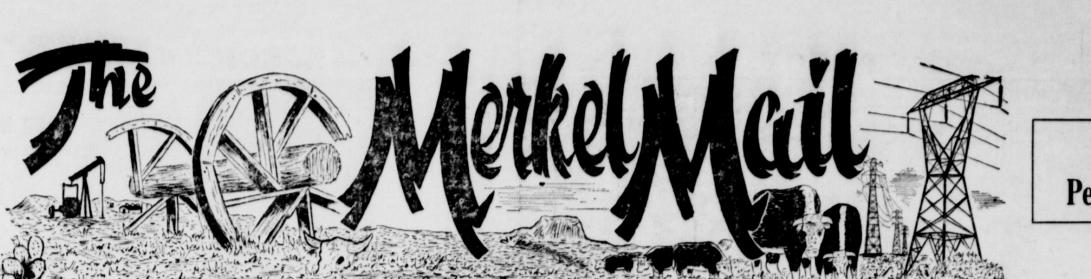
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WATER SAMPLES BROUGHT MAY BE TO CITY HALL

Water Superintendent Robert dusky recently attended the 54th Leo Harris, said this week that Annual Texas Water Utilities persons desiring to get their wa- 1 School in Austin, Sandushi/ ter tested could bring samples received his City Water and Sewto City Hall, and they would be er grade "C" license, taken to Abilene for testing.

"We will need the water sam-City Hall on or before Thursday him at City Hall. noon," he said, "Jars should be labeled with name and address. Other items of interest concerning actives include the casting of two absentee votes in the upcoming City Election, according to Roy Kimbrell, City secretary. City Election is Saturday at the high school gymnasium. Harris and Jerry Don San-

CINDY WADE

... attending ACC

MHS Grad Earns College Credit

Kimbrell advised persons having questions concerning their ples in pint jars brought to the city's business to please contact

Annual Singing This Weekend

The Jones County Annual Singing Convention will be held in Anson at the high school auditorium Saturday, April 1 at 7::30 p.m. and Sunday, beginning at 10 a.m.

Joe Murff, president, said that special groups and class singing will be featured. The public is invited to attend.

Clothing Firm Has New Name

A new name has been chosen for Adcock's Clothiers. And it is now the "Circle A Western House,"

Owners, Mr. and Mrs. Waymon Adcock, said that they had been thinking about a name for their clothing store for a long time and decided Circle A would just about describe their merchandise.

"Although western wear is one of our main items," he said, "we



EASTER JOY — Easter rabbits, Easter Eggs and Nest is the height of joy for two year old Melissa Harris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Leo Harris. (Staff Photo)



time Abilene financial institution registrations. begins its second half - century Monday with a week - long Open House and 253 free prizes.

Abilene Savings Association marks its 50th Anniversary of prizes. service to the Big Country with

ABILENE (Spl.) - A long - on Tuesday, April 11, from all

Winners will be notified by mail and need not be present at the drawings to win. Daily winners will also be eligible for the grand

Abilene Savings Association was

Outstanding Citizens Honored At Banquet

83RD YEAR

Betty Jane Tittle and Mack Fisher were honored as Citizens of the Year for 1971 at the Merkel's Annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet, held Monday evening.

Beta Sigma Phi's "Lady of the Year" honor went to Mrs. J. H. (Annette) Clark Jr. for her contribution to her community.

Ronnie Aldridge, Merkel High School Basketball coach was named "Man of the Year" by members of the Booster Club and was so honored during the Banquet activities.

Miss Tittle, incoming secretarytreasurer for the Chamber works as a cashier at Farmers and Merchants National Bank,

Fisher is superintendent of Merkel Public Schools.

In honoring Mrs. Clark, Beta Sigma Phi's president, Mrs. Billy Lucas noted that "Mrs. Clark's unselfish devotion to her home, her church and her community ranks her as outstanding among the women of this community."

Dr. Thomas K. Kim, president of McMurry College, told the large crowd gathered for the annual event that "there are many things right with America."

"First, the people are right," he said. "They are right because of their heritage, and the American people have struggled hard and long to redefine the purpose of man,"

"Wherever you travel in terms of people, there is not a single country in the world where peo-





BETTY JANE TITTLE . . . Outstanding Citizens for 1971



Mr. and Mrs. Onis Crawford The Crawfords began business will celebrate their Grand Open- in Merkel in 1962 and handled ing of their new store at 135 Edwards this Saturday.

