High School is presented the Distinguished Service Award and a 35 year lapel pin by Ray Seale of Shiner, president of the Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association of Texas. The award was presented at the Annual Awards Breakfast for Collinsworth's outstanding service to Vocational Agriculture in Texas. (Photo Courtesy VATA)

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Peanuts and Snoopy admirers will find their idols on Thermos lunch kits, too, as will Barbie buffs. Other kits depict Sizzlers-Hot Wheels and Yosemite Sam-Bugs Bunny.

There are even magnetic game kits for kiddos who want some fun and games after they've finished lunch. Play Ball, Auto Race and Campus Queen will enliven many a noon hour for them.

No matter what kit your child chooses, remember the lunch he carries from home should supply at least a third of the total nutritional requirements for the day and should be made up of a variety of foods in order to have a balanced meal.

The Thermos vacuum bottle in your child's kit makes it possible to provide your child with milk, cocoa, and nourishing soups so important to his well being.



James J. Ewing Dies at Age 94

Funeral services for James J. Ewing, 94, were held at 4 p.m. Aug. 9 at the Merkel Church of Christ. Burial was in Elbert Creek Cemetery.

Mr. Ewing died at 2 p.m. Saturday in Hendrick Memorial Hospital after a short illness.

Born Nov. 29, 1876, at Goldthwaite, Mr. Ewing married Tennie Lewellen in December of 1901 at Shep, Mrs. Ewing died June 4, 1946. He moved to Merkel from Shep in 1952. He was a farmer most of his life and was a member of the Merkel Church of Christ.

Survivors are one son, Lowell Ewing of Merkel; one daughter, Mrs. Elva Brewer of Ovalo; one brother, P. M. Ewing of Tucson, Ariz.; three grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Palbearers were Waymon Adcock, Louis Corder, Jessie Justice, Odie Foster, Joe Gregory and Jerry Russell.

Riggan Reunion Held In Abilene

The Riggan Reunion was held at Nelson Park Aug. 8, with all brothers and sisters attending except two brothers, J. C. and Loyd, both on account of illness.

Brothers and sisters attending were Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Riggan, Stanton; Mrs. Mary Harris, Houston; Mr. and Mrs. Gold Riggle, Lamesa; Mrs. Jessie Conley, Houston; Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Riggan, Tempe, Arizona, and Mrs. Leona Conley of Abilene.

Others attending were from Lamesa; Stanton, Houston, Tempe, Ariz., Abilene, Sweetwater Lubbock, Anson and Merkel.

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Stith News

By MRS. FRITZ HALE



Crops are looking pretty since the recent rains; the farmers are busy killing weeds this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Reddin, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Jowers, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Reddin, John David and Ronald, all of Abilene and Mammie Hardin and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Burns visited Mrs. Ruby Reddin Sunday.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley a few days last week were their daugh-

ter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wayne Berry of San Antonio and Katie Row of Bledsoe. The Berrys and Katie are visiting this week in Amherst with the Audrian Berrys.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McDonald and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Perry visited Sunday afternoon at the Anson Care Home with Mrs. Nora McDonald.

Mildred and Lonnie Harris and the Johnny Harrises of Dallas, the Billy Ray Brownings and children of Tuscola, and Ona Spence, Abilene, spent Sunday with the John Brownings.

Mrs. James Hale and Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Ray of Midland, visited the Fritz Hales Sunday.

Visitors attending services at the Stith Baptist Church Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wayne Berry and children, Katie Row, Tony Hemer, Peggy and Tony Jr. and David Clyburn.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Shaw of Gainesville and formerly of Stith, visited Mr. Shaw's mothers, Mrs. John Shaw in Merkel and also the Ray Mashburns at Stith. Others visiting Mrs. Shaw were the Glen Shaws and son, Roxie Meeks of Abilene and Mrs. Sonny Hardin and children of Lawn and also the Roy Mashburns.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley visited Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Davis in Abilene Sunday afternoon.

Completes USA Basic Training

FT. POK, a - Army Private Antonio M. Biera, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonardo Biera, 1001 Hayes St., Merkel, recently completed eight weeks of basic training at the U.S. Army Training Center, Infantry, Ft. Polk, La.

