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Study Club's First Meeting Sept. 18

The first meeting of this year for the Fortnightly Study Club will be Saturday morning, Sept. 18. Hosting the coffee will be Mrs. Andy Shouse and Mrs. Ray Wilson.

Guest speaker will be Mrs. A. J. Smith of Anson, and president of the Mesquite District.

Theme for the meeting will be "Woman's Finest Hour — Her Stand for Americanism."

Monday Singing

The Second Monday Night Singing will be at 7 p.m. Sept. 13 at Victory Baptist Church.

F. E. Sipe, president, extends an invitation to all to attend.

THS Graduate Freshman Prexy

Mark Williams Jr., a 1971 graduate of Trent High School was elected president of the freshman class at Tarleton State College this past week. Class enrollment is approximately 1,000 students.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Williamson Sr., Mark is also currently serving as state FFA vice president for Area IV.

Visiting Mark this week was Alan Jones, State FFA president and the two went over plans for future meetings.



MARK WILLIAMSON
... at Tarleton State



READY FOR FRIDAY'S GAME — Workouts and scrimmages have strengthened the Badger power in preparation for Friday's encounter with the Clyde Bulldogs. Pictured are, front, from left, Jerry Williams, Ray Young, Monty Tittle and Larry Hewitt. "In the air" are Kerry Thames, left, and Jerry Holmes. (Photo Courtesy The Abilene Reporter-News)

MHS Spanish Club Elects Officers

Members of the MHS Spanish Club held their first meeting Aug. 30 for the election of officers.

Kay Crenshaw was elected president for the 1971-72 year. Other officers elected include Don Clyburn, vice president; Becky Acuna, secretary; Mary Beth Boyd, treasurer, and Pauline Allison, reporter.

Also Dona Nagel, parliamentarian; Neilon Ely, first year representative and Mark Dudley, second year representative.

Mrs. Mary Easton is club sponsor.

BADGERS-BULLDOGS MEET HERE FRIDAY

The Merkel Badgers will be host to the Clyde Bulldogs this Friday at Badger Stadium in their first non-conference game.

Head Coach Paul Woodfin told Booster members last week that "we're improving every workout and this Friday evening's game promises to be an interesting one for fans as well as players."

"Our boys have an excellent attitude," Woodfin commented,

"and the will to win can be a great advantage. They looked real good in last week's scrimmage with Wylie."

Returnees from last season include fullback Kerry Thames, tackle Monty Tittle, halfback Larry Homes, and Larry Hewitt and center Jerry Williams.

The Badgers lost eight All-District performers to graduation, which included some on both first and second teams, and Woodfin says that "speed and size will be the team's weak points." The Badgers finished third in district play last season at a 3-2 and had a 5-5 for the season.

Badger Booster Club president, Vincent Barnett urged fans to come out to the game.

"Our boys need to see a full stadium," said Barnett, "and they need you there, win or lose. We can show that we're backing our Badger team by our presence at every game."

Game time is 8 p.m.

MHS Badger Band Set for Halftime

Football and band fans will see some lively entertainment during halftime performances at the Merkel-Clyde game Friday evening. The Badger Band, all 69 strong, will be in full uniform.

A special feature of the band will be the forming of the letter M before game time and during halftime. Also during halftime a performance to the song, "A Rock."

Glenn Reed, director said Wednesday, "We have a good sounding band this year and we are looking forward to a good marching band as well."

Merkel Lighting Project Approved

A safety lighting project for Merkel is included in the approved expenditure of \$1,500,000 for highway safety and betterment and improvement of state highways and farm to market roads in District 8 during 1972.

District Engineers J. C. Roberts of Abilene said that a total of 159.3 miles will be involved in the annual program.

The work is part of the highway Commission's combined Farm to Market Road Improvement and State Highway Safety and Betterment Programs for 1972.

Joe E. Lassiter, chairman of the Highway and Roads Committee of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce, advised the Merkel Mail this week that Mr. Roberts had included the lighting of a portion of IH20, vicinity of Merkel in his Safety and Betterment Program and had submitted it to the Headquarters Texas Highway Department in Austin.