MACK FISHER

Crawford, "and months of planning is bringing you our Grand Opening.

Crawford said that there would be gifts for everyone who attended the Saturday event "We have prizes for all ages," he said, "and there will be three drawings during the day.' With more space, the store is ton, Mrs. Thelma Strawn and 'featuring a larger stock of mer- Mrs. Billy Jo (Peggy) White, exchandise in clothing and house- tend an invitation to area people hold items."

7 a.m. for the City Council Elec-

the high school gymnasium, with

School Board candidates are

ed term of Joe McDuff and is

running for re - election to the

posed.

only men's wear and ladies shoes at that time. In 1966 they enlarged This is a move that we contem- the store to cover ladies and plated for a long time," said teens' wear, lingerie and ladies' accessories

> "We are looking forward to visiting with our friends and customers this Saturday," said Mrs. Crawford, who is a partner in the

Cindy Wade, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Brandion L. Wade, 205 Oak, is among 221 students at Abilene Christian College who were awarded at least 3 semester hours of college credit by examination for the 1971-72 school year.

She earned 7 hours, 3 in English and 4 in Spanish.

Miss Wade is a 1971 graduate of Merkel High School and a freshman elementary education major at ACC.

Catholic Ladies To Meet April 6

A meeting of all ladies of the Mother of Mercy Catholic Church will be held Thursday, April 6 at 8 p.m. in the church hall. Purpose of the meeting will be

to form an Altar Society.

WINNERS RECEIVE AWARDS AT BANQUET

Mark Dudley, MHS senior, received the sweepstakes honor for best essay at the Middle Clear Fork Soil and Water Conservation Districts Awards Dinner, held in McGlothlin Center Cafeteria at Abilene Christian College Tuesday evening.

The program was co - hosted by Taylor Electric Cooperative and winners of district posters and essays and area workers were honored.

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Students from first through sixth grades were in attendance to receive blue ribbons for their winnings, with Debbie Walters, Bonham Elementary student from Abilene receiving the sweepstakes plaque for outstanding poster, She is the daughter of Mrs. Linda Ann Harriger of Abilene.

Blue ribbons and sweepstakes awards were presented by Don Hart, manager of Merkel's Taylor Electic Cooperative.

Joe Antilley of the Elmdale Community received the outstanding conservation farmer and rancher award. The award was presented by R. E. Clemmer, trict Cooperative for its support chairman of the board of the

do handle all kinds of men and women and teen clothing." Located next door to the Ad-

cock Cleaners, the staff is celebrating the naming of their store with special drawings for gifts this Saturday.

FHA'ers Plan **Talent Show** Members of the Merkel Chapter

of Future Homemakers of America have set Tuesday, April 4 as date for a Talent Show to be held at 7:30 p.m. at the high school auditorium. "We are planning a most in-

teresting show," said Patricia McDuff, president, "and the public is invited to attend."

Admission will be 25 cents per person and proceeds will be used for FHA community projects.

DON HART

. . . presents awards

Middle Clear Fork Soil and Water

Special award was presented by

Clemmer in behalf of the Middle

Clear Fork SWCD to Taylor Elec-

of conservation in the district.

Conservation District.

50 daily prizes and three grand prizes. Winners will be selected at random drawings from registrations at all Abilene Savings locations and the mobile saver unit that tours the Big Country.

Open House will be celebrated each weekday next week, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at all four Abilene Savings offices in Abilene and the branch office in Coleman. Open House hours in Abilene Saving's mobile saver unit will be 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

MERKEL RESIDENTS may register Friday, April 7, when the mobile facility visits MERKEL across the street from the Post Office

Fifty daily winners will receive mounted silver dollars minted in 1922, the year Abilene Savings was founded. These 50 - year - old circulated coins, in fine to very fine condition, are valued at approximately \$3,70 each. Drawings for daily winners will be held on the day following the day of registration.