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"EXPLAIN I John 3:9"

One must know that every scripture is to be considered in the proper context (surrounding verses) and in the light of all the other scriptures. Analyze the scriptures:

- 1 What does "born of God" mean? (Consider last week's article) John 3:1-13; Mark 16:16; Matt. 28:19-20; Acts 2:38, 10:48; Titus 3:5; etc.
- 2 I John 5:18 explains further by saying "he that is begotten (born) of God KEEPETH HIMSELF." Other scriptures shed light on what is meant here: II Corinthians 10:5 "Casting down imaginations (reasonings) and every high thing that exulteth itself against the knowledge of God, and BRINGING INTO CAPTIVITY EVERY THOUGHT TO THE OBEDIENCE OF CHRIST..." That person who is trying to diligently serve God works at "self control" so as to "obey" the commands of God which is referred to in I John 5:1-4f; John 14:15, 15:10. That person who then is "obedient to Christ" does not "commit" or live in the practice of sin.
- 3 I John 3:9 "doeth not commit sin?" In light of 5:18, in 1:8 the Holy Spirit already said through John "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us." What is then meant? Hebrews 10:26-31 explains what one who is "born of God" knows... to live in, practice regularly sin is very difficult for one who loves God deeply which is involved in being born of God which is discussed in Chapter 4 of I John.

(To be continued.)

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In San Diego

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During the cruise his ship visited the Philippine Islands, Hong Kong and Sasebo Japan.

He attended Abilene High School.

It's News To Me
by Betty Carroll

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(to friends)
They never quite leave us; Our friends who have passed Through the shadow of death To the sunlight above.
A thousand bright memories Are holding them fast To places they blest With their presence of love.
Instead of sending cards to the friends who are left, I am contributing these thoughts above.
God Bless and Comfort All.
Sincerely,
Mrs. Joe Nalley

FOR THE HOSTESS
by Joan Crawford
Out of Reach

"If you're not going to eat those french fries, I'll take them," says the husband reaching across the table to scoop up his wife's serving after she has indicated she doesn't want them. "I'll have some of those pancakes, Yesiree," says the hungry young man, grabbing a forkful and maneuvering them onto his plate. "Sweetie, you've got to try this pie," says an enthusiastic eater holding a forkful of dripping dessert to his girlfriend. We've all witnessed scenes like these at the table and we've probably thought that the perpetrators were in gross bad taste. But actually there's a right way to go about anything, even reaching or giving.

It used to be considered very gauche to reach at the table and a meal became an endless series of conversation-stopping "Please pass me's". But today it's perfectly acceptable, even preferable, to take items that are within reach. Rule of thumb: if you have to rise out of your seat to get it, have it passed. Otherwise an unobtrusive reach is all right.

Tasting another's food is informal but permissible. If you've ordered a particularly tasty and unusual dish in a restaurant, you can take a fresh fork, put a morsel on it, then pass the whole implement, handle first, across the table to the recipient who then keeps it. However, if a wife, for example, is not going to eat her portion of potatoes, she can ask the waiter to put them on a little plate and give them to her husband. At a dinner party, one way to eliminate the reaching problem is to serve two plates of the same item. For example, I always have a pitcher of ice water and a pitcher of Pepsi-Cola at each end of the table; I serve bread in two small baskets and I have several sets of salt and pepper shakers around. But, even though it's acceptable, I'm a little old fashioned, I'd still rather be passed to—than overreached!

Plates Available For Disabled Vets

AUSTIN — Little noticed during the 62nd Legislature was the passage and signing into law on May 19, 1971, by Governor Preston Smith of House Bill 615, which amends the Texas Motor Vehicle Registration Law to provide free license plates for certain disabled veterans according to Gil Moody, Commander of The American Legion, Department of Texas.

To qualify for free plates, an applicant must be a Texas resident, a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States, have a disability rating of 70% or more, and be drawing compensation from the federal government as a result of a service-connected disability.

Passage of the bill had the full backing of the American Legion, who noticed that many other states had such special laws for its native veterans.

4-H'ers Attend Youth Meeting

Five Merkel area 4-H'ers recently attended the Fifth Texas 4-H Youth Conference on Natural Resources at Ceta Canyon near Amarillo.