"Austin then definitely approved the program submitted," said Lassiter, "and has designated to be lighted east and west Loop Interchanges and FM 126 interchange. This includes all exit and entrance ramps and where the road runs under Interstate 20 at those designations."

Shortly after being appointed chairman of the Highway and Roads Committee, Lassiter began work on a safety lighting for Merkel. His contacts besides Roberts has included George Smith and Al McKee of the Texas Highway Department.

"The funds have definitely been approved and there should be no problem or reason as to their not being expended for the purpose they were designated," said Smith. "The program will be contracted sometime in 1972, but no date has been set."

Appreciation was expressed by C.C. president, Fred Starbuck, to Lassiter and his committee, Horace Boney and Joe Cypert, for the extra time and thought given this project.

"The lighting project is something we have needed for quite some time," said Starbuck, "and the fact that the project has been approved by the State Highway Commission attests the work that

has been done by this committee."

Roberts said that the types of work included in the program cover 135.6 miles of asphalt seal coats scattered over the district plus the additional surfacing of

1.8 miles of U.S. 277 in Haskell, 2.1 miles of U.S. 87 in Big Spring, 11.4 miles of U.S. 83 in Taylor County and 8.4 miles of Loop 243 in Abilene and the safety lighting project in Merkel.

NEW DRUG PLAN IS EXPLAINED

A new drug program initiated last Wednesday has caused some confusion among state welfare recipients; however, David Gamble of Merkel Drug said "we are ready to do business with the welfare."

Under the new program which began Sept. 1, welfare recipients no longer have money included in their monthly checks to cover the cost of buying medicine. Instead, they can receive medicine free at a pharmacy if they have the proper forms.

"We have had several calls in this changeover," said Gamble, "and we understand that there would be some confusion among recipients."

"Most people will be limited to two prescriptions per month or a total of \$12.00 and if additional medicine is required the recipient's doctor can authorize such on separate forms."

Three forms, an imprint billing

card, medical assistance record book and the medical eligibility card are required when a prescription is filled, said Gamble.

The above forms have already been sent welfare recipients by the state welfare department.

One exception to the two prescriptions (\$12 limit) is persons living in a nursing home and receiving skilled care, according to George R. Riley, program director for assistance payments of the regional state welfare office in Wichita Falls.

Riley explained that persons receiving skilled care would be persons who are bedridden and require constant care.

Limits for prescriptions are only for September, according to Riley. He said that a review of the limits will be made each month by the welfare department and changes may be made on a monthly basis.

CHILDREN'S PICTURES TO BE TAKEN IN COLOR

Thursday, Sept. 16 is the big day set to take Living Color Pictures of your little ones. The Merkel Mail is having pictures taken of all children accompanied by their parents or other guardian to Crawford's between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. absolutely free of any charge or obligation.

The Mail will publish a picture of your child in a photographic feature series of local children entitled "Citizens of Tomorrow." A professional children's photographer will take the pictures in Direct Living Color.

There is no charge or obligation for taking the pictures. Parents do not have to be a subscriber to the Mail and do not

have to purchase pictures. Profits will be shown in Color and you may obtain color portraits by arranging direct with the studio representative if you want them. The pictures appearing in the newspaper will be in black and white.

In keeping with the quality feature policy of this newspaper, we would like to publish all the pictures of local youngsters we can get.

Appointments may be made by calling Mrs. Billy (Carolyn) Fisher at 928-5559 or 928-5712. Making appointments in advance will avoid the possibility of a long wait.

The date is September 16 and the place is Crawford's.

AREA CONTESTANTS RODEO WINNER

Final results in Merkel's International Junior Rodeo held over the Labor Day Weekend, named Cindy Whisenhunt All-Around Cowgirl in the 13-15 age group; Steven Bland of Trent, All-Around Cowboy in the age 13-15 group; and Becky Bland All-Around Cowgirl in 16-19 group.

All-Around Cowboys in 12 and under group were Hank Adams of Big Spring and Darrel Lambert of Abilene, and Kathy Harell was named All-Around Cowgirl in 12 and under group.