To climax the celebration, three grand prizes will be awarded in a special drawing. First prize will be a \$500 Abilene Savings account; second prize, a \$250 Abilene Savings account; third prize, a \$100 Abilene Savings account. Winners' names will be drawn

Methodist Youth Sets Garage Sale

Members of the Methodist Youth Fellowship of First United Methodist Church will have a Garage Sale Saturday, April 8 at the church, according to chairman, Beth Hicks. Sale begins at 9 a.m.

"If anyone has items or white elephants they would like to donate for the sale, we will be glad to pick them up," said Miss Hicks.

Numbers to call for pickup are Miss Hicks, 928-5533, Terry Reed, 928-5774, or Cynthia Steck, 928-

Proceeds from the sale will be used for the group's trip to Six Flags in May.

established in 1922 by the late C. W. Gill, who served as president of the firm until January, 1961, when he became chairman of the board and C. E. "Sonny" Bentley became president. At Gill's death in 1968, Bentley succeeded him as board chairman, retaining the position of president.

Little League Work Night Set

Benny Melton, president of the Merkel Little League Association, announced that a Work Night will be held at the Little League Field Thursday, beginning at 7 p.m.

"There's quite a bit of work to be done in order to get the field ready for play," said Melton. "All who plan to volunteer their time should bring hoes, rakes and shovels. And we need some wheelbarrows, too."

Registration date for Little Leaguers will be this Saturday at the West Texas Utilities. Time will be from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Mrs. Benny Melton and Mrs. Lee Tucker will handle registration.

Try - outs will be April 10, 11, 12 and 13, with bidding for players to be done on the 14th. Workouts begin April 18, A Downtown Parade will be held on their first day of play, May 12.

Registration form for parents to fill out for Little League is found on Page Five of this edition. Parents may fill out information and mail to P. O. Box 536 or bring to Boney Insurance Agency. Forms may also be handed in on day of registration.



ple will walk with quite the sense of dignity as I see in America." He pointed out that the land is another thing that is right with America.

"There are so many beautiful places to see, he said. "Open lands invite us to open our hearts, and it is our obligation to keep it beautiful for our children."

The philosopy and its concept are also right with America, Kim said.

"Our ancestors came with a vision of a new order that had to be created and formed the government whose cornerstones are the basic freedoms.

"Until a better system comes along, I am prepared to bet my life on the American system,' Kim concluded.

Joe Lassiter, who acted as mas-Mrs. Pat Cypert, judge for the ter of ceremonies, introduced guests from out of town and conducted a short business meeting tien. prior to the program. Guests were from Abilene, Trent and Tye.

New directors and officers of the chamber for 1972 were introduced.

Bill Button is new president: other officers are Don Hart, vice president: Miss Tittle, secretaryris and Kent Satterwhite treasurer, and Benny Melton, man-

Other directors are Fred Starbuck, Kent Sattewhite, Mrs. Ray Wilson, Dave Brumbeau, E. A. Conley and Duane Shugart.

Retiring directors are Vernon Mansfield, Johnny Hammond and Mack Fisher,

We Goofed !!

Last week the Merkel Mail gave a "run down" of candidates who had been seen in the area lately walking the streets and handing out cards.

We failed to mention that Charles E. (Chuck) Erwin, candidate for 42nd District Judge, spent a whole Saturday over here recently visiting around getting to know many more people.

And just this Monday, Ray Trammel was over shaking hands and aking for support for his candidacy for Taylor County Sheriff. Trammell's opponents are Ken Hamil and Jack Landrum,

business with her husband,

The Crawfords, along with their employees, Mrs. Fred (Ruth) Horto come by Saturday.



Polls will open this Saturday at both farmers

Harris is Water Superinten ent. tion and the School Board Elec- employed by the City of Merkel. tion. Closing time will be 7 p.m. and Satterwhie is Power Use Ad-Both elections will be held at visor with Taylor Electric Cooperative.

Two places are to be filled for City Election and Bryan Dunagin, the School Board Election.