They were Leslie Reddin and Andy Stephan, Merkel 4-H; Lee Ann Holloway, Countywide 4-H; Betsy Johnson, Merkel 4-H, and Judy Brnovak of Mulberry Canyon 4-H Club.

In addition to hearing discussions on environmental quality, forestry, outdoor recreation, range, soil and water and wildlife, the 4-H'ers attended the Palo Duro Canyon production of "Texas!"

Mrs. Eldon Landers, adult leader, accompanied the group.

Washburn Meet

The Washburn Reunion was held Aug. 8 at Abilene State Park with gifts given to the oldest and youngest attending.

There were approximately sixty relatives and guests attending from Amarillo, Breckenridge, Anson, Tahoka, Lubbock, Odessa, Andrews and Dallas.

Also Hawley, Mineral Wells, Midwest City Okla., Electra, Abilene and Merkel.



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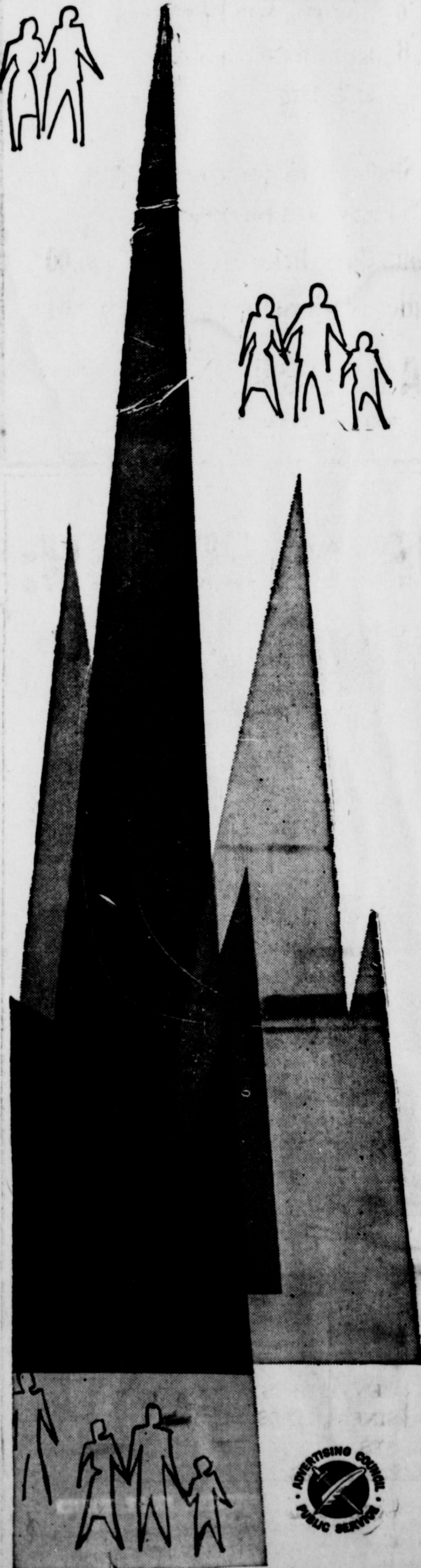
Find the strength for your life...

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.

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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



Large Attendance At Turner Reunion At Turner Meet

The Turner Reunion met Aug. 8 at the Merkel Community Center for their Annual Reunion. A large crowd was present and were from Mesquite, Dallas, Clovis, N.M., Meaumont, N.M. Brownfield Roaring Springs Pecos and Knott.

Also Dublin Cleburne, Ackerly, Lamesa, Sweetwater, Abilene, Brownwood, Big Spring, Merkel and Dyess Air Force Base.

Visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Beryl Brown and Willard Bown of Merkel.

