



"IT'S BETTER EVERY YEAR" — Three MHS students are "more than pleased" with this year's dress code. Shown in comfortable, school board approved attire, are, from left, Marsha Jordan, junior, wearing a coordinated pant suit, Tonja McAninch, junior wearing a hot pant suit ensemble, and Steve Walker, senior, shirt tucked in, top button open and side-burns to the bottom of the ears. The dress code was compiled by representatives of the school faculty and students. (Staff Photo)

Students To Register Friday School Begins On Monday

The 1972 - 73 Merkel Public School year begins Friday when registration will be held for all students.

Beginning at 9 a.m., freshmen and sophomores will register and at 1:30 p.m., juniors and seniors, Kindergarten and all new students in the primary and elementary schools will register Friday morning beginning at 9 o'clock. All other primary and elementary students will begin registration at 1:30 p.m.

School superintendent, Mack Fisher, said that school buses will run for the afternoon's registration.

Prior to Friday's registration, a breakfast for the faculty and hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Fisher, will be held at the Merkel Restaurant, to be followed with a general faculty meeting at the high school. Following the general faculty meeting teachers will meet with principals in their appointed schools.

Teachers have been in workshops and in-service training the past three days, and will work in their rooms on Thursday afternoon, said Fisher.

The 1972 - 73 faculty includes: Administration: Fisher, superintendent; Travis L. Davis, high school principal; and Leon Walker, principal of Elementary, Primary and Kindergarten schools.

High School: Paul Mac Woodfin, head football coach, social studies and athletic director; Ronnie Aldridge, assistant coach and mathematics; Jerry D. Jones, assistant coach, science and physical education; Mrs. Colleen Willis, girls' coach, physical education and science; W. J. Tate, mathematics and science. Also Chester Collinsworth, vocational teacher; A. J. Walla, vocational carpentry; Mrs. Gayle Baker, commercial subjects; Mrs. Mary Caton, and Mrs. Jonnie Beasley, vocational home economics; Glenn Reed, band and driver education, and Mrs. Ruth Windsor, librarian.

Also, Mrs. Ellen McReynolds, social science; Mrs. Pat Dudley, English; Mrs. Frances O. King, English, speech and drama; and Mrs. Mary R. Easton, Spanish and English.

Elementary: Mrs. Helen Benson, Ralph E. Bratcher, Mrs. Elletta Orsborn, Mrs. Mitzzi Hart, William G. Martin, teacher and assistant coach; Robert M. Russell, teacher and assistant coach; Miss Carolyn McHugh, Miss Judy Gayle Morris, Miss Juanita Blackburn, and Mrs. Lillie Braune, remedial reading.

Primary and Kindergarten: Mrs. Naomi Holloway, Mrs. Jo Finley Barnett, Mrs. Barbara Sandusky, Mrs. Jane Wade, Mrs. Anna Belle Shouse, Mrs. Lena Dunagin, Miss Lydia Norcross, Mrs. Cathy Malone, Mrs. Darla Jo Mawson, and Mrs. Sharon K. Alves, kindergarten.

Taylor - Callahan Cooperative Special Education teachers include Mrs. Darlene Watson, Mrs. Jo Ann Reed, Mrs. Judy Snapp, Mrs. Sandra L. Rosengrants and Mrs. Rojean Hicks. Mrs. Blanche Hewitt, special aide for the EMR Program will work in the Merkel Schools.

Merkel is the fiscal agent of the Taylor - Callahan Cooperative program, Fisher explained.

Other employees include James Dean, coordinator of Title I program; Mrs. Zell Whitaker, bookkeeper for state and federal programs; Robert J. Millikan, counselor and supervisor on a county cooperative basis; Mrs. Ida Strickland, bookkeeper and secretary; Mrs. Patsy Walker, elementary office secretary; Mrs. Clyde Bartlett, tax assessor and collector; Mrs. Minyon Seymore,

teacher aide, Mrs. Joan Reed, library aide, and Ms. Glenda Byrd, secretary to the high school principal.

Custodians will be Pete Swinney, Oliver Rister, T. G. Hill and Worley E. Ledford.

Cafeteria workers are Mrs. Velma Rutledge, manager; Mrs. Vada Martin, Mrs. Bernice Bagby, Mrs. Billy James, Mrs. Mary Vaughn, Mrs. Leona McWilliams and Mrs. Elvira Biera.

Bus drivers include Lewis Corder, Allen D. Agnew, Price Melton, Ed Lewis, Billy Patton, Bill Tate, Waymon Adcock, Winford Reed and A. J. Walla.