In 16-19 age group Kerry Bruton of San Angelo is All-Around Cowboy and Eunice Alexander All-Around Cowgirl in 20-23 group.

Ruth Ann Welch, 16, daughter of Buster Welch was crowned Miss International Junior Rodeo Queen Saturday night. She will represent Merkel at the world JIRA to be held later this year with place to be named.

First runner-up was Cindy Whisenhunt, 15, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Whisenhunt.

Second runner-up was Wanda Barnes, 19, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Barnes.



RUTH ANN WELCH
... rodeo queen

Final results of Saturday night's rodeo follow:

12 and under — Flags, Kathy Harell, 12.4; Barrel Racing, Harell, 19.1; Pole Bending, Patricia Boyd, 21.6.

Boys 12 and under — Barrel Racing, Hank Allen, 21.1; Tie Down Roping, Lambert, 48.3; Break Away Roping, Lambert, 4.3.

Girls 13-15 — Barrels, Carolyn Roan, 19.8; Pole Bending, Roan, 21.2.

Boys 13-15 Bull Riding — Gary McNutt, 63; Goat Tying, Steve Bland, 16.2; Tie Down Roping, Bland, 13, and Ribbon Roping, no one placed.

Girls 16-19 — Barrels, Kay Williams, 19.7; Ribbon Roping, Becky Bland, 13.9; Break Away Roping, Bland, 4.3.

Boys 16-19 — Tie Down Roping, Les Cochran, 12.4; Ribbon Roping, Cochran, 10.7.

Bareback Bronc (tie), Wes Smith and Tommy Frierson, 52.

Barrel Racing, Cochran.

Girls 20-23 — Barrels, Eunice Alexander.

Veterans to Meet

Veterans of Merkel-Trent Baracks and the Ladies Auxiliary will meet Tuesday, Sept. 14 at 7 p.m. at the Taylor Electric Cooperative building.

All members are urged to attend and refreshments will be served.



COLLEGE IS GREAT — These three 1971 MHS graduates all agree that it's "great to be going to college." Getting together recently after a week's orientation at their respective colleges are, from left, Sandy Hogan, who is attending McMurry College; Judy Hester, Hardin-Simmons University, and Cindy Wade, Abilene Christian College. (Staff Photo)

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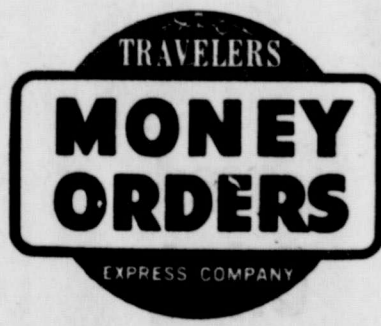
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OUR SINCERE THANKS for your attendance, your cards and gifts at the celebration of our 50th Wedding Anniversary. The occasion was so much more meaningful and enjoyable by having our friends to share it with us.
The Alonzo Petersons

Color Cordination To Be Presented

Taylor County Young Homemakers will have their monthly meeting Thursday, Sept. 9 in the Home Economics room of Merkel High School.

Meeting time is 7:30 p.m. and program theme will be on color cordination and home decor, according to club president, Mrs. Hugh Baker.

Mrs. Molly Fullerton, with Broyles Carpets in Abilene will present a program on color cordination.

Members are urged to attend this meeting and prospective members as well as guests are invited to attend, said Mrs. Baker.

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MEMBERSHIP DRIVE INCREASES ROSTER

Merkel Chamber of Commerce's recent membership drive has netted several new members to its roster.

Chairman Duane Shugar said Tuesday, "And we're still contacting persons for membership. We're most pleased with the response given our committee by persons when contacted, and we're still contacting."

Chamber members are made up of businesses, individuals and families.

New members who have been added to the C-C list recently include:

Individuals — Roy Buchanan, O. R. and Fena Gladden, Junior Clark, B. J. Deal and Wren Durham.

Also Mrs. S. D. Gamble, Mrs. O. H. Griffin, Bill King, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Smith, H. A. Merkel, Hallie Burden and D. B. Bowen.

