

LOCAL FFA CHAPTER HAS 65 MEMBERS

The Future Farmers of America is a National organization of, by, and for students studying vocational agriculture in the public schools. The FFA is designed to develop agricultural leadership, character, thrift, scholarship, cooperation, citizenship and patriotism.

Chester Collinsworth, vice - ag

teacher for FFT Chapter, Merkel High School, said that sixty five students were enrolled in this year's activities.

On Wednesday, a livestock judging team composed of Mark Clemmer, Rusty Holloway and Michael Ray attended the Swine Conference and at Sweetwater and judged there.

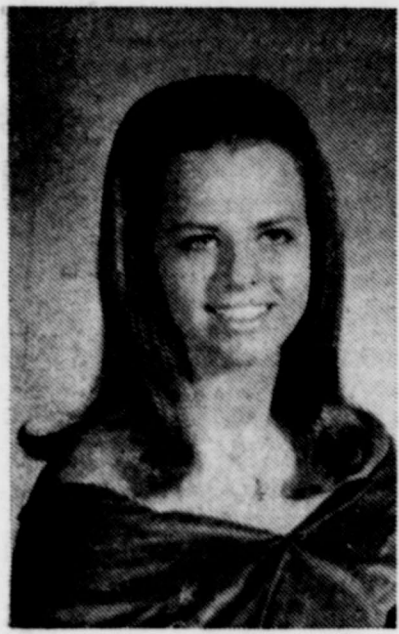
"This judging team will be at Tarleton State College in Stephenville Saturday for the Area IV Livestock Judging Contest to be held there," said Collinsworth.

Contestants to the Tarleton State College Judging Contest are from every section of Texas. Trophies will be presented to the five high teams in each division, plus trophies for the five high individuals in each contest.

A sweepstakes trophy will be awarded to the team scoring highest in all contests. The teacher from the winning team will receive a pair of western boots and the team, an engraved clock.

1972-73 officers are Clemmer, president, David Robertson, vice president, Holloway, secretary and Ray reporter.

Texas is the largest of the fifty chartered State Associations with over 10 per cent of the National membership, according to a fact sheet compiled by the Texas FFA. Texas has 940 chapters with a membership of over 50,000. The Texas Association of FFA is sponsored by the Texas Education Agency. High Schools in Texas serve as local sponsors and local vocational agriculture teachers serve as the local FFA Chapter Advisors.



JAN BEASLEY
... MHS senior

'Little Sister' Of Month Named

Miss Jan Beasley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Teaff, 1406 Heath, has been selected as Little Sister of the Month for February, by the Taylor County Chapter of Young Homemakers. The club is selecting a high school girl each month and from this group they will name a Little Sister of the Year.

Song leader for her local FFA Chapter, Miss Beasley has served on several committees. She is a member of the Badger annual staff and song leader of her 1972 senior class. Jan was Class Favorite her freshman year; FFA Sweetheart and Miss MHS this year. She played basketball in 1968-70 and has been a member of the Band for four years, serving as a twirler and bringing honors by winning two first places in solo and four first places in ensembles competition.

Jan is a member of the First Baptist Church. She is undecided about her college plans at this time.

Baptist Pastor Named to Board

The Rev. Kenneth F. Jones, pastor of First Baptist Church, Merkel, has been elected to the 192 - member Executive Board of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

His election came during the December meeting of the board in Dallas.

The Executive Board meets four times each year to conduct BGCT business between annual sessions, and consists of laymen, women and pastors from every section of the state.



STAGE CREW — Responsible for stage settings in the upcoming MHS Drama Club play, "Our Town," are assistant managers, from left, Randy Rigney, Jimmy Hester and Danny West. Manager is Richard Nance, who also has the leading role of "Stage Manager" in the three-act play to be presented at the high school auditorium March 3. (Staff Photo)

'OUR TOWN' SHOWS FAMILIAR FACES

Want to get a glimpse of yourself — or even better — of someone else?

Then put March 3 as a must on your calendar for the Merkel High School Drama Club's presentation of "Our Town."

The small town "characters" are many as the entire play depicts the happenings of people in "any small town."

Right off, the Stage Manager, played by Richard Nance, lets you know what it's all about — the history of "our town" which happens to be a little town called Grover's Corners in the state of New Hampshire.

And then the action begins to pop when the audience is taken from first the Gibbs (Dr. Gibbs played by Larry Hewitt) family to the Webb (Mr. Webb played by Neilon Ely) household.

There's the love affair between George Gibbs (Mark Dudley) and Emily Webb (Stephanie Walker) and there's the whole town looking on — and commenting.

Even the editor of the country weekly comes in for his (her) share of the spotlight when posters will be on display showing "town characters."

No doubt about it — you can find yourself — and certainly someone else — portrayed in "Our Town," at certain time, 7:30 p.m., March 3.

Historical Tour On Club's Agenda

A tour of the Thompson Home at 1910 North 3rd Street in Abilene is planned for this evening's meeting of the Taylor County Chapter of Young Homemakers. Members and guests will meet at 7:20 in front of the Merkel High School and begin their tour from there.

The Thompson Home has been named a "Recorded Texas Historical Landmark," according to Lester W. Prokop, president of the Texas State Historical Survey committee.

Inscription on the Home reads: "One of the earliest fine houses in Abilene. Built in 1903 in Colonial revival style by Dr. Jefferson Davis Magee (1861-1935) and wife, Anna (Wilbanks). A native of Pike County, Miss., educated in East Texas and at the Louisville, Ky. Medical College, Dr. Magee moved to Abilene in 1902, had a drugstore and extensive practice. His home was noted for its hospitality."