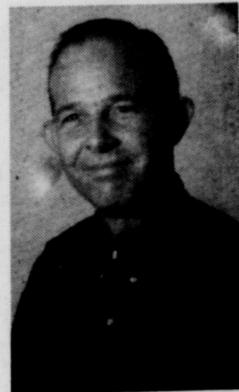
Fisher said that the cafeteria will serve meals beginning Aug. 21 on the first day of school. Prices for meals will be 30 cents for grade K-4; 35 cents for grades 5-8 and 40 cents for grades 9-12.



MACK FISHER
... superintendent



TRAVIS L. DAVIS
... high school principal



LEON WALKER
... primary, elementary principal

DRESS CODE STRESSES NEATNESS

A modified dress code for students attending the Merkel Schools' 1972 - 73 year has been released this week by the superintendent, Mack Fisher.

Following a study made by the school board, administration, faculty and students during the school year 1971 - 72, and completed on August 7, 1972, the board approved a modified dress code.

Upon completion of the studies, Fisher expressed appreciation to the dress code committee who worked on the survey.

"One goal each group had in

mind was to formulate a dress code that would be simple, easy to follow, but at the same time would emphasize the importance of developing an appreciation for a "business" - like approach to dress attire," said Fisher. "The aim in formulating the code was to come up with an attire that would meet the demands of today's society."

Dress regulations emphasized the fact that students are "encouraged to be neat, clean, and dress in good taste in school, and at all school sponsored activities." "Any type of dress or personal

grooming that is disruptive or distracting to pupils and teachers in the classroom or in the school shall not be allowed," Fisher said.

He further said that the determination of what is disruptive or distracting will be made by the building principals.

Dress Code modifications include:

Girls

1. Girls shall wear appropriate clothing that is styled for school wear, provided such clothing conforms to the following: Tank tops, see-through blouses, extremely low cut tops, shorts and other similar attire should be worn other than in the classroom or hallways. Physical education classes may be excepted. Only blouses cut square on the bottom may be worn outside the skirt or pants.

2. Girls may wear hot pants suits, provided they have a matched skirt ensemble - coordinated with an over-blouse or jacket.

3. Girls may wear tailored or coordinated pant suits to school and school activities.

Boys

Boys may wear their hair above the collar, above the ears, and above the eyebrows. Sideburns may be worn to the bottom of the ear.

2. Boys should be clean shaven.

3. Tank tops (or muscle shirts) and other similar attire should not be worn in the classroom or hallways. Physical education classes may be excepted. Only shirts cut square on the bottom may be worn outside the pants. Shirts should be completely buttoned with the exception of the top (collar button).

Regulations that apply to all students include wearing shoes at all times unless "exceptions are made by the principal for unusual conditions."

"The use of any noise make, such as bells or shoe taps, is considered disruptive and therefore not permitted," said Fisher.

Fisher pointed out that "since our student body helped compose the dress code, we know that all of our students will want to comply with the regulation from the very beginning." He suggested that students who were in doubt as to what to wear, to contact their principal.

"We are looking forward to a great year," said Fisher, "and will be glad to see our students on Friday, Aug. 18."

EXTRA FUNDS NEEDED FOR LOCAL LIBRARY

The Merkel Library is now serving the public in their new quarters in the Ike Turner building on North First Street, and board members this week endorsed a Library Fund drive on a voluntary contribution basis.

A committee, composed of Mrs. Ray Wilson, board chairman, and Fred Starbuck, Mrs. Dave Brumbeau and Mrs. Larry Justice were appointed to head this fund drive for Merkel and the area.

"Since the library is a recipient of the Community Fund we did not think it feasible to have an organized drive," said Mrs. Wilson. "However, the amount of

money received from this source is not enough to cover renovations.

Necessities discussed by the board include the paying for the new floor which was laid before the library was moved, rest room facilities, which "are a must," extra shelving for the larger area in the new location, and for books already on hand.

The new floor is referred to by board members and patrons as the "faith" floor, since it was purchased "on credit" and laid before moving time. "The floor needed covering," explained Mrs. Wilson, "and we just went ahead on 'faith' that enough contributions would come in to pay for this purchase."

Other needs for the library include minor repairs, new paint in spots, and "pretty important" — a sign on the front of the building.

"Anyone wishing to donate money may contact any of the board members or members of the fund committee or deposit to Library Fund at the Farmers and Merchants National Bank.

"Any amount you may desire to give to this much-needed project will be greatly appreciated and you may know that it will be used wisely," said Mrs. Wilson.

Contributions

Joe Alves	\$ 5.00
John Hardesty	25.00
Brumbeau	10.00
The W. R. Cyberts	10.00
The Ray Wilsons	20.00
TOTAL	\$70.00

Annual Senior Trip Cancelled

Superintendent of Merkel Schools, Mack Fisher, announced this week that "due to increase in expenses and responsibilities, the Annual Senior Trip has been discontinued."