Workout Slate

Aug. 12 — 8:30 p.m. Issue all equipment to 10th grade.
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 Aug. 16 - 20 — 6:00 - 7:30 a.m. 10th, 11th, 12th grade candidates.
 Aug. 16 - 20 — 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. 10th, 11th, 12th grade candidates.
 Aug. 16 - 20 — 7:15 - 8:30 p.m. 9th grade candidates.
 Aug. 21 — 8:00 - 9:30 a.m. 10th, 11th, 12th grade candidates.
 Aug. 23 — Scrimmage at Coahoma.
 Aug. 24 - 27 — 6:30 - 7:30 a.m. 10th, 11th, 12th grade candidates — shorts and shoulder pads.
 Aug. 24 - 27 — 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. 9th grade.
 Aug. 24 - 27 — 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. 10th, 11th, 12th grade candidates.
 Aug. 30 - Sept. 2 — 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. All candidates.
 Sept. 3 — Scrimmage, Wylie here.
 Sept. 6 - Nov. 13 — 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Workouts. Sat. mornings at 9:00 a.m.



MRS. ELDON HICKS
... resource teacher

New Teacher For Special Ed

Mrs. Eldon (Rojean) Hicks of Trent, will be a resource teacher in special education for Taylor-Callahan County Coop according to Merkel Elementary School principal, Leon Walker, who is coordinator for the program.

An itinerant resource teacher for student ages 12 through 17, Mrs. Hicks will work in schools in Taylor and Callahan counties. There are twelve schools in the two-county program, four of which Mrs. Hicks will be serving at school opening.

The program, under State Plan B, will also have two speech therapists.

A graduate of Trent High School, Mrs. Hicks received her Bachelor of Science degree from McMurry and is presently attending Hardin-Simmons University, working toward a Masters degree, specializing in mental retardation.

She has taught at McCaulley Elementary School for the past five years.



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Saturday's events will be at 2 and 8 p.m.

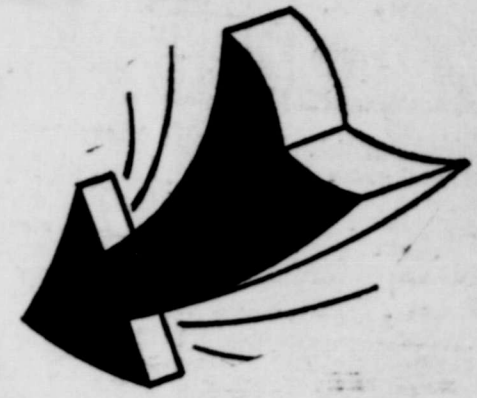
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CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Marsha Elaine Stewart, Defendant, Greeting:
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written 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 6 day of Sept. A.D. 1971, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 31 day of March A.D. 1971, in this cause, numbered 627 on the docket of said court and styled Terry Len Stewart, Plaintiff, vs. Marsha Elaine Stewart, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: suit for divorce. Plaintiff and defendant were married on or about Sept. 10, 1969 and became separated on or about March 1, 1970. There were no children born of no community property ac-

quired, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance it shall be returned unserved.

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

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 22 day of July A.D. 1971.

Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD
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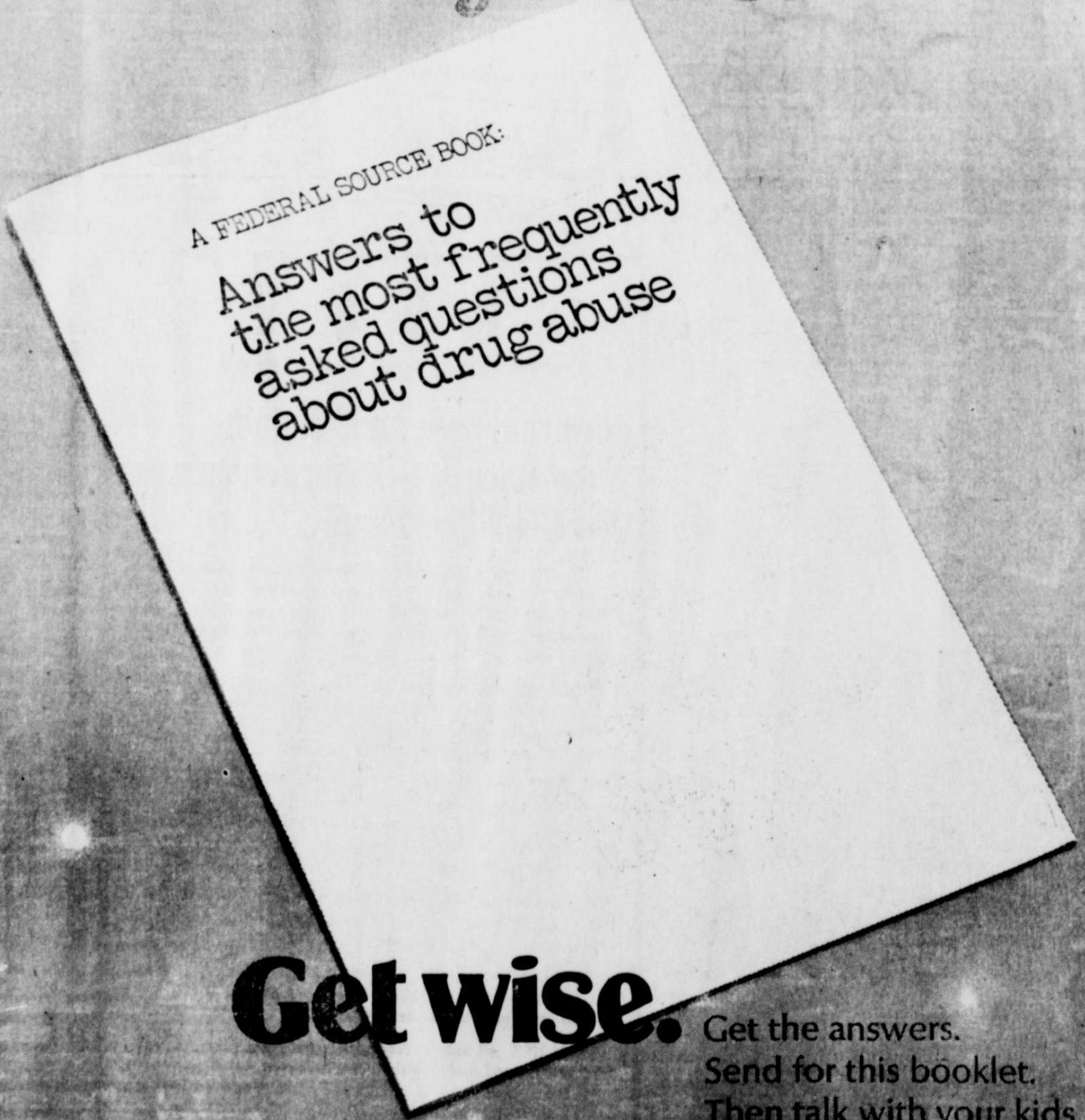
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ROUND-UP

By ELAINE BRUMBEAU

News of MARY BELL (DOUGLAS) CLARKSON, a former Merkelite and also a former reporter for The Merkel Mail, comes our way from "The Panola," (Panola County Newspaper) in Batesville, Mississippi. The article says that "thirty-five years of reporting for newspapers makes Mrs. J. C. Clarkson of Independence Community a veteran on the job."

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Douglas of Rt. 2, Merkel, Mary Bell was born and reared in Merkel.

The Clarksons operate a 3/4 acre farm, raising soybeans, cotton, hay, cattle and chickens. Both love to travel, talking long trips over the country and besides helping out with farm chores, Mary Bell plants her own vegetable garden and cultivates it

Freeman Reunion

Approximately seventy relatives and friends attended the Freeman Reunion held at Abilene State Park July 24-25.

Lavaughn Freeman of Bridgeport, was re-elected president and Mrs. Eldon Hicks of Trent, secretary-treasurer.

Relatives attending were from Sweetwater, Anson, Abilene, Austin, Houston, Deer Park Odessa, Post, Hamlin, Trent and Merkel.

The reunion has been set for the weekend of the fourth Sunday in July in 1971-72.

with a gasoline propelled garden tiller.

Along with being correspondent for "The Panolian," she enjoys her arts and craft hobbies through the Independence Homemakers Club.

Mary Bell visited her parents and also a sister, Mrs. Deverl Teaff in early spring.

MRS. W. T. (MARY CLEO) SADLER was by the Mail this week, seeking some help in finding the owner of a bowl with initials P. E. on it. "Someone brought a bowl of food during my sister's (Helen M. field) service," said Mary Cleo, "and we accidentally mislaid the name of the person who owned the bowl." Shortly thereafter dishes and thanks were distributed with the exception of the bowl with initials P. E. and Mary Cleo said if the lady who owned the bowl would just give her a call, she would deliver immediately.