Also Dr. W. T. Sadler, Dr. Don Warren, Sam Swann, Leon Walker, Alvin Wozencraft, Betty Jane Tittle and Claude Warren.

New businesses in recent sign-up include Serbin Shell Station, Seymore Insurance, Starr Rest Home, Texas Coca-Cola, Windham

Rate Adjustments To Be Delayed

Rate adjustments for long distance calls within Texas, scheduled to be effective September 1, will be delayed in accordance with President Nixon's national wage and price freeze, according to a spokesman for Southwestern Bell Telephone Company.

Merkel Telephone Company, like all other independent telephone companies in the state, will concur with Southwestern Bell's rate adjustment when it does go into effect.

The new rates will feature decreases in Direct Distance Dialing charges, and increases in charges for operator-assisted calls.

Fina Station and Wilky Truck Stop.

Also Abilene Savings Association, Allison Plumbing, Bishop Plumbing, B & D Garage, Borden's, Clyde Wurst Garage and the Dairy Bar.

Also Foremost, Glamour Bar, Hester Snack Bar, Charlie Higgins, Juan's Garage, Malone Implement, Modern Beauty Shop and Pee Insurance Agency.

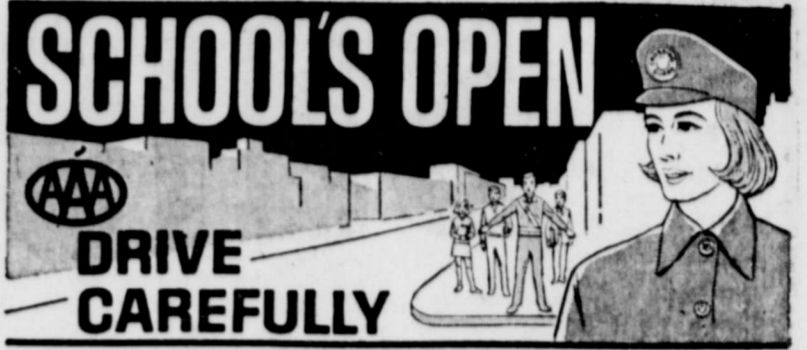
Persons who would like to become members of the Chamber and have not been contacted may call Benny Melton at the Chamber office.

"We'll be glad to sign you up," said Melton, "and get you a membership card."

Ice Cream Supper

An Ice Cream Supper, honoring the Merkel Badgers will be Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at Taylor Electric Cooperative annex.

The Badger Booster Club is sponsoring the event.



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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.



ONE LAST SPLASH — One of the many activities enjoyed by Merkel youngsters Labor Day, was a cool dip in a local swimming pool. Picnics, hiking, bicycling, and just plain loafing were on the day's agenda for school children whose next holiday will be Thanksgiving. (Staff Photo)

COMMUNITY FUND TO MEET SEPT. 16

Executive heads of the various clubs and organizations in Merkel will be receiving invitations from the Chamber of Commerce, asking for their attendance at an organizational meeting of the Community Fund, to be held Thursday, Sept. 16 at the Chamber office at 7:30 p.m.

"The Community Fund Drive is everyone's project," said C. C. president, Fred Starbuck, "and we are striving to get as many people in Merkel involved in this worthwhile cause as possible."

Mack Fisher, retiring Community Fund chairman said, "So many people are benefited here in Merkel by the money raised from this, our largest drive, that it seems pertinent to involve all of Merkel."

Las year during an re-organizational meeting heads of the various clubs and civic organizations were invited to participate.

"This proved to be so successful," said Starbuck, "that we are continuing the plan this year."

During the Thursday evening's meeting leaders for the 1971-72 Drive will be chosen, as well as a chairman for the year. Also plans and date for the area-wide campaign will be made.

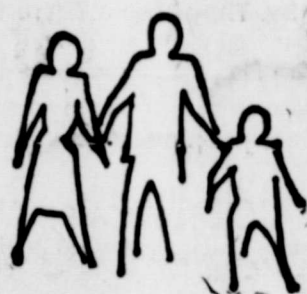
Organizations to receive invitations include Optimist Club, Lions Club, Fortnightly Study Club, Merkel Garden Club and Lambda Beta Chapter, Beta Sigma Phi.