The annual senior trip is taken each year in the spring by graduating seniors of Merkel High School and accompanied by faculty members.

"Prior to this action, a survey was made of schools similar to Merkel and it was found that almost all senior trips had been discontinued," said Fisher.

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Senior Citizens' Sale to Begin

A Garage Sale, sponsored by the Area Senior Citizens will be held at their location at 112 Edwards on Monday and Tuesday.

Proceeds from the sale will be used by the Club for operating expenses, and members welcome any contributions of sale items, said president, the Rev. Newt Daniel.

Band Meet Begins At 6 p.m. Today

A "come and go" meeting of prospective beginning band students and their parents will be held this evening at the Band Hall.

Glenn Reed, director, said that students and parents "may come any time between 6 and 9 p.m. for the meeting."

MALONE IMPLEMENT TO HOST OPEN HOUSE

Open house will be observed at Malone Implement this Saturday with refreshments being served all day, according to owner, Robert Malone.

"Although we have cancelled our Generation II showing, we will have Open House for our friends in the area," said Malone. "This will be only one way in saying thank you for your many years of patronage and friendship."

Malone announced this week that "as of Oct. 31 his business will

no longer be under contract with John Deere."

"However," he said, "we will continue to operate here probably until the first of the year. Our closing will be done at a time that will be most convenient to our customers."

Saturday's open house will feature door prizes and refreshments and reduced prices will be given on any equipment and all parts in stock on Saturday."

Malone extends an invitation to all area people to come by "anytime this Saturday."

MERKEL DRUG STORE FILLS 400,000TH RX ON TUESDAY

After fifty - three years of continuous operation the Merkel Drug this week filled its 400,000th new prescription.

On Tuesday, Aug. 14, Mrs. Mattie Billingsley received Rx No. 400,000 free from Merkel Drug owner and pharmacist, David Gamble.

"If records had been kept on all the prescriptions refilled the total would probably be over one million," said Gamble.

The Merkel Drug Store was purchased by the late S. D. (Lige) Gamble from G. P. Holland in 1919. It was operated at that time at the present site of the West Texas Utilities until 1946 when moved to the present location.

In 1957 Lige Gamble was cited by the Texas Board of Pharmacy

for 50 years of meritorious service and contribution to the ethical and technical progress of Pharmacy. Mrs. Lige Gamble continues to make her home here at 212 Yucca.

David, present owner, expresses his appreciation for the years he and his father have been privileged to serve the people of Merkel and surrounding communities.

"Your patronage and your friendship are greatly appreciated," said Gamble, "and our pledge is to continue to give you the very best of service in the pharmacy and drug line."

He and his wife, Bessie, have two daughters, Mrs. Robert Leamon Jr., of Austin and Mrs. Rodney Mashburn of Merkel. A daughter, Lynn, died in 1958.



PRESCRIPTION WINNER — Mrs. Mattie Billingsley received Rx No. 400,000 free from Pharmacist David Gamble at the Merkel Drug Store on Tuesday, Aug. 14. After 53 years of continuous operation the Merkel Drug Co. filled its 400,000th new prescription on that date. (Staff Photo)

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Mr and Mrs. Clearence Loyd Jordan of Hawley, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Charlotte, to Mr. Danny Chris Lackey, son of Mrs. Loyd Gunter of Rt. 3, Merkel, and the late Mr Jack Douglas Lackey.

The bride elect is a freshman student at Hawley High School. Her fiance is a graduate of Merkel High School and is employed by Springer Drilling in Abilene.

The wedding will be Thursday, Aug. 24 at 7:30 p.m. at the Hawley Church of Christ.

LEGAL NOTICE

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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 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: Roger Lee Marsh, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of

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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: Mae Theresa Sherman Lucy, 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 25th day of September A.D. 1972, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 11 day of August A.D. 1972, in this cause, numbered 7379 on the docket of said court and styled Arthur H. Lucy Jr., Plaintiff, vs. Mae Theresa Sherman Lucy, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: divorce. Married about August 26, 1946, and separated May 17, 1952. No children 18 years or under, 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 11 day of August A.D. 1972.

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

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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.

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 8 day of Aug. A.D. 1972.

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Ross Wheeler family
James and Vernell Butman

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WE ARE THANKFUL beyond measure for all of the vegetables and fruits given to us by farmers and ranchers in the area. All contributions are greatly appreciated.
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Stith News
By MRS. FRITZ HALE

The community received lots of rain last week and some of the farmers reported six inches — others nine inches.