Pete Morgan Files For Re-Election

As of noon Wednesday, one candidate had filed for election to the City Council.

Pete Morgan, who filed Friday for re-election, said, "I have enjoyed serving the people of Merkel the past two years as one of the City Councilmen. I will continue to serve in a fair and honest way if I am re-elected." Deadline for candidates to file is Wednesday, March 1.

Merkel Badgers Head For Lubbock Friday

Coach Ronnie Aldridge, his Badgers and fans will be hitting the road Friday and Saturday for Lubbock where the Regional Basketball Tournament will be played over the weekend.

The Bi - District Champs will meet the Morton Indians at Coronado High School gymnasium at 1 p.m. Saturday in their first game of Regional play. The Indians season record is 23-5.

Childress and El Paso Parkland will play at 11:30 and should the Badgers win in their first game they will meet the winners of this game at 8:30 p.m.

For those fans unable to attend the game, broadcasts will begin over KWFA at 12:45 p.m.

The Badgers won a berth in this weekend's Regional Tournament in their win Monday evening over the Coleman Bluecats of Class 8-AA, 62 - 58. Played before a large crowd at Abilene High School Eagle Gymnasium, the Badgers kept ahead by a slight margin throughout the entire game.

Kerry Thames chalked up 12 of the Badgers' 20 points in the first period with a score of 20-10.

In the second period the Bluecats' Jimmie Alcalá scored 10 points to bring the score up to 31-29, Badgers still leading.

Fans were standing in the third period when the score was 33-31, Bluecats' Rene Payne, Ricky McKee and Alcalá accounted for the tie. It didn't last long, for the Badgers moved the score to 45-37 by the end of the third.

In the final period the Badgers kept ahead by a slim margin.

With 39 seconds left the score was 60-58, and it was then Teaff hit the bucket ending the game 62-58.

The Badgers — Bi - District Champs — go to Regional.
MERKEL (42) — Thames 9 4 22; Diltz 7 0 14; Tittle 6 2 14; Teaff 3 2 8; Hewitt 2 0 4; TOTALS 27 8 62.

COLEMAN (58) — Alcalá 9 4 22; McKee 4 2 10; Payne 4 1 9; Adian 3 2 8; Jackson 0 7 7; Warwick 1 0 2; TOTALS 21 16 58.
MERKEL 20 11 14 17-62
COLEMAN 10 19 8 21-58

MERKEL'S SENIOR CITIZENS HOLD FIRST MEETING

Merkel's Community Center was a spot of activity last Wednesday when approximately thirty - seven Senior Citizens and workers gathered for an organizational meeting and luncheon.

Ministers responsible for getting the club organized and "off the ground" were Russell McAnally, Billy P. Smith, Kenneth Jones and Billy Patton.

Senior Citizens brought covered dishes for the luncheon with ministers furnishing the bread and drinks and Taylor Electric Cooperative the table ware.

Morning activities consisted of groups playing games and other groups "just visiting."

"It was great," said one Senior Citizen.

"This is something I hope happens again," said another.

And all agreed that "it was a time of fellowship and just an all around good time."

And another meeting is planned for Tuesday, March 14, same time, same place, with club to be named "Senior Citizens or Over 55 Group."

Lots of domino games were going on while the ladies brought

their knitting and sewing and visited.

Following the luncheon Rev. McAnally named a nominating committee, and set the next meeting to be March 14. During the March 14 meeting officers will be elected and "future meeting dates and places will be set."

Mrs. Willie Curtis, Community Action Program director, met with the group and explained projects that could be carried on at such meetings. She explained that instructions could be given in various arts and crafts with items being sold to bring in money for the club.

Mrs. Rene Waterbury with the Senior Citizens in Abilene also met with the Merkel group.

Food Distribution Is Increasing

The Merkel Food distribution is increasing every month, according to Mrs. Willie Curtis, director for CAP.

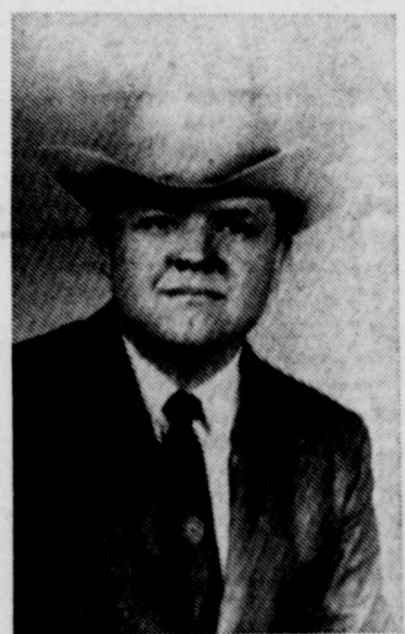
"Over 200 individuals received food commodities," said Mrs. Curtis. "Eighty - six individuals were served and we had 10 reviews."

There were 177 individuals for the month of January with 75 families being processed. Food distribution is the third Thursday in each month for Merkel area.

Persons needing information concerning the food distribution, may contact Mrs. Curtis on Thursdays at the Community Center.

BUSINESS OF LIFE--GO FORWARD

EDITOR'S NOTE — February 19-26 is FFA Week in Texas. Stories by several state wide personalities concerning the organization and its members and articles by State officers of the Texas FFA organization have been written for this year's observance of FFA Week. Mark Williamson Jr., a student at Tarleton State College, Stephenville, and a graduate of Trent High School, writes the following article. He is Area IV vice president, FFA.