Only one election will be taking judge for the School Board Elecplace at Trent, when voters go Candidates for the City Elec- to the polls Saturday to vote for tio; are three incumbents, Pat three school trustees. There will Mergan, Connie Mack Seymore be no city election in Trent as and Ted Smith. They are unop- there are no candidates' terms to expire

Candidates for School Board Charles Jacobs, for re - election, are incumbents, Frank Brnovak, Robert Stephan, Robert Leo Har- Billy W. Hamner and Mrs. R. L. (Rosemary) Bland, and John Jacobs, who filled the unexpir- Griffith,

Voting will take place at City Hall and presiding judge is Hub School Board and Stephan are Keagans,



LADY OF THE YEAR - Mrs. J. H. (Annette) Clark Jr., right, was presented Beta Sigma Phi's "Outstanding Lady of Merkel" award at the Chamber Banquet M day. Presenting the plaque was the Chapter's presi Mrs. Billy Lucas. (Staff Photo)

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: Darla Gene Gorsline Zaviska, Leo Zaviska and William Douglas Robey, Defendants, Greeting

MANDED to appear before the ed In Re: Minor A-108, Honorable Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County at the at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of tion on file in this suit. the first Monday next after the from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 10 day of April A.D. 1972, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 23 day of Feb. A.D. 1972. in this cause, numbered 6969 on

YOU ARE HEREBY COM- the docket of said court and styl-

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, witt: In Re .: Adoption as is more Texas, by filing a written answer fully shown by Plaintiff's Peti-

By H. T. Elmo

I'M GIVING UP OUR

GOLDFISH TO MOTHER

If this citation is not served expiration of forty - two days 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 23 day of Feb. A.D. 1972. (Seal)

Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD Clerk, Domestic Relations Court, Taylor County, Texas My Marie Gill, Deputy. 2 4tc

Missionette News

An active group of girls are busy every Saturday afternoon at the Assembly of God Church, "doing things that will help make other people happy,"according to their leader, Mrs. E. V. Walters.



Because 1972 is a Leap Year, women have a clearer right than usual to propose marriage. But here's hoping you're not so unfortunate as to be left waiting at the altar, like the bride in the picture.

Also because 1972 has an extra day, there'll be an extra 200,000 people on earth before it's over. That's 200,000 over our usual pop-ulation jump of 74 million a year.

Unfortunately, all too many of these babies will be born not by choice, but by chance. They will enter the world unplanned despite our having better birth-control methods. some of which-like Conceptrol Birth Control Cream and Delfen Contraceptive Foamcan even be bought in drugstores without prescription. No doubt when our bride is

wed, she'll plan her pregnancies wisely. Meanwhile. our population is increasing by 142 every minute she waits at the altar.

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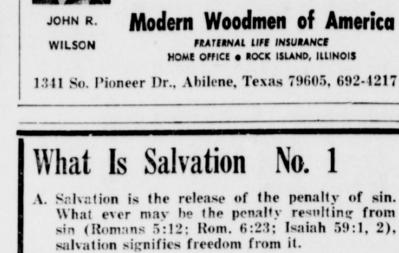
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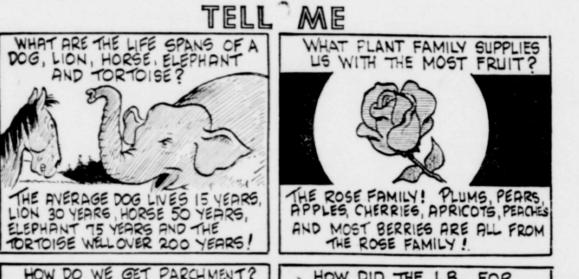
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- B. Salvation is the freedom from the guilt of sin (Romans 3:19 - all the world is guilty before God). By guilt is meant: the act or state of having done a wrong or committed an offense (God's Word sets the standard of right and wrong). I John 3:4 defines sin as "trangression of God's law." I John 5:17 defines sin as "all unrighteousness." Romans 3:23 shows "all have sinned and come short of the glory of God," and I John 5:19 says "the whole world lieth in wickedness." Therefore all need salvation because we are guilty of sin. To know guilt is to have a realization that one has violated ethical, moral and religious principles, together with a regretful feeling of lessened personal value on that account. Salvation is freedom from past guilt because of one's sin.
- C. Involved in salvation is the establishment of certain spiritual relationships with God, Jesus the Christ, and the Holy Spirit.
 - 1. With God 2 Corinthians 6:18
 - 2. With Jesus-Romans 8:17; 2 Corinthians 5:17

3. With the Holy Spirit-1 Corinthians 6:19, 20 Every person NEEDS salvation for the simple reason "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God (Rom. 3:23). And for the simple reason that "ALL must appear before the judgment seat of Christ: that EVERYONE may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad." 2 Corinthians 5:10 One cannot be saved eternally - live with God eternally -except the punishment of sin in an eternal hell without salvation - without the release of the penalty of sin -- without freedom from the guilt of sin -and without the establishment of the three spiritual relationships.