Also, Merkel Riding Club, Merkel Volunteer Firemen, Merkel Country Club, Taylor County Young Homemakers, Parent-Teachers Association, and the Merkel Teen Center.

Ministers to receive invitations include Rev. Russell McAnally, First Methodist Church; Rev. Kenneth Jones, First Baptist Church; Billy Patton, Church of Christ; Rev. John Curtis, Assembly of God; Rev. Herschell Smith, Calvary Baptist Church and W. G. Richardson, Victory Baptist Church, and a representative from Grace Presbyterian Church.

Fisher asked that in the event the head of organizations could not attend the meeting that they would appoint a representative to attend the Thursday evening's meeting.

Worship this week



WEST TEXAS FAIR TO BEGIN MONDAY

The Annual West Texas Fair Activities will begin Monday, Sept. 13 and Merkel students and teachers will have free admittance on that day.

Fair president, R. Lee Rode, said the complimentary tickets mailed to Big Country schools earlier would permit general admission to the fair grounds.

Students at Noodle and Divide will receive tickets for Tuesday and Trent students for Wednesday.

Rode said that 103,000 tickets were mailed to superintendents in about 100 West Texas towns for distribution to students and teachers.

There are a number of free midway attractions and the Bill Hames Shows will bring rides and show, and judging in several events is scheduled, said Rode.

Bobby Sherman will appear at 3 and 6 p.m. on Monday and Sonny James and the Country Gentlemen will appear in the Taylor County Coliseum on Tuesday and Wednesday.

An RCA Rodeo will be in the coliseum at 7:30 nightly Thursday through Saturday. Festus of 'Gun-

smoke" will be featured.

Coronation of the West Texas Fair Queen will be Wednesday, Sept. 15 at the Sonny James Show at 8 p.m. in the Taylor County Coliseum.

Vying for Queen from Merkel are Suzie Riney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Riney and Mary Beth Boyd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Boyd.

Queen contestant from Trent is Gayla Healy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff M. Healy.

Texas Highway Week Set For Sept. 19-25

AUSTIN — The period September 19-25 has been proclaimed as "Highway Week in Texas" by Gov. Preston Smith.

By official memorandum Smith pointed out that the Texas highway system encompasses some 70 thousand miles of the nation's finest roads and highway.

"These vital travelways are essential to the continued growth of the Texas economy and form the backbone of Total Transportation in the one Star State," the memorandum said, setting the theme for the annual observance.

Governor Smith cited the Texas Highway Department for more than 40 years of leadership in highway beautification and safety, service and efficiency of the highway system.

Past Matron Club To Meet Sept. 14

The Past Matron and Patron at the Masonic Hall for their regular meeting will meet Tuesday, Sept. 14 at 7:30 p.m.

The Worthy Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star, Mrs. Mary Sue Doan, will be a special guest.

Hosting the meeting will be Viola Ensminger.

Mrs. Aileen Knight and Mrs. Meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. and club pal names will be drawn.

New Date Set For Fish Fry

The Fish Fry scheduled for Monday, Sept. 13 by the Merkel Volunteer Firemen has been postponed until Tuesday, Sept. 21.

Fry will be at 7:30 p.m., at the Fire Station and Kent Satterwhite will be "chief cook."

Bond's Condition Termed Serious

Randy Bond, 22, son of Mrs. B. L. Bond remains in serious condition in the intensive care unit at Hendrick Memorial Hospital Wednesday morning after being trampled by a bull Saturday night at the Rodeo.

Bond was competing in the senior bull riding when he was thrown and the bull stepped on his left side.

"The doctors say he is in serious condition, but not critical," said Mrs. Bond.

North and South, East and West,
Young and Old, Rich and Poor,
Jew and Gentile,
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4-H Club Meeting Set In Abilene

A meeting for boys and girls 9 through 19 years of age who are interested in joining a 4-H Club in Taylor County is scheduled for this evening (Thursday) at 7:30 in the Gold Room of the First State Bank in Abilene.

Young people are asked to bring a parent or a guardian, according to Mrs. Donna Thomas, assistant County Home Demonstration Agent.