The JACKY REYNOLDS, former Merkelite, are visiting here this week — Jacky's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cramer Reynolds and Jeanie's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Hunter. They're also visiting Jeanie's brother, Tommy Anderson, who will be leaving this weekend for Portales, N.M., where he is enrolled in Eastern New Mexico State College and has a football scholarship. Tommy is a 1971 graduate of Merkel High School and was a star player on the Badger team.

Jacky is enrolled in Southwestern Seminar in Fort Worth, and is supply preaching in area churches. Jeanie is a fifth grade teacher in White Settlement Elementary School in Fort Worth.

The DON FORDS of Pecos were recent visitors in their parents' home, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Ford Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Wright Dishman. Don and Kay brought along their three children — Gerald Don Sam and Glynn Kay. After visiting in Austin and Cross Plains they visited Mr. and Mrs. Bob Ford and family and friends at San Antonio and San Marcos.

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MRS. JIMMY PAUL PORTER
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BLAND-PORTER VOWS ARE EXCHANGED

Ginger Gay Bland and Jimmy Paul Porter were married Friday, Aug. 6 in the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack I. Bland, 1238 Oak, in Abilene.

Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Porter of De Leon.

The Rev. Doug Robertson, assistant pastor of Coran's Baptist Church in Abilene, officiated. Cheryl Mitchell, Rex and Tim Bland, brothers of the bride, furnished guitar music.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a dress of

peau de soie with choralis lace bodice trimmed with seed pearls.

Honor attendants were Linda Mitchell and Roger Armstrong of Dublin. Miss Mitchell wore an empire blue dress of peau de soie.

Terry and Todd Bland, brothers of the bride lighted candles.

The bride's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Riley D. Cross, hosted the reception at their home in Abilene.

The bride attended Cooper High School. The bridegroom is a graduate of De Leon High School and is employed by Kimmell Irrigation Supply, Inc. in De Leon, where the couple will make their home.

MISS TUCKEY BRIDE OF GRADY BARDIN

Nelda Ruth Tuckey and Grady Donald Bardin were married Saturday in Woods Chapel Baptist Church in Arlington.

Parents of the couple are Mrs. W. C. Tuckey of Merkel and the late Mr. Tuckey, and Mr. and Mrs. Grady W. Bardin of Pensacola, Fla.

The Rev. Ed Planche officiated; Zelma Green was organist and soloist was Ralph McElroy.

Maid of honor was Glenda Tuckey of Merkel, sister of the bride. Flower girl was Serree Houghton and ring bearer was Todd Bearden.

Best man was Floyd Tucker of Big Spring, brother of the bride. Candle lighters and ushers were

Frank Cantwell and Jackie Cannon of Big Spring.

Given in marriage by her brother, Charles Tuckey, the bride wore an empire gown of chiffon and acetate nylon lace over acetate.

Her attendants wore a princess style gown of deep purple peau de soie with an orchid sash.

The bride is a graduate of Merkel High School.

A graduate of J. M. Tate High School, the bridegroom is also a graduate of Pensacola Junior College and is employed at Skaggs Albertson's in Arlington.

The couple will live at 1600 Peach St., No. 129 Arlington after a trip to Hot Springs Ark.



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NEW ARRIVALS

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Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Billy Joe White and Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Joe Seymore.

Great-grandparents are Mrs. Ora White, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Green and Mrs. A. R. Toombs.