BILLY PATTON





Page Two Leap Year Baby Boom

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"The girls have just recently completed a flower project which has been given to the Starr Nursing Home," she said. "Other activities will include hikes and cookouts.'

The girls who call themselves the "Missionettes" meet at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday and age groups includes the five to 14 year olds. An invitation is extended to all girls in this age group to attend

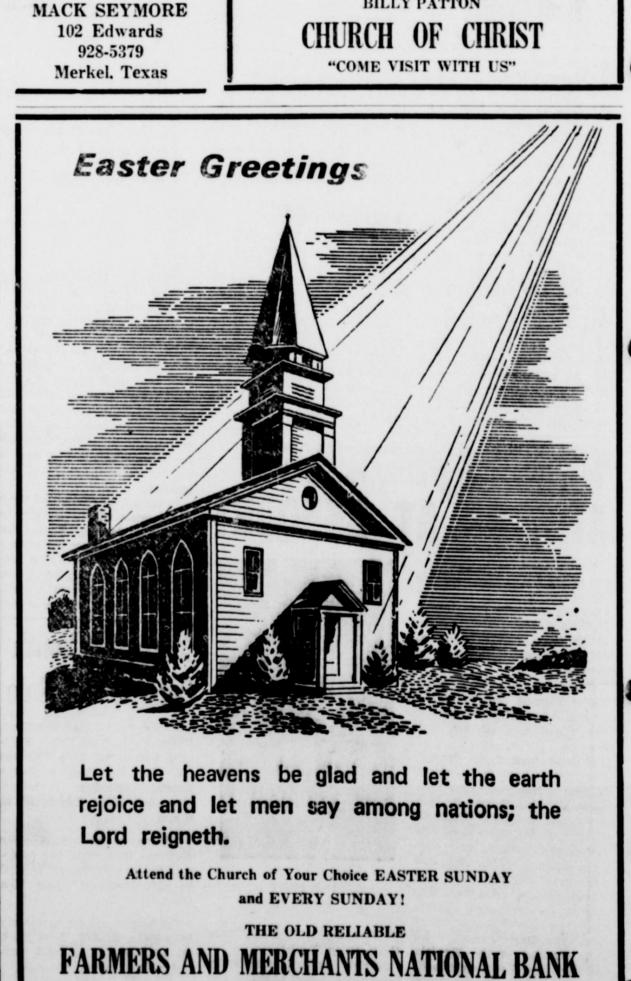
"A special thank you is given to everyone who donated to our Garage Sale," said Mrs. Walters, "and to those who purchased items rom us. This sale gave us the money to get started.'

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urday, Roy's Place at Trent.

Miscellaneous

FOR MONUMENTS and CEMETERY CURBING M. A. (Sarg) NOSTER 1404 Herring Dr. Merkel, Texas Phone 8-5565

MASONIC MEETING Stated meeting of Mer-

kel Lodge No. 710 on So 2nd Saturday and 4:4h Thursday of each month # 7:30 p.m. Visitors welcome. Members urged to attend. CHARLES EAGER, W.M. ROY MASHBURN, Sec'y.

WANTED - Cooks, waitresses, and dishwashers. Merkel Restourant 923-4923. 8 tfc

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- For Rent -

FOR RENT - Two bedroom, unfurnished house. Also have For 42nd District Court Judge three - room furnished house. 4 tfc Call 928-5236.

- For Sale -

FOR SALE - Small house on southside, new carpet, walls, floors, everything redone. Large lot, Call 928-5492. 51 tfc FOR SALE - Crocheted bedspreads, hand pieced and hand quilted, new quilts, other miscellaneous items, 712 Locust,

928-5901. 5 2tc FOR SALE - One group ladies

NOTICE - We will be closed Sat- FOR SALE - Small Barn, Phone 928-5266. 4 2tp FOR SALE - House at 904 So. 3rd. Call Mrs. Buddy Boyd at

> POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

5 tfc For Congressman, District 17 OMAR BURLESON (Re-election)

> For State Senator, 24th Senatorial District GRANT JONES

862-2711.