"4-H is a national youth program which offers a wide variety of projects for boys and girls such as bicycle, electricity, dog care, automotive, photography, money management and many more," said Mrs. Thomas. "There's something for all young people in 4-H."

Students who would like to join, but cannot attend the meeting are asked to contact Mrs. Thomas whose office is in the basement of the County Courthouse, or call 672-3286.

Area 4-H Clubs include Mulberry Canyon 4-H Club, Merkel 4-H Club and the Trent 4-H Club.

Other events on the 4-H calendar for Taylor County include 4-H Method Demonstration, Sept. 18 at the West Texas Fair; Tri-District meeting in San Antonio Sept. 20-22; Taylor County 4-H Council meeting 10 a.m. Sept. 25 in the Commissioner's Courtroom of the County Courthouse, and Foods Leader Training meeting at 10 a.m. Sept. 28 in the Gold Room of First State Bank in Abilene.

Legal tender is money which may be legally used in the payment of a debt and which the creditor must accept.

The Christian Home (Part 3)

The events of a child's early life lay down the patterns for later adjustments. The experience of feeding, toilet training, child-parent relationships, infantile desires, church attendance, the language of a parent all pave the way for later adjustment to life.

Someone has said, "Give me a dozen healthy infants, well-formed, and my own specific world to bring them up in and I'll guarantee to take any one at random and train him to become any type of specialist I might select... doctor, lawyer, artist, merchant-chief, and — yes, even beggar-man and thief, regardless of his talents, penchants, tendencies, abilities, vocations, and race of his ancestors. There is no such thing as an inheritance of capacity, talent, temperament, mental constitution and characteristics at birth that would prevent training a child to become anything you would want to train them to be." WHAT ARE YOU TRAINING YOUR CHILD TO BE?

Forces opposed to religion pay their tribute to the environmental influence. In Communist Russia children may not be taught religion, and no one is permitted to join a church until he is eighteen years of age. When a parent says they will wait until the child is old enough to decide for himself which religion he wants and refuses to teach their child the Bible is doing the same identical thing as Russia does to train their children to be ATHEIST!

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Clarence Walden Dies at Age 65

Clarence V. Walden, 65, a former resident of Merkel, died in a Big Spring Hospital Friday, Sept. 3. Funeral services were held Monday in Saint Luke's Methodist Church in Midland with the Rev. Bergin Watkins, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Resthaven Memorial Park.

Born Dec. 17, 1905 in Cecil, Ark., he married Gladys Watts in 1928 in Merkel. He attended McMurry College and the University of Texas at Arlington. He worked for Ungren and Frazier while living in Abilene. The couple moved to Midland in 1951 and he worked for

Shell Pipeline Company for 15 years. He then joined the Atlantic Refining Co. He was a member of Saint Luke's Methodist Church and the Masonic Lodge in Big Spring.

Survivors include his wife; four daughters, Mrs. Walter Bishop, Mrs. Wallace Hazelwood and Mrs. James Scoggins, all of Midland, and Mrs. Jack McClellan of Roswell, N.M.; one son, George Walden of Midland; two sisters, Mrs. Fred Horton of Hawley and Mrs. Troyce Bagley of Abilene; one brother, Woodrow Walden of Abilene; seven grandchildren.

Relatives from Merkel attending the services were Mr. and Mrs. Zedic Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Irvin, Mr. Lee Tipton, Mrs. Edna Brown and Foster Watts, and Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Tipton Jr.

Women IN THE KNOW

By Jean Kingsley, Women's Consultant, The Travelers Companies Family Responsibility

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Children can help by learning how and when to use their allowances. If Junior wants to buy a bike, he must learn to save for it. And if Sis wants an entirely new wardrobe for college, she can fulfill her obligations by taking on odd jobs to earn the money.

As a woman in the know a great deal of the responsibility is yours. Every day needs are met by making sure the right allocations are being made for food, clothing, entertainment and other household items. A weekly list of what you need is one way to make sure you come out ahead on these everyday needs. In planning for unexpected emergencies, college expenses, a new home and possibly your retirement, a Travelers financial planner can give you advice on how to plan to satisfy your financial future. He can help you make sure you're as prepared for tomorrow as you are for today.