MARK WILLIAMSON JR.
... area IV vice president

I was reading through an old college yearbook the other day when I came across a quote from Samuel Johnson. He said, "The business of life is to go forward." Americans live in a country where forward progress is fairly easy to achieve. All it takes to put it in gear and move forward is a little bit of will power, drive, self discipline, and determination.

At this point you may be asking yourself, "What is meant by going forward?" Well, I don't mean driving a car down the road or flying a plane forward. By going forward I mean that we must try to accomplish everything good that we can get accomplished in our lifetime. This means that before one may advance

forward, one must have some definite goal set, or one must have a dream.

Life for everyone would be meaningless if each person did not have at least one certain thing that he or she wanted to do. The goals that you set for yourself may be very easy to fulfill or, they may be hard to attain, but if it is something that you really want to do and if it is something that you are willing

to give one hundred per cent of your efforts to, then your goals are worth striving for.

Now after your goals have been set, how may you be almost sure that they will be reached? There are three steps that you may take toward your goals and dreams. First, work hard for it; second, work harder; and third, work your hardest! If you will think about what you want to get done work as hard as you can to get it done and make it a major part of your life, then you, more than likely, will be rewarded.

We have discussed setting and achieving our goals. Now I want to ask another question, "What is a person to do after the goals that they have set forth for themselves are attained?" The answer is very simple. Just set some new goals that are a little bit harder to reach. The whole process is repeated, and the person who works toward these newly set objectives is just that much richer.

Every American has the opportunity to set and achieve certain personal goals. Americans live in a free land and have the freedom to make of their lives what they want. Let us not neglect the opportunities that we Americans have to go forward in the business of life.

MHS GRADUATES HONOR STUDENTS

Dean's Lists, honor students and honorable mentions for Merkel High School graduates for fall semesters at various Universities and Colleges "flowed freely" in recent news reports to the Mail.

From McMurry College in Abilene, four MHS students were named to the dean's list and - or the Honor Roll.

Kay Lynn Conley, Junior Elementary Education major was named to the Dean's List. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Conley.

Honor Roll students are David Hammond, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hammond; Patricia Russell, whose parents are Mack Bigbee and Mrs. Betty Bigbee, and Patricia Dee Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dee Moore. Hammond is a senior major in Physics; Miss Russell a senior major in Elementary Education; and Miss Moore, a junior major in Nursing.

Merkel FFA'er In Houston Show

One member of the Merkel FFA will show entries in the Junior Division of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

Representing the Merkel Chapter, Michael Ray will show one Chester White and one Yorkshire barrow in the Junior Barrow Show.

A record number of entries and premium money will make this year's Houston show the largest livestock show in the world.

Dates for the show are Feb. 23 through March 5, with the first two days set aside for livestock judging and sales.

Mike is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Ray and is a senior at Merkel High School.

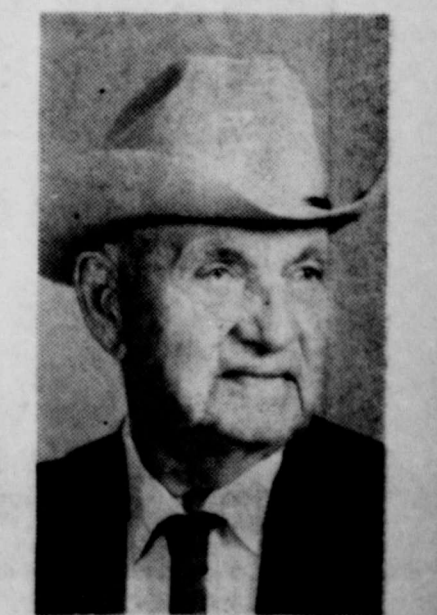
MERKEL NATIVE IN HALL OF FAME

Sam Swann was inducted into the Hall of Fame of the American Polled Hereford Association at the National Show held Feb. 16 in Jackson, Miss. Swann's picture will hang in the Hall of Fame, and is one of only fifteen men who have been hoored out of 45,000 members.

A native of Merkel, Swann "has the oldest Polled Hereford operation in the world."

He is president of the West Texas Polled Hereford Association and past president of the West Texas Hereford Association and has served as superintendent and assistant superintendent of the Livestock Show for the West Texas Fair Association.

Swann is a member of the Farm Bureau, on the board of directors of the West Texas Rehabilitation Center, area chairman for the Cattleman's Roundup, held each year in September, and has worked extensively with 4 - H and FFA work locally and in the area. He is a past member of the board of directors of the



SAM SWANN
... one of fifteen

West Texas Fair Association. He has one daughter, Mrs. Roy Dalziel and her husband, who live in Rockford, Ill., and two grandchildren. Swann is a member of the First Baptist Church.

THE FIZZLE FAMILY

By H. T. Elmo



PUGGY

by Horace Elmo



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

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

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THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: W. H. Lawrence, if living, and his unknown heirs, and legal representatives, if he be dead; Ben Lawrence, if living, and his unknown heirs and legal representatives, if he be dead; Elsie Abernathy, if living, and her unknown heirs and legal representatives if she be dead; James S. Abernathy, if living, and his unknown heirs and legal representatives if he be dead; Osta Woods, if living, and her unknown heirs and legal representatives if she be dead; Bert E. Woods, if living, and his unknown heirs and legal representatives, if he be dead; Mary Alexander, if living, and her unknown heirs, and legal representatives, if she be dead; Margret Pickelsimer, if living, and her unknown heirs, and legal representatives, if she be dead; Virginia Wright, if living, and her unknown heirs, and legal representatives, if she be dead; Casander Slaton, (otherwise known as Casander Slaton and as Casander Slaton) if living, and her unknown heirs, and legal representatives, if she be dead; Salina Green, if living, and her unknown heirs, and legal representatives, if she be dead; Perney Green, if living, and her

unknown heirs, and legal representatives, if she be dead; Tekoy Green, if living, and her unknown heirs, and legal representatives, if she be dead; Victoria Green (otherwise known as Victory Green) if living, and her unknown heirs, and legal representatives, if she be dead. Defendants, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 104th District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty - two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 27th day of March A.D. 1972, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 9 day of February A. D. 1972, in this cause, numbered 12,024-B on the docket of said court and styled J. W. King, Jr., Plaintiff, vs. W. H. Lawrence, et al, Defendants, the Defendants being all of those persons to whom this citation is above addressed.