Mr. and Mrs. Benny Hobbs, Ronnie and Debbie have returned from a vacation trip to Arkansas and Missouri. The Hobbs visited Mr. and Mrs. Walter Vantress at Rogers, Ark. The Vantress family lived in the Stith community for several years.

Mr. and Mrs. John Browning are announcing the birth of a great-granddaughter, Windi Gale Harris, born Aug. 9 in a Dallas Hospital. She weighed 8 pounds and her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Harris of Dallas.

Gaston Hobbs, Fort Worth, and T. B. Hobbs, Grand Prairie, visited the Benny Hobbs' family Wednesday. Ronnie accompanied his uncle to the Big Bend country for a few days outing.

Visiting the Fritz Hales last week were Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hill, Las Cruces, N.M.; Mrs. Ada Newton, Anson, and Mike Hale, Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Beard and Kathy of Odessa, visited Mamie Hardin and the Jim Burns' last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley spent a few days last week in Bledsoe with their daughter and family, the Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Row, Katie and David. Mrs. Row and David came home with them Sunday for a visit and Rev. Row will join them Wednesday for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Jones and children of California spent Tuesday night with the Babe Tarpleys. Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Clyburn and children spent a few days last weekend vacationing in Austin and San Marcus. They visited the Capitol building, the L.B.J. Library and the Johnson home.

Turner Reunion

In spite of heavy rains Sunday, there was still a large crowd attending the Turner Reunion held at the Community Center.

Relatives and friends attended from Big Spring, Roaring Springs, Pecos, Lamesa, Ackerly, Dublin, Stephenville and Abilene.

Also Brownwood, Merkel, Clovis, N.M., Texico, N.M., and Monument, N.M.
Those coming the longest distance were Lt. Col. and Mrs. Eldon Turner and son from San Pedro, Calif. Visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Beyrl Brown, Merkel, Kenneth Turner, Monument, N.M. was elected president, Vada Martin, secretary - treasurer, Rex Martin, manager and Viola Ensminger, reporter.



LINDA BLACK
... named 'Little Sister'

Homemakers Tea Installs Officers

Annual Installation Tea for members and guests of Taylor County Homemakers was held Aug. 10 at the Taylor Electric Cooperative annex.

New officers, installed for the 1972 - 73 year were Mrs. Mack Seymore, president; Roland Pack, vice president; Spencer Taylor, secretary; Wyman Wilkerson, treasurer and Jimmy Jacobs, reporter - historian.

Highlight of the meeting was naming of the club's Little Sister of the Year.

Linda Black daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Forest Black was chosen outstanding Little Sister. This decision was made from Linda's past experience in FHA activities, overall school activities and grade point average.

During the 1971 - 72 school year, Linda served as pianist in the local FHA Chapter and received the Junior Degree of Achievement. She will serve as Sergeant - at - Arms in the Area IV, Texas Association during the 1972-73 year.

Active in the MRS Spanish and Drama Clubs, Linda served on the annual staff, and was a member of the cast for "Our Town."

Area Young Homemakers Convention will be in Abilene at the Starlite Inn on Sept. 30 and all members are urged to "begin making plans now to attend," said Mrs. Seymore.

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Weekend Visitors

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hartley this weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Drake of Longview, Tex.; Welch of Port Arthur, Mrs. Fannie Lee Boone, Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. George Terping of Mesquite.
Also Mr. and Mrs. Dick Criswell and Mrs. Madie Lewis, Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. Billy SoRelle, Vickie and Tommy of Amarillo, and Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Tipton

of Merkel. They were here to attend the funeral services of Frank Welch of Snyder.

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MHS Student Competing In Rodeo Finals

Patricia Boyd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Boyd of Rt. 2, Trent, is competing this week in the National Finals of the American Junior Rodeo Association. The 1972 Finals Rodeo is being held at Pueblo West, Colo. Pueblo West is a new city complex developed near Pueblo, Colo. Some \$300,000.00 has been spent on what is termed "the sports site of the Southwest."

Patricia will be competing with the "cream of the crop" of rodeo contestants throughout the Southwest. With approximately \$6,000.00 added money to the entrance fees, this year's finals is termed the "richest junior rodeo in the world."

Patricia will be competing in the 13-15 age group in the girls' division. She will compete in barrel racing, pole bending, and flag racing. She has finished in the top ten in optional racing the past three years in the National standings for the A.J.R.A.

For Patricia, the finals will climax many miles traveled this summer throughout Texas and New Mexico competing in rodeos each week.



Restoring the Church of the New Testament (Part 1)

Did God intend for the New Testament to be considered a one-for-all revelation of his will to men? Did he intend for these scriptures to be the standard in religion for all time to come? Did he intend for the church to continue to worship in every generation as it worshipped in the earliest years of its existence? Did he intend to give us a permanent pattern for the organization of the church in the New Testament? These questions are valid to our study and must be answered before we go further. We must decide whether or not God would want us to believe and practice the same things that men believed and practiced in the first century.