CHARLES E. (CHUCK) ERWIN

CARD OF THANKS OUR THANKS TO EACH ONE of the many friends for your thoughtfulness during my recent stay in the hospital. For your cards, flowers, gifts and prayers, we are so grateful.

Ernest Burr Hindricks Sr.



Beaird-Roberson Sets Wedding

Mn and Mrs. James M. Beaird announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Cathy, to Mr. Ford Roberson, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Roberson of Andrews.

The bride - elect is a 1970 graduate of Merkel High School and is a junior at Angelo State University, where she is on the dean's

Her fiance attended the University of Texas and is a senior at Angelo State University. He is a member of Pi Kappa Alpha and a member of the tennis team. A May 27 wedding is planned at First Baptist Church,

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Williams announce the birth of a son, Billy Pat, born March 7 in Hendrick Memorial Hospital, The baby weighed six pounds, fourteen

ounces Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Roy Holler of Sterling City and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Ms. E. G. Williams of Merkel.

Maternal great - grandparents 4 tfc are Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Joiner of Coahoma,

> Mr. and Mrs. Salvador Ybarra of Abilene announce the birth of a boy, Steven Ray, Born March 22 in Hendrick Hospital. The baby weighed five pounds, ten ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Hernandez of Abilene and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Lee Ybarra of Merkel

School Menu

Monday, April 3 Tamales, Spanish rice, tomatoes, white lima beans, carrot curls, cornbread or sliced bread, milk.

Tuesday, April 4 Chicken Pot Pie, celery, onions, mixed vegetables, whipped potatoes, hot rolls, butter, fruit cup, milk.

Wednesday, April 5



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WANTED - Station attendant. Apply Windham's Fina Station, East Highway 80. 3 tfc

GARAGE SALE - Thursday and Friday at 1530 Sunset, items include clothing, Mangus Chord Orman, new wastebaskets, mis-5 1tc cellaneous.

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FOR SALE - 500 gal, butane tank with filler hose mounted on tandem trailer, \$300.00, Ph. 4 tfc 862-2041

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JAMES J. BLACK . . assigned to Chanute

Completes Basic SAN ANTONIO - Airman James J. Black, son of James A. Black of 1816 Swenson, Abi lene, has completed his U.S. Air

Force basic training at the Air Training Command's Lackland AFB, Tex, He has been assigned to Chanute AFB, Ill. for training in aircraft maintenance,

Airman Black is a 1969 graduate of Abilene High School, His wife, Lynne, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Barton of 1601 Westwood, Abilene, The airman's mother, Mrs. Lela P. Black, resides in Tye, Tex.

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Tin can casserole, seasoned spinach, cornbread muffins, butter, milk, banana pudding. Thursday, April 6 Fish sticks with catsup, new

potatoes in cheese sauce, green beans, hot rolls, butter, lemon pie, milk.

Friday, April 7 Hamburgers, oven french fries, lettuce, onions, tomatoes, pickles, flying saucer cookies, milk.

Stith News By MRS. FRITZ HALE

Mrs. Ollie Fowler of California is visiting her mother. Mrs. John Hobbs and the Benny Hobbs family. Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Chancy and Sandra of Richardson also visited the Hobbs family for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Row and David of Bledsoe, Don Row of Reece AFB, Lubbock and Sgt. and Mrs. Paul Row and Barbara of Ft. Carson AFB, Colorado Springs, Colo., spent a few days this week with their parents and grandparents, the Paul Bradleys, Mamie Hardin had surger,7 in the Midland Hospital Monday. Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McDonald



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were at the hospital with their sister. They are also visiting their daughter and family, the Doug Stephensons. There's A FORD TRUCK That's Just Right for You! ADDROU



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Wilson-Kent **Engagement Told**

The engagement of Karen Suzanne Wilson to Terry Kent has been announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, 302 Rose.