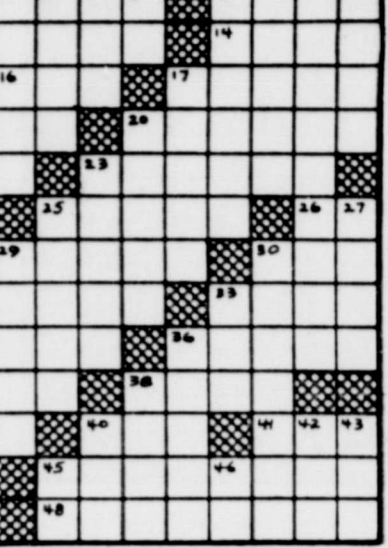
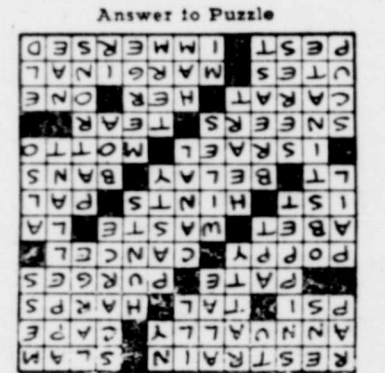
A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit:

This is a suit by Plaintiff for appointment of a Receiver for the purpose of executing an oil, gas and mineral lease on such terms as the Court may direct covering the undivided mineral interest owned or claimed by the Defendants in the Southeast one-fourth (SE 1/4) of Section No. 237, Block 64, H&TC Ry. Co. Survey in Taylor County, Texas. The total collective interest so owned or claimed by the Defendants being 7 1/2 mineral acres undivided out of said tract of land. Plaintiff alleges ownership of an undivided mineral interest in the same

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1. Hold back
9. Shut noisily
13. Each year
14. Garment
15. Greek letter
16. Palm fiber
17. Musical instruments
18. Head top
20. Purifies
21. Flower
23. Cross out
24. Aid
25. Squander
26. Musical note
28. Adherent
29. Intimates
30. Companion
31. Lieutenant: abbr.
32. Fasten: naut.
33. Prohibits
34. Asian country
36. Maxim
37. Scoffs
38. Pull apart
39. Gem weight
40. She
41. Single
44. Indians of Utah



45. At the edge
47. Nuisance
48. Dipped

DOWN

1. Knock
2. Printers' measures
3. Bit
4. Tungsten: chem.
5. Shabby
6. Wings
7. Sick
8. State: abbr.
9. Rare
10. Enormous
11. Petitioner: law
12. Muddle
17. Pursues
19. Pertinent
20. Doughy
21. Container
22. Stubborn
23. Waterway
25. Tricks
27. Too
29. Core
30. Supporters
32. Chicken part
33. Snake
35. Geological stages
36. Join
37. Food fish
38. Period
40. Noah's son
42. No: Scotch
43. Antiquity
45. Musical note
46. Ireland: abbr.

land, and that he will suffer substantial damage and injury unless such Receiver is appointed, and such lease executed, 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 9 day of February A.D. 1972.

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

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TO: Linda Kay Shadle, 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 27 day of March A.D. 1972, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 9 day of Feb. A.D. 1972, in this cause, numbered 6694 on

the docket of said court and styled Allen Eugene Shadle, Plaintiff, vs. Linda Kay Shadle, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and defendant were married on or about May 4, 1971 and became separated on or about Oct. 15, 1971, Plaintiff sues for divorce and for an equitable division of the community property, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 9 day of Feb. A.D. 1972.

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

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ROY MASHBURN, Sec'y.

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Earl Mashburn family
R. L. Russell

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LIBRARY NOTES

By MRS. McCONNELL

Here we are in the Age of Aquarius approaching Century 21 in the wear of the Rat and the Chinese are welcoming year 4,670. Interest in things Chinese ascends.

So, we have here in your library several books authored by Pearl S. Buck, who spent a large portion of her life in China. In her writings she points out the courtesy and customs of the Chinese in their everyday lives that give us a mental picture of China before it became the Peoples' Republic of China.

Your Library also has encyclopedias that give information of interest about China and its people and ancient race.

Our President's visit to China causes us to make inquiry of and about the country. His visit in the midst of their New Year is a good omen. The Years of the Rat - the rat stays where there is an abundance of food - so the rat is the omen of good fortune, prospering prosperity.

Animals in the Chinese Zodiac are rat, ox, tiger, hare, dragon, serpent, horse, goat, monkey, cocks, dog and boar.

Your Library is open Saturday, 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. and Wednesday, 2 until 4 p.m.

Birthdays Noted

Mr. and Mrs. Felix Boyd hosted a birthday party for their son, Michael, and his great-grandmother, Mrs. Fenton Boyd at their home in Trent. The party was held Feb. 20.