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CARSON SUPER MARKET

save 30c

With This Coupon When You Buy a 2 Lb. Can of MAXWELL HOUSE or ELECTRA PERK COFFEE AT CARSON 2 LB. CAN ONLY 1.39 WITH COUPON



One Coupon Per Family - Offer Expires Aug. 25

CARSON SUPER COUPON

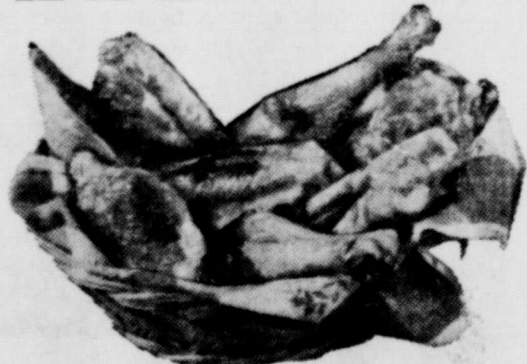
save 20c

WITH THIS COUPON WHEN YOU BUY A 6 OZ. JAR OF INSTANT MAXWELL HOUSE COFFEE AT CARSONS 6 OZ. JAR ONLY 59c WITH COUPON



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TENDER, TASTY, MEATY **FRYERS** FOR THRIFTY BUYERS



Grade A WHOLE ONLY Pound 29c

STEAK Choice Beef FAMILY Lb. 79c

BACON Hormel B. L. Pound 61c

SAUSAGE Hormel Kolbase Pkg. 69c

SHORT RIBS Choice Beef Pound 49c

CHOICE BEEF T-BONE STEAK lb. 1:39 WISCONSIN CHEDDAR CHEESE lb. 89c

HORMEL HEAT AND EAT CHICKEN FRYED STEAK Pkg. 59c



LEMON JOY Giant 43c



OR BONUS WITH PRIZE

Gt. Box 69c



SANTA ROSA PLUMS Lb. 29c

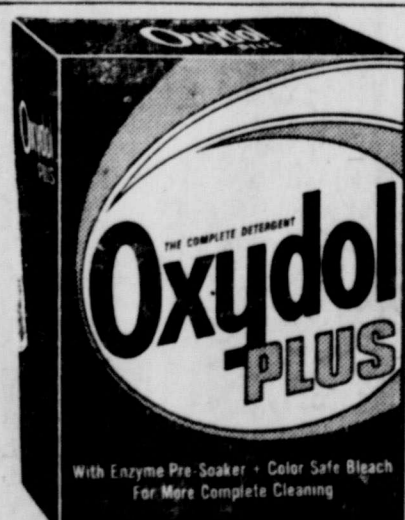
FRESH CORN ON COB 2 Eacrs 15c

HOMEGROWN PEACHES Lb. 10c

FRESH Blackeye PEAS Lb. 15c

FRESH CELLO CARROTS 2 for 29c

RUSSET SPUDS 8 Lb. Bag 49c



WE GIVE GIFT BOND STAMPS

DOUBLE ON WEDS.

OR BOLD Gt. Box 63c (1 Limit)

Fabulous Offer!! GOLD TABLEWARE

\$3.50 VALUE! Only **69c**

YOUR CHOICE OF PIECES WITH ONLY \$3.00 IN TRADE

ON DOLLAR DAYS YES 5 BIG DAYS Thurs. thru Tues. August 12-13-14-16-17

FREE 5 Lb. Bag SUGAR

WHEN YOU BUY INSTANT TEA

LIPTONS 4 Oz. Jar At Reg. Price

METZGERS BUTTER MILK 1/2 GAL. CTN. 2 for 89c

METZGERS COTTAGE CHEESE 16 Oz. Ctn. 35c

METZGERS WHIPPING CREAM 1/2 Pt. Ctn. 33c

SHEERTEX PANTY HOSE FITS ALL SIZES Pair 49c

LOOSE LEAF FILLER PAPER 300 Ct. Pkg. 43c

WATCH FOR OUR BIG DISCOUNT AD NEXT WEEK SCHOOL SUPPLIES - SO DON'T BUY YET -

LOOSE LEAF BINDERS REG. \$1.98 Only 89c

3 MINUTE INSTANT OATS Box 39c

ALL-SWEET OLEO POUND 2 Ctns for 49c

GLADIOLA INSTANT POTATOES ENVELOPE 2 Pkgs. for 19c

ARMOURS VIENNA SAUSAGE 4 OZ. CANS 2 for 43c

PETER PAN PEANUT BUTTER 12 Oz. Jar 45c

BLEACH CLOROX 1/2 Gal. Jug 33c

CARSON'S SUPER MARKET MERKEL, TEXAS FRESH VEGETABLES FREE DELIVERY MON - WED - FRI BEST MEATS IN TOWN