Parents of the prospective bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Clifford M. Kent of Coleman, He is a gaduate of Coleman High School and is attending Tarleton State College, Stephenville, on a Rodeo scholarship

The bride - elect is a graduate of Merkel High School and is attending Southern Methodist University, Dallas. At SMU she is a member of the Mustang Band and Little Sister in Delta Sigma Phi fraternity.

Wedding will be June 10 in First United Methodist Church.

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KAREN SUZANNE WILSON

	Merkel Little League	
Name	Birth Date	
Address	Phone No.	
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We, the participat rent seat League (accident,	ght	hi: ur ttle
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... plans June wedding

Neff, recording secretary; Miss Kathy Mansfield, corresponding seceary, and Mrs. Vernon Wade, treasurer. Mrs. Robert Leo Harris is council delegate, with Mrs. Jewel Cotten, alternate, Mrs. Bobby Du-Bose was elected member advisor for the Exemplar Chapter.

Mrs. West Hosts

Beta Sigma Phi

The Lambda Beta Chapter of

Beta Sigma Phi met March 21

in the home of Mrs. Bobby West.

Mrs. Iris Amerine was welcomed

as a new pledge. Officers for

New officers include Mmes.

Darla Mawson, president; Phil

Seymore, vice president; Billy

1972-73 were elected.

Mrs. Lawrence Hewitt was captain for the program, "Tools for the Art of Life - Speech," assisted by Mrs. Mawson. Mrs. John Brady was captain for the program, "Tools for the Art of Life-Action.

Members present were Mmes, Brady, Almeda Bullock, DuBose, Harris, Hewitt, Jimmy Leverich, Bil'7 Lucas and Mawson, Also Mmes. Neff, Seymore,

Mamie Steck, Wade, West, Larry White, Bill Whisenhunt, Gary Lollar, George Watson, Cotten, Amerine and Miss Mansfield.

Smith-McConnell **Vows Are Read**

Mrs. Donna Schultz Smith and Dolphe McConnell were married March 21 in ceremonies performed at Hawthorne, Calif.

McConnell is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. D. McConnell and is a former Merkel resident. The couple will make their home in Hawthorne.



MRS. RICKY MINZE formerly Miss Wade **Miss Wade Bride Of Ricky Minze**

Cecelia Leona Wade and Ricky Lynn Minze were marred Saturday. March 14 in the home of the bride's brother, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Wade. The Rev. H. S. Harp officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. S. V. Wade and the late Mr. Wade. Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Jim Smith.

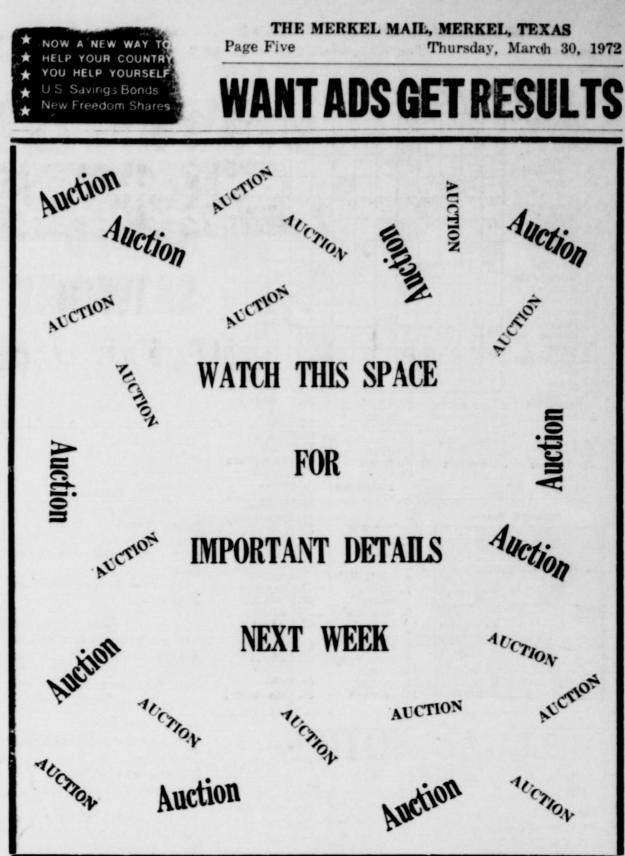
Attendants were Shelia Wade and Wayne Walters.