There are many who believe that we should be concerned only with the SPIRIT of New Testament Christianity and not with a FIXED PATTERN of doctrine, organization and work. These individuals insist that the church must change from generation to generation in order to adapt itself to changing conditions. On the other hand there are those who feel that God gave, in the New Testament, a fixed pattern or blue print to which he expects his people to adhere to until the end of time.

Now if the church were of mere human design and origin it would be expected that it would have to be changed from generation to generation in order to adapt itself to the men of that time. Theories of mathematics and science are constantly being revised and improved as mans knowledge and skill increase. But change is not the rule in divine knowledge and workings. Performance, not change, is the distinguishing mark of the work of God as opposed to the work of men. Our God is not fickle and inconsistent. He is all-powerful and perfect; he does not need to change or be changed! "Thou, O Jehovah, abidest for ever; thy throne is from generation to generation" (Lam. 5:19). And our Savior, Jesus Christ, is represented as a changeless Christ. "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today, yea and for ever." (Heb. 13:8) Not only are these divine persons perfect in nature, but so are they in their works. Of the revelation he came to give unto mankind, Jesus said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away; but my words shall not pass away." (Luke 21:33) From this it appears that the scriptures are held to be perfect and without need of change or adaptation. That this conclusion is correct is demonstrated in the fact that the anathema of God is upon anyone who brings a different gospel than that one which was preached and written by inspired men of the first century. "If any man preacheth unto you any gospel other than that which ye received, let him be accursed." (Galatians 1:9)

BILLY PATTON
CHURCH OF CHRIST
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Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- Underground railroad
- Wander
- Satisfy
- Venerator
- Bread ingredient
- Trenches
- Pert girl
- Color
- Tree
- Fix again
- Aural organ
- Mother
- Average
- Accomplish
- Those in power
- Doctor; slang
- Margin
- Academic title
- Find the place
- Possesses
- Hebrew tribe
- Woman's hat
- Easily remembered
- Gaze
- Automobile
- Thou
- Island; poet
- Hasten
- Not fat
- Nuisance
- Poem
- Goes astray
- Bitter vetch
- Indian tent
- Danger
- Among
- Sound
- Unhappy
- Entrance
- Italian city
- Places of instruction
- Network
- End passage; music
- Cattleman
- Loud noise
- Ranch animals
- Metal clasp
- Fail to keep enter
- Reverberate
- Indian tribe
- Listen
- Desires
- Help

DOWN

- Enemy agent
- Rubber tree
- Sandy seashore
- Lave
- In motion
- You
- Sun god
- Allow to enter
- Satellite
- Device for stopping
- Permit
- Network
- End passage; music
- Cattleman
- Loud noise
- Ranch animals
- Metal clasp
- Fail to keep enter
- Reverberate
- Indian tribe
- Listen
- Desires
- Help

Answer to Puzzle

Deaths, Funerals

Frank G. Welch
Funeral services for Frank G. Welch, 71, of Snyder, and brother of two Merkelites, were held Saturday in Bell - Seale Chapel in Snyder.

Mr. Welch, retired Snyder city employe died Thursday in Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene. Burial was in Snyder Cemetery.

Born Sept. 27, 1900, in Forney, he was a resident of Scurry County for 18 years. He married Polly Porter Dec. 10, 1933 in Snyder.

Survivors are his wife, Polly Snyder; one son, Frank Porter Welch of Abilene four sisters, Mrs. Jewel Drake of Longview, Mrs. Fannie Lee Boone of Abilene and Mrs. Billie Hartley and Mrs. Carrie Tipton, both of Merkel; three brothers, Troy of Port Arthur, Jack of Buda and Ross of Abilene.

Riggan Reunion

The Riggan Reunion was held Aug. 12-13 at the Club Building in Merkel with relatives and friends attending from Midland, Houston, Lamesa, Abilene, Apple Springs, Humble, Fort Stockton and Pecos.

Also Panama Canal, Stanton, Euless, Anson, California, Sweetwater and Merkel.

Immediate families attending included Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Riggan, Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Gold Riggan, Lamesa; Mr. Grant Riggan, Big Spring; Mr. Nathan Riggan, Stanton; and Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Riggan, Tempe, Ariz.

Also Loyd Riggan, Big Spring, and Mrs. Mary Harris, Mrs. Jessie Conley, Houston, and Mrs. Leona Conley, Merkel.

One hundred and eight registered.