Mrs. Fenton Boyd's children attending were her son, John and his wife, Mary, and Mrs. Boyd's daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hughes.

Grandchildren attending were Messrs. and Mmes. James Boyd, Jimmy Masonheimer, Bob Carothers, Felix Boyd, Wooster Boyd and Robert, John Wayne, Mary Beth and Treca Boyd.

Great-grandchildren attending were Jay, Shannon and Brooks Boyd, Leslie, Dee Dee and Luci Masonheimer, Robyn and Cameron Carothers and Michael Boyd.

DEATHS & FUNERALS

Mrs. Jones

Mrs. Florence Amandy Jones, 88, died Wednesday, Feb. 16 in the Anson Care Home following a lengthy illness.

Funeral services were held Thursday in the Starbuck Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Kenneth Jones, pastor of the First Baptist Church officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Born March 11, 1883, in Polk County, she married Walter M. Jones July 17, 1901 in Mills County. She had lived in Comanche, Fisher, Nolan, Jones and Taylor counties during her lifetime. Her husband preceded her in death on Jan. 13, 1942. She was a member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors are three sons, Noel of California, Odele of Merkel and R. V. of Ventura, Calif.; four daughters, Mrs. W. C. (Odessa) Cowger of Arson, Mrs. Bee (Liddie Maye) O'Neal of Bakersfield, Calif., Mrs. Rankin (Lilly Faye) Stafford of Eldorado, and Mrs. Jim (Ona Belle) Wright of Corpus Christi; one brother, Ed Davis of Lueders; two sisters, Mrs. H. Lininger of Toledo, Ohio, and Mrs. Erba Robertson of Abilene; 19 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sons.

Mrs. Stephens

Mrs. Dovie Mae Stephens, 76, died Tuesday, Feb. 15 in the Starr Nursing Home following a long illness.

Funeral services were held Wednesday in Starbuck Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Kenneth Jones, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Born May 5, 1895 in Bell County, she was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Teaff. She married W. B. Stephens April 16, 1925, at Merkel. Mr. Stephens died in 1955. She had lived in Merkel since 1903.

Survivors are two sisters, Mrs. Mary Bearden of Dallas and Mrs. Ruby Mayfield of Abilene; several nieces and nephews.

Joseph Mashburn

Funeral services for Joseph Earl Mashburn, who died in Brown County Monday, Feb. 14, were held Thursday in Starbuck Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. N. S. Daniel, pastor emeritus of First United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

He was born Dec. 26, 1943, in San Antonio. He was in the U.S. Army from 1962-64.

Survivors are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Mashburn of Merkel; one sister, Mrs. Mildred Gonzales of Abilene; two sons and two daughters.

Miss Campbell

Adelia Campbell, 78, a pioneer resident of Taylor County, died Saturday in the Starr Nursing Home after a long illness.

Funeral was held Monday in the Merkel Church of Christ with Billy Patton, minister, officiating.

Miss Campbell was born May 23, 1893 in Taylor County and had lived here all her life. She was a member of the Merkel Church of Christ.

Survivors are one brother, Bob Campbell of Merkel and one sister, Mrs. Minnie Hunter of Merkel.

Pallbearers were Sam Jones, D. A. Hutchenson, G. W. Hughes, Freddy Toombs, Billy Bob Toombs and Stacy Bird.

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A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Petition for divorce Married on October 27, 1969 and separated September 17, 1971, 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 16th day of February A.D. 1972.

(Seal)
Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD
Clerk, Domestic Relations Court, Taylor County, Texas
My Marie Aukins, Deputy.
52 4tc



HONOREES - In a recent meeting of the Trent Faculty and Student Body, David Acuna, left, was named Mr. THS and Roy Sharp was elected "Best All Around Boy." Parents are Mr. and Mrs. Pascual Acuna and Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Sharp.

Six Flags Over Texas Sets '72 Opening Date

ARLINGTON - Six Flags Over Texas today announced the earliest spring opening in its eleven year history. The big theme park will begin the 1972 season on March 25.

Six Flags General Manager R. W. Freeman said the early opening date was chosen to give families a chance to visit the Park during the Easter vacation period. He said the Park will be open daily from 10 a.m. until 10 p.m. from March 25 until April 2. After that Six Flags will be open Saturdays and Sundays only until late May, when daily operations begin.

The entire facility is now getting its annual face-lifting. All of the rides are being overhauled and all rides and buildings are being repainted. Thousands of flowers have been planted during the winter months to provide a blaze of color for the opening week.

Since the Park opened in 1961, more than 18,000,000 persons have passed through the gates. Some 2,000,000 are expected this year.

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The End Is Only a Beginning

For Elizabeth Elliott, an attractive ambitious Virginia housewife, success is not an end in itself. Every achievement is a challenge to move forward again—a new beginning, so to speak.

"Records are made to be broken," she says, "and I will always work toward breaking my best record."

Mrs. Elliott is speaking of her success as an independent dealer for Stanley Home Products, Inc., of Westfield, Mass., whose "Quality-plus" products she has been selling for 12 years. Her home bears ample witness to her records, abounding as it does in cups, plaques, trophies and other prizes she has won.

These are but symbols of her achievement. Profits from her sales have bought life's necessities and many luxuries as well. Her daughter completed her education and now works for the United States Government.

In addition, her work has meant self expression, building of personality, security and the prospects of a better future through her career. "I don't sit around home and worry about problems. I get dressed, go out and book Stanley parties. Selling Stanley merchandise has really shown me a new way to handle everyday experiences."

Dealers like Mrs. Elliott use the famous Stanley Hostess Party Plan method of selling Stanley's household and good grooming aids.