Given in marriage by Dwaine Wade, the bride wore a long white satin dress and carried pink carnations with orchids. Her attendant wore pink crepe dress and carried pink and hollywood car-

HD Bake Sale

nations.

Members of the Stith Home Demonstrtaion Club will have a Bake Sale Saturday in front of West Texas Utilities, Sale begins at 9 a.m. and will include cakes, pies and cookies, according to president, Mrs. O. W. Dickerson,







THE MERKEL MAIL, MERKEL, TEXAS Page Six Thursday, March 30, 197? **Crossword** Puzzle ACROSS 1. Hard blow 5. British native 9. Conjunctive 12. Three 13. Scorch 14. French "King" 15. Irritate 16. Turning 18. Near 19. Agitate 21. Out of date 22. Number 24. In bed 26. Roman road 27. Mideast native 29. Lure 31. War office: abbr. 32. Duck

38. Fabric 52. Sun god 53. Skulls 40. Dross 43. Confess 55. English 45. Sleigh school Answer to Puzzle Eaters . Siamese

34. Smoke

particles

36. Hawaiian

dish

20. Tantalum: 47. Go astray 57. Building chem. 48. Renovate wing 58. Liberate 59. Salamander 23. Citizens 25. Distributes 50. Single thing 58. Liberate 60. French river 28. Exist 61. Stops 30. Preposition 61. Stops 33. Argon: 62. Girl's chem. nickname 35. Bone: anat. 36. Package 37. Excessively DOWN 39. Adorned . Layers with Author feathers B. Be ill 41. Feathered 4. Pedal digits missiles 42. Concedes Writes hastily 44. Rune for 6. St. Vitus' 46. Twice: dance 7. Cereal grain prefix 49. Spouse 3. Snare 9. Plato's pupil 51. Canvas . Lassos shelter 54. Vase

LEGAL NOTICE

ESTATE OF LINDA SUE TOOMES A MINOF IN THE COUNTY OF TAYLOR COUNTY, TEXAS NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF LINDA SUE TOOMBS A MINOR Notice is hereby given that orig-

inal letters of guardianship upon the estate of Linda Sue Tooms, a minor, were issued to me, the undersigned, on the 9th dra of March, 1972, in the proceeding indicated below my signature here. to, which is still pending, and that I now hold such letters. All perestate, which is being administered, in the county below named, are hereby required to presen the same to me respectively, a the address below given before suit upon same are barred by the general statutes of limitation before such estate is closed, and within the time prescribed by law. My residence and post office address are: Loyce Marie Toombs,

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Danna Russell

Robert Boyd.

and Danna Russell

and third:

Grey

Russell

Russell,

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Results are listed first, second

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13-18 years - Patricia Boyd,

Cindy Whisenhunt and Johnny

Over 18 - Jarrett Pinckley and

Flags

10 and under - John Stevens,

13-18 years - Patricia Boyd,

Chris Childress and Johnny Gray

Poles

13-18 years - P. Boyd.

10 and under - Stevens, Danna

Over 18 - Pinckley and Jerry

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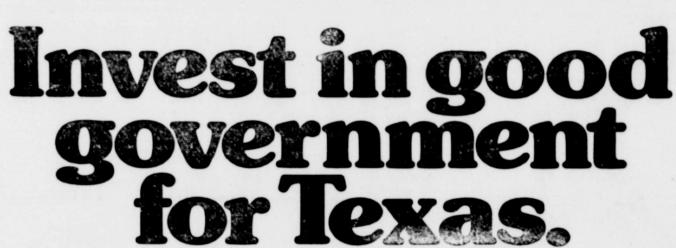
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THE STATE OF TEXAS

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

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

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Rachel Diana Vaughn, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COM-MANDED 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 1 day of May A.D. 1972, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 17 day of March A.D. 1972, in this cause, numbered 7027 on the docket of said court and styled Dudley Virgil Vaughn, Plaintiff, vs. Rachel Diana Vaughn, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-witt: Plaintiff and Defendant were married on the 19th of March, 1971 and separated on or about May 1, 1971. A suit for divorce. There were no children born and no community property acquired, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit. If this citation is not served within ninety draws 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.

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