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MULBERRY CANYON 4-H

The Mulberry Canyon 4-H Club met Aug. 10 for a work day. Meeting was called to order by president, Mark Clemmer; Theresa Clemmer reading the minutes and calling the roll. Dwain English led the American Pledge; Ray King, 4-H Pledge and Dorothy Gilmore, Inspiration.

New organizational leaders are Mr. and Mrs. John B. Hughes.

Mark Clemmer gave a report on State Leadership Lab. Theresa Clemmer and Judy Brnovak reported on the District Dress Re-

vue and Johnny Gray gave a report on the 4-H State Horse Show.

Families chosen to help with the West Texas Fair Booth are the L. G. Gray family, George English family, Pursley family and the R. E. Clemmer family.

Recreation was led by Mark Clemmer. Guest was Mrs. Sally Gray.

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Robert Wayne Dalton and Aquilla Fay Ralton, Greeting: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 104th District Court of Taylor County at the Court House 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 4th day of September A.D. 1972, to the Petition filed in said court, on the 18th day of July A. D. 1972, in this cause, numbered 12,119-B on the docket of said court and styled in Re: Pamela Fay Dalton.

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

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Peter L. Prestia, Defendant, Greeting: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County at the Court House 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 11 day of Sept. A.D. 1972, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court on the 31 day of July A.D. 1972, in this cause numbered 7353 on the docket of said court and styled Gayle Prestia, Plaintiff, vs. Peter L. Prestia, Defendant.

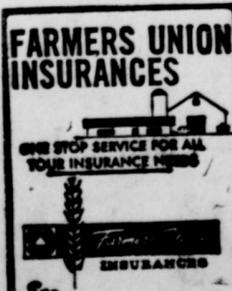
A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and defendant were married on or about May 19, 1965 and became separated on or about July 1, 1966. Plaintiff asks for a division of the community property and for restoration of her former name. A suit for divorce, as is more 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.

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

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by the 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 19th day of July A.D. 1972.

Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD, 104th District Court, Taylor County, Texas By Marie Adkins, Deputy

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Proposed CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

NUMBER 2 ON THE BALLOT (HJR 31)
General Election November 7, 1972

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. That Section 6 of Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Texas be, and the same is hereby, amended so as to read as follows:

"Section 6. On the effective date of this Amendment, the Lamar County Hospital District is abolished. The Commissioners Court of Lamar County may provide for the transfer or for the disposition of the assets of the Lamar County Hospital

District."

Sec. 2. The foregoing Constitutional Amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this State at the general election to be held the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1972, at which election all ballots shall have printed thereon the provision for voting for or against the proposition:

"The Constitutional Amendment abolishing the Lamar County Hospital District."

PUBLIC NOTICE

Proposed CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

NUMBER 14 ON THE BALLOT (HJR 57)
General Election November 7, 1972

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. That Article VII, Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended by adding a Section 6b, to read as follows:

"Section 6b. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 6, Article VII, Constitution of the State of Texas, any county, acting through the commissioners court, may reduce the county permanent school fund of that county and may distribute the amount of the reduction to the independent and common school districts of the county on a per scholastic basis to be used solely for the purpose of reducing bonded indebtedness of those districts or for making permanent improvements. The commissioners court shall, however, retain a sufficient amount of the cor-

pus of the county permanent school fund to pay ad valorem taxes on school lands or royalty interests owned at the time of the distribution. Nothing in this Section shall prevent the school fund and distribute the money to independent and common school districts on a per scholastic basis."

PUBLIC NOTICE

Proposed CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

NUMBER 6 ON THE BALLOT (SJR 7)
General Election November 7, 1972

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1-b. of the Texas Constitution, be amended to read as follows:

"Section 1-b. (a) Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) of the assessed taxable value of all residence homesteads as now defined by law shall be exempt from all taxation for all State purposes.

"(b) From and after January 1, 1973, the governing body of any county, city, town, school district, or other political subdivision of the State may exempt by its own action not less than Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) of the assessed value of residence homesteads of persons sixty-five (65) years of age or older from all ad valorem taxes thereafter levied by the political subdivision. As an alternative, upon receipt of a petition signed by twenty percent (20%) of the voters who voted in the last preceding election held by the political subdivision, the governing body of the subdivision shall call an election to determine by majority vote whether an amount not less than Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) as provided in the petition, of the assessed value of residence

homesteads of persons sixty-five (65) years of age or over shall be exempt from ad valorem taxes thereafter levied by the political subdivision. When any ad valorem tax has theretofore been pledged for the payment of any debt, the taxing officers of the political subdivision shall have authority to continue to levy and collect the tax against the homestead property at the same rate as the tax so pledged until the debt is discharged, if the cessation of the levy would impair the obligation of the contract by which the debt was created."