Briefly, a Stanley Hostess Party works this way. A Stanley dealer asks a woman to act as a hostess at a Stanley party in her home. The hostess invites her friends to the party. At this informal gathering, the dealer displays "Stanley" products and premiums, gives a brief, interesting, informative demonstration, accepts orders for products and schedules future parties with the guests. The hostess, in return for giving the party, receives a useful or decorative premium. Delivery of orders is made by the dealer to the home of the customer within one week of sending in the order to the local distribution station.

When Mrs. Elliott started as a Stanley dealer, she involved her whole family in her work. Her husband,



Mrs. Elizabeth Elliott

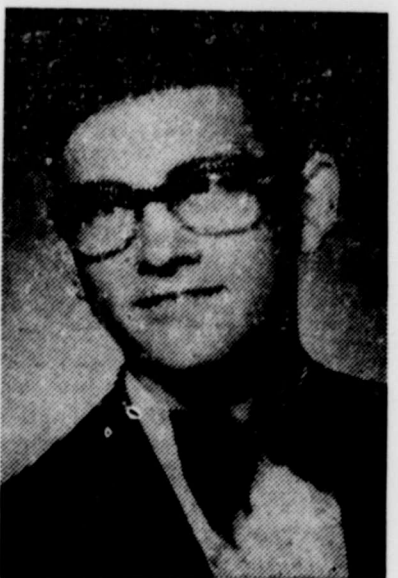
Harry, handicapped by a long illness, packed her orders and manned the telephone. Her daughter, Juanita, managed the books. She herself started out on her record-breaking parties, including a one-day Branch sales record of \$1,600. With her family's help, she rapidly advanced to Unit Sales Leader in her Hampton Roads Branch.

Today, her husband still helps her, even though he has returned to work having overcome his physical disability.

One trophy the family particularly cherishes was presented by Branch Sales Manager Elmira Williams to Mr. Elliott. It reads: "The Stanley Husband of the Year." It attests to the family's strong ties and Mrs. Elliott's faith in her career, her ability to infuse everyone around her with the joy of work and achievement, and her desire to recruit others to become Stanley dealers, so that others too may share in the Stanley opportunity.



KAY LYNN CONLEY
... on dean's list



BILL JACKSON
... science major



MRS. PATRICIA RUSSELL
... elementary education

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and Mrs. Charles Dickerson, earned honorable mention at Schreiner, Kerrville. He is a freshman student and a 1971 graduate of MHS.

At Texas Tech University, Joe D. Nixon and Tim Beasley qualified for the Dean's Honor Roll. Joe is the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Dixon and Andy the son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Teaff.

Student Teaching

Seventy-four students from Hardin - Simmons University are doing their student teaching in local and area schools during the spring semester.

James H. Pogue from Trent is teaching at Jones Elementary School in Abilene.



PAMELA COLLINS
... engaged

Miss Collins Sets Wedding Date

Mr. and Mrs. John Pat Collins of Stamford are announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Pamela Ynell, to Mr. Billy L. Hatley, son of Mrs. William F. Hatley and the late Mr. Hatley.

The couple will be married May 5 at Calvary Baptist Church in Stamford, with the Rev. J. W. Barnett, pastor, officiating.

550,000 Students Get SS Help On School Expenses

Some 400,000 young people whose mother or father has died get monthly social security checks in 1971 that helped them attend colleges, high schools, or trade schools, according to R. R. Tuley Jr., social security district manager in Abilene.

The students, 18 through 21, and unmarried were eligible survivors of parent(s) who were insured under social security.

About 100,000 other students got monthly checks in 1971 because one of their parents retired and collected monthly retirement benefits. And, over 50,000 young people are getting students' benefits because they are children of severely disabled workers who got disability insurance payments, Tuley added.

A recent study of student beneficiaries made by the Social Security Administration showed 66 per cent of the students were enrolled in college, 26 per cent were attending high school, and 8 per cent were in technical or vocational schools.

Merkelites Hear Citizenship Talk

"More changes are taking place in the political process this year than in the past 100 years," said Dr. Blue Carstenson, director of Citizenship Activities of National Farmers Union at a Rural American Seminar held in Abilene Feb. 17.

Speaking to farmers, young people, women, labor, retired people and townspeople, he outlined the political changes and encouraged involvement in citizenship activities.

Attending from Merkel were Mr. and Mrs. Mack Seymore, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Bob Toombs, and Joe E. Lassiter.

Dr. Carstenson said that the census showed that out of the total Texas population of 11,113,000, the farm population was 452,000 and the rural population was 2,275,784. "While not as big a percentage as in the past, the rural and farm vote can turn any statewide election in Texas," he said.

Discussions were also held on voter registration and get-out-the-vote problems.

Mrs. Harris Hosts Beta Sigma Phi

The Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met February 15 in the home of Mrs. Robert Harris. Mrs. Billy Neff presented the program on "The Garden." She was assisted by Mrs. Mamie Steck.

Members present were Mmes. John Brady, Almeda Bullock, Bobby DuBoise, Opal Garner, Harris, Lawrence Hewitt, Jimmy Leverich, and Billy Lucas.

Also Mmes. Darla Mawson, Neff, Phil Seymore, Seck, Vernon Wade, Bobby West, Larry White, Laroy Justice, Bill Whisenant, Finley Barnett, Gary Lollar and George Watson.

Family Document

A veteran should know exactly what benefits his survivors are entitled to upon his death, the Veterans Administration cautioned today.

Family documents, such as military discharge paper and birth and marriage certificates, should be kept where they are protected from fire and theft, but readily available.