The head of your family has the over-all responsibility of making sure all ends meet at all times. Consider him the overseer and consultant to family financial management.

The handling of money really is a family affair—and the more cooperation within the family, the greater the chances for a happy, secure future.



Mrs. Brady Hosts Beta Sigma Phi

Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met Aug. 30 for the Beginning Day Tea, held in the home of Mrs. John Brady. Cake and punch were served to members and guests.

Members attending were Mmes. Almeda Bullock, Bobby DuBose, Robert Harris, Lawrence Hewitt, Jimmy Leverch and Billy Lucas.

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Texas Governor Preston Smith and John C. White, state commissioner of agriculture, are honorary chairmen for the statewide observance. Leon Slaughter, Abilene, projects director for the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, is coordinator.

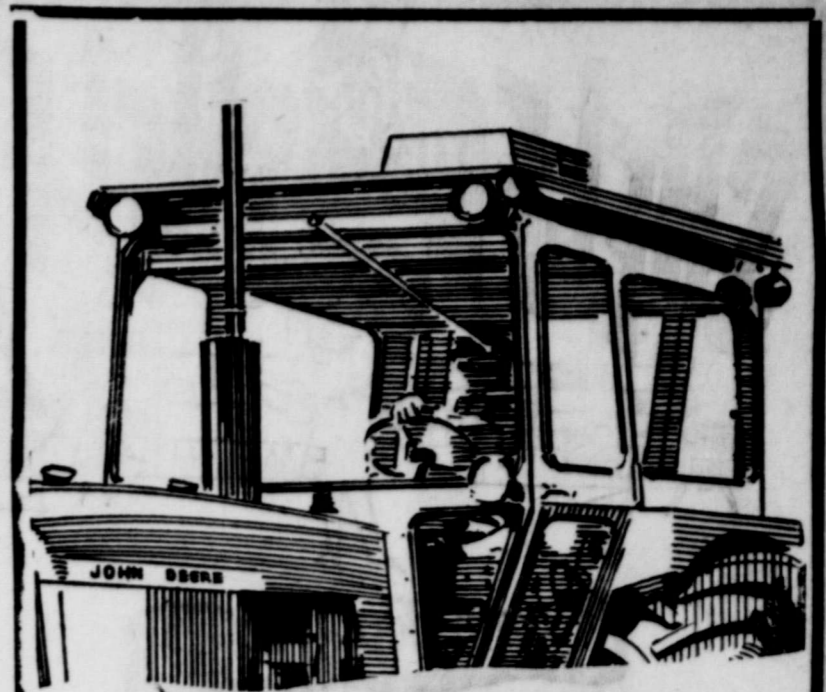
A large number of professional people in agriculture - related businesses, organizations, state and federal agencies, news media, and educational institutions are working in the council.

In the letter naming Judge Skaggs as chairman of the county Food and Fiber observance, Scruggs pointed out that agriculture is today - and has been for many years - the number one industry in the State of Texas.

The Council state chairman said that even though a large part of Texas' population is now found in urban areas, the food and fiber industry of Texas figures strongly in the daily economic life of every Texan.

"Over and above that," Scruggs added, "the bountiful array of food and natural fibers available to all is a blessing which no other nation enjoys."

To call attention to these facts, the week just before Thanksgiving - November 15-21 - has been designated as "Texas Food and Fiber Abundance Week." County judges all across Texas are being asked to give leadership to the effort on the county level.



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TEXAS FOOD, FIBER ABUNDANCE WEEK SET NOV. 15-21

Taylor County Judge Roy Skaggs has been named chairman of the local Texas Food and Fiber Abundance Week observance which will be November 15-21, the Week before Thanksgiving, according to C. G. Scruggs, Dallas, vice president and editor of The Progressive Farmer magazine and chairman of the board of the statewide council promoting the special event.

Judge Skaggs is expected to call on agricultural and business leaders in the county to work as a committee in promoting appreciation for the abundance of food and fiber from the state's farms and ranches.

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