Sec. 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this State at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1972, at which election the ballots shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment providing that the various political subdivisions of the State may exempt not less than Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) of the value of residence homesteads of all persons sixty-five (65) years of age or older from ad valorem taxes under certain conditions."

PUBLIC NOTICE

Proposed CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

NUMBER 1 ON THE BALLOT (HJR 58)
General Election November 7, 1972

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. That Article III, Section 24, of the Texas Constitution, be amended to read as follows:

"Section 24. Representatives shall receive from the Public Treasury an annual salary of not exceeding Eight Thousand, Four Hundred Dollars (\$8,400). Senators shall receive from the Public Treasury an annual salary of not exceeding Eight Thousand, Four Hundred Dollars (\$8,400). All Members of the Legislature, including the Lieutenant Governor and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, also shall receive from the Public Treasury a per diem of not exceeding Twelve Dollars (\$12) per day for the first one hundred and twenty (120) days only of each Regular Session and for thirty (30) days of each Special Session of the Legislature. No Regular Session shall be of longer duration than one hundred and forty (140) days. This amendment shall be self-enacting and appropriations heretofore made in the general appropriations bill for the biennium ending August 31, 1973, for the salaries of the Members of the Senate and House of Rep-

resentatives shall not be invalid because of the anticipatory nature of the legislation.

"In addition to the per diem the Members of each House shall be entitled to mileage in going to and returning from the seat of government, which mileage shall not exceed Two Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$2.50) for every twenty-five (25) miles, the distance to be computed by the nearest and most direct route of travel, from a table of distances prepared by the Comptroller to each county seat now or hereafter to be established; no Member to be entitled to mileage for any extra Session that may be called within one (1) day after the adjournment of the Regular or called Session."

Sec. 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this State at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1972, at which election the ballots shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment to provide annual salaries of \$8,400 for members of the Senate and House of Representatives."

PUBLIC NOTICE

Proposed CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

NUMBER 7 ON THE BALLOT (SJR 16)
General Election November 7, 1972

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. That Article I of the Texas Constitution be amended by adding a new section to be known as Section 3a, to read as follows:

"Section 3a. Equality under the law shall not be denied or abridged because of sex, race, color, creed, or national origin. This amendment is self-operative."

Sec. 2. The foregoing

amendment to the constitution shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this State at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1972, at which election the ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment to provide that equality under the law shall not be denied or abridged because of sex, race, color, creed, or national origin."

PUBLIC NOTICE

Proposed CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

NUMBER 12 ON THE BALLOT (SJR 29)
General Election November 7, 1972

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. That Article XVI, Section 33, Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended to read as follows:

"Section 33. The accounting officers in this State shall neither draw nor pay a warrant or check on funds of the State of Texas, whether in the treasury or otherwise, to any person for salary or compensation who holds at the same time more than one civil office of emolument, in violation of Section 40."

Sec. 2. That Article XVII, Section 40, Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended to read as follows:

"Section 40. No person shall hold or exercise at the same time more than one office of emolument, except that of Justice of the Peace, County Commissioner, Notary Public and Postmaster, Officer of the National Guard, the National Guard Reserve, and the Officers Reserve Corps of the United States and enlisted men of the National Guard, the National Guard Reserve, and the Organized Reserves of the United States, and retired officers of the United States Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard, and any other individuals who receive all or part of their compensation either directly or indirectly from funds of the State of Texas and who are not State officers, shall not be barred from serving as members of the governing bodies of school districts, cities, towns, or other local governmental districts; provided, however, that such State employees or other individuals shall receive no salary for serving as members of such governing bodies. It is further provided that any non-elective State officer may hold other non-elective offices under the State or the United States, if the other office is of benefit to the State of Texas or is required by the State or Federal law, and there is no conflict with the original office for which he receives salary or compensation. No member of the Legislature of this State may hold any other office or position of profit under this State, or the United States, except as a notary public if qualified by law."

Sec. 3. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this State at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1972, at which election the ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment permitting State employees to hold other non-elective offices under the State or the United States, if the other office is of benefit to the State of Texas or is required by the State or Federal law, and there is no conflict with the original office for which he receives salary or compensation. No member of the Legislature of this State may hold any other office or position of profit under this State, or the United States, except as a notary public if qualified by law."