Good advice, VA states, is for the veteran and his wife to discuss openly the location of these papers and where to turn in the event of his death.

Veterans service organizations, as well as VA offices, can be of immeasurable assistance in times of death.

GI insurance policy numbers, VA "C" numbers for all VA correspondence, commercial insurance policies, Social Security numbers and naturalization papers are all important in claiming benefits.



SPRING FORECAST — Merkel Garden Clubbers portrayed the advent of Spring with "flowers a-bloom" at their noon luncheon Thursday. Members dressed in attire that represented flowers. Admiring Mrs. Oda Clark's "Poppy Dress" are Mrs. Dee Grimes, left, who represented a Ranunculus, and Mrs. W. L. Brown, right, who welcomed the arrival of the Lotus Blossom. (Staff Photo)

Garden Clubbers Have Luncheon

The home of Mrs. Odis Griffin was setting for a luncheon meeting Feb. 17 for members of the Merkel Garden Club. Mrs. G. D. McConnell was co-hostess. Each member dressed to represent some flower.

During the program, Mrs. Earl Hughes discussed Hedge for Wind-

World War I Vets To Meet Saturday

This Saturday Veterans of World War I will hold their 17th District Meeting in Mineral Wells at the Baker Hotel.

"Veterans are expected to attend from all over the 17th District and from other Districts in Texas," said Karl Bonneaux, Dist. Commander.

Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. with joint meeting slated for 11 a.m. The program called to order by Commander E. Art Northrup, will include Posting of Colors, Pledge of Allegiance, Invocation, and introduction of District and Department guests by Bonneaux and Auxiliary president, Mrs. Bonneaux.

BROWNIE NEWS

By CHRISTI BRADY

Brownie Troop No. 103 held their weekly meeting Feb. 15 at the Scout Hut. They were joined by Brownie Troop No. 308, and both troops will meet together on Tuesdays.

Brownies were led in a study of constellations. Members placed stars on blue paper to teach them identification of certain constellations.

Troop leader, Mrs. Don Glasscock, led the group in learning a new game and playing other games.

Nancy Click and Janice Jacobs served refreshments to the twenty-nine members present.



JANELL LASSITER
... plans wedding

Lassiter-Beasley Engagement Told

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Earl Lassiter announce the engagement of their daughter, Janell to Mr. Andy Tim Beasley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Teaff.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Merkel High School and is a graduate of Hendrick Memorial Hospital School for Medical Record Technicians. She is presently employed at Hendrick Hospital in the Medical Record Department.

Her fiance, also a graduate of Merkel High School, is a senior at Texas Tech University.

Wedding is set for June 3 at First Baptist Church.

Stith News

By MRS. FRITZ MALE



Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley visited a few days last week in Elcece with their daughter and family, the R.W. and Mrs. Herbert Row, Katie and David and also visited with Don Row of Reece Air Force Base in Lubbock and Mrs. Paul Row and Barbara of Colorado Springs, Colo., who were visiting in the Row home.

Mrs. Grady Bishop, Odessa, spent Friday with Mr. and Mrs. John Browning.

Mrs. Pat Clearly is home after spending ten days in the Dyess Hospital where she had surgery.

Those on the sick list are Mrs. John Hobbs, Mrs. Bill Dunagin and Ronnie and Debbie Hobbs.

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Stephenson and Melissa spent the weekend with the F. J. McDonalds and George. While here they celebrated F. J.'s birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Burns and Mamie Hardin visited Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Burns in Abilene Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Shaw of Gainesville visited several days last week with Mrs. John Shaw and the Roy Mashburn family. They also visited Mrs. Shaw's Father, W. W. Wines, at the Valley View Nursing Home in Anson.

Ila Henson of Sweetwater visited the Fritze Hales Monday.

ACC to Present Buddy Rich

Buddy Rich, the man consistently called "the world's greatest drummer," will perform in Abilene Saturday, March 4, in a concert sponsored by the Big Purple Band of Abilene Christian College.

Concert is scheduled for 8 p.m. in the Civic Center Theater downtown, according to E. George, ACC assistant professor of music and band and orchestra director. Tickets will be \$2 for students and \$3 for adults. They will be on sale at the ticket counter in the college's McGlothlin Campus Center, the band office and Caldwell Music Company, 221 Grape.

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A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: In Re: Adoption as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court

at Abilene, Texas, this the 2 day of Feb. A.D. 1972.

(Seal)
Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD
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My Marie Gill, Deputy.
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in this cause, numbered 4357 on the docket of said court and styled Ramona Arrazola, Plaintiff, vs. Conrado Arrazola, Defendant. A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were duly married and subsequently became separated and the Plaintiff sues for divorce, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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By Marie Gill, Deputy.
49 4tc

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TO: Leonard Dean Garrard, Defendant, Greeting:

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A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Adoption, as is more fully shown

by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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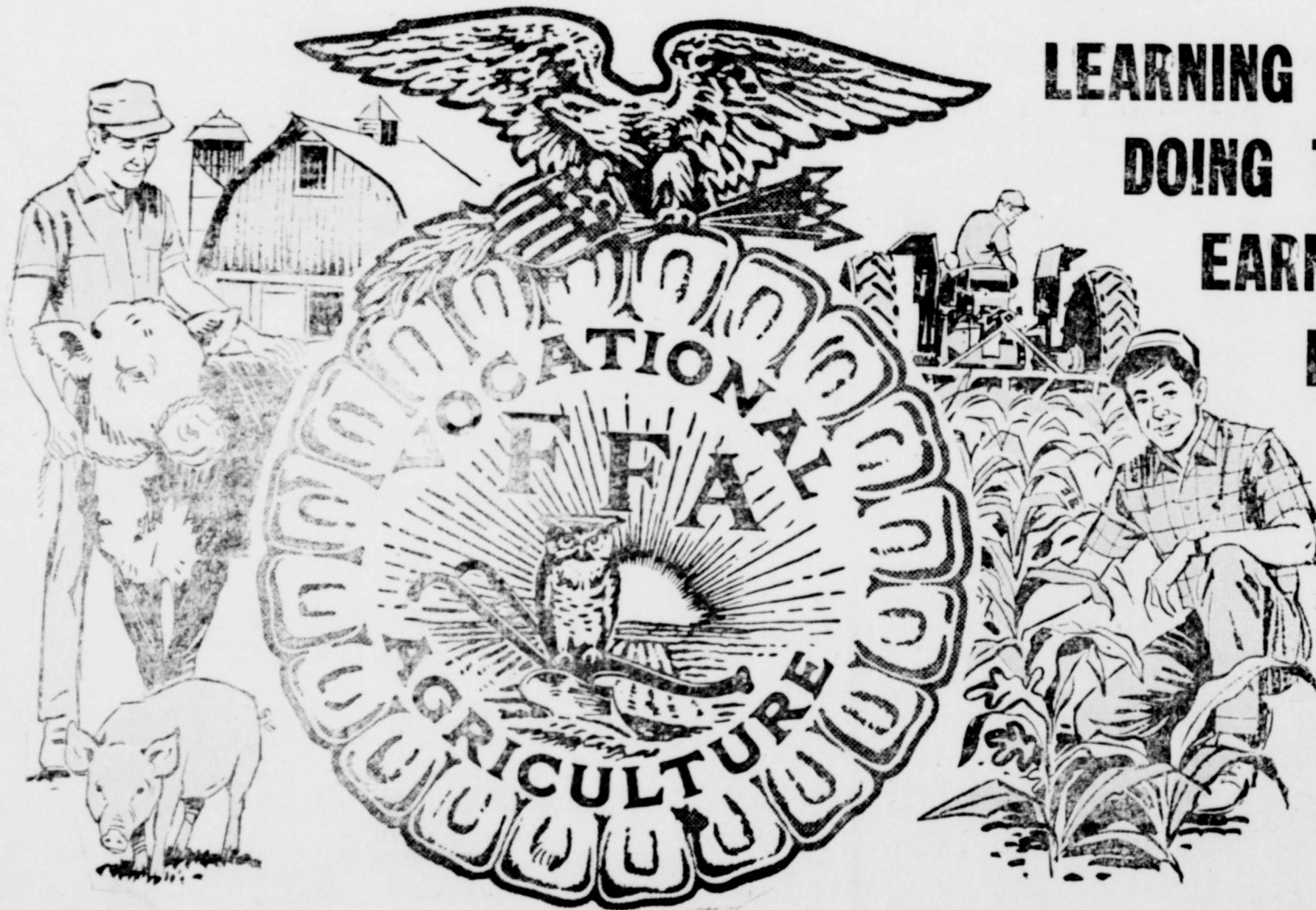
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at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty - two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 13 day of March A.D. 1972, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 28 day of Jan. A.D. 1972, in this cause, numbered 6899 on the docket of said court and styled In Re: Minor A-104.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: In Re: Adoption as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 28 day of Jan. A. D. 1972.

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TO: Edward Bates, Respondent,
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 20th day of March A.D. 1972, to Petitioner's Petition filed in said court, on the 29th day of October A.D. 1971, in this cause, numbered 6704 on the docket of said court and

styled Peggy Lou Bates, Petitioner, vs. Edward Bates, Respondent,

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: It is a suit for divorce and child custody, 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 4th day of February A.D. 1972.

Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD
Clerk, Domestic Relations
Court, Taylor County, Texas
By Faye Terry, Deputy. 50 4tc

LEGAL NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To any Sheriff or any Constable
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TO: Cary Dee Duncan, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 104th District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty - two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 6 day of March A.D. 1972, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 6 day of Oct. A.D. 1971, in this cause, numbered 6645 on the docket of said court and styled Eva Gene Duncan, Plaintiff, vs. Cary Dee Duncan, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married on or about Jan. 5, 1968 and became separated on or about June 23, 1971. Plaintiff sues for divorce and for custody and sup-

port of the minor child, 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 thereof, 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 21 day of Jan. A.D. 1972.

Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD,
Clerk, Domestic Relations
Court, Taylor County, Texas.
By Marie Gill, Deputy. 49 4tc

Omar Burleson Announces For Re-Election

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Congressman Omar Burleson, who represents the 17th District of Texas in the United States House of Representatives, has announced for re - election. He has filed for a place on the ballot in the Democratic Primary Election on May 6, 1972.

Burleson was elected to the 80th Congress from the 17th District and has been re - elected to each succeeding Congress. He is a member of the Ways and Means Committee, considered to be the most powerful and prestigious in the House.

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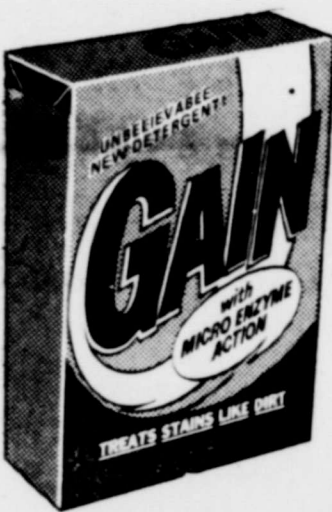
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