PUBLIC NOTICE

Proposed CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

NUMBER 9 ON THE BALLOT (SJR 20)
General Election November 7, 1972

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. That Section 33, Article XVI, Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended to read as follows:

"Section 33. The Accounting Officers of this State shall neither draw nor pay a warrant or check in favor of any person for salary or compensation as agent, officer or appointee, who holds at the same time any other office or position of honor, trust, or profit, under this State, except as prescribed in this Constitution. Provided, that this restriction shall not apply to officers of the National Guard or Air National Guard of Texas, the National Guard Reserve, the Air National Guard Reserve, the Air Force Reserve, the Officers Reserve Corps of the United States, nor to enlisted men of the National Guard, the Air National Guard, the National Guard Reserve, the Air National Guard Reserve, the Air Force Reserve, and the Organized Reserve of the United States, nor to retired officers of the United States Army, Air Force, Navy, and Marine Corps, and retired warrant officers and retired enlisted men of the United States Army, Air Force, Navy, and Marine Corps, nor to Directors of Soil and Water Conservation Districts. A member of the Legislature shall not be eligible to serve as a Director of a Soil and Water Conservation District. It is further provided, until September 1, 1969, and thereafter only if authorized by the Legislature by general law under such restrictions and limitations as the Legislature may prescribe, that a non-elective State officer or employee may hold other non-elective offices or positions of honor, trust, or profit under this State or the United States, if the other office or position is of benefit to the State of Texas or is required by State or Federal law, and there is no conflict with the original office or position for which he receives salary or compensation. No member of the Legislature of this State may hold any other office or position of profit under this State, or the United States."

Sec. 2. That Section 40, Article XVII, Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended to read as follows:

"Section 40. No person shall hold or exercise, at the same time, more than one Civil Office of emolument, except that of Director of the State Water Conservation District, Justice of the Peace, County Commissioner, Notary Public and Postmaster, Officer of the National Guard, the National Guard Reserve, and the Officers Reserve Corps of the United States and enlisted men of the National Guard, the National Guard Reserve, and the Organized Reserves of the United States, and retired officers of the United States Army, Navy, and Marine Corps, and retired warrant officers and retired enlisted men of the United States Army, Navy, and Marine Corps, unless otherwise specially provided herein. Provided, that nothing in this Constitution shall be construed to prohibit a Director of a Soil and Water Conservation District, an officer or enlisted man of the National Guard, and the National Guard Reserve, or an officer in the Officers Reserve Corps of the United States, or an enlisted man of the National Guard, the National Guard Reserve, or the Organized Reserves of the United States, or a retired warrant officer, or a retired enlisted man of the United States Army, Navy, and Marine Corps, from holding in conjunction with such office any other office or position of honor, trust or profit, under this State or the United States, or from voting at any Election, General, Special or Primary, in this State when otherwise qualified."

Sec. 3. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this State at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1972, at which election the ballots shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment to provide that directors of soil and water conservation districts are not disqualified from holding or being compensated for more than one office."

PUBLIC NOTICE

Proposed CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

NUMBER 13 ON THE BALLOT (HJR 82)
General Election November 7, 1972

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. That Article III, Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended by adding a new Section 65 to read as follows:

"Section 65. Wherever the Constitution authorizes an agency, instrumentality, or subdivision of the State to issue bonds and specifies the maximum rate of interest which may be paid on such bonds issued pursuant to such constitutional authority, such bonds may bear interest at rates not to exceed a weighted average annual interest rate of 6%. All Constitutional provisions specifically setting rates in conflict with this provision are hereby repealed. This amendment shall become effective upon its adoption."

Section 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this State at the general election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1972, at which election the ballots shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "To set a six percent (6%) weighted average annual interest rate for bonds issued pursuant to constitutional authority presently having a specified interest ceiling."

PUBLIC NOTICE

Proposed CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

NUMBER 8 ON THE BALLOT (SJR 1)
General Election November 7, 1972

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. That Article IV, Section 4, Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended to read as follows:

"Section 4. The Governor elected at the general election in 1974, and thereafter, shall be installed on the first Tuesday after the organization of the Legislature, or as soon thereafter as practicable, and shall hold his office for the term of four years, or until his successor shall be duly installed. He shall be at least thirty years of age, a citizen of the United States, and shall have resided in this State at least five years immediately preceding his election."

Sec. 2. That Article IV, Section 22, Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended to read as follows:

"Section 22. The Attorney General elected at the general election in 1974, and thereafter, shall hold office for four years and until his successor is duly qualified. He shall represent the State in all suits and pleas in the Supreme Court of the State in which the State may be a party, and shall especially inquire into the charter rights of all private corporations, and from time to time, in the name of the State, take such action in the courts as may be proper and necessary to prevent the incorporation from exercising any power or demanding or collecting any species of taxes, tolls, freight or wharfage not authorized by law. He shall, whenever sufficient cause exists, seek a judicial decree of receivership of the lessor otherwise expressly directed by law, and give legal advice in writing to the Governor and other executive officers, when requested by them, and perform such other duties as may be required by law. He shall reside at the seat of government during his continuance in office. He shall receive for his services an annual salary in an amount to be fixed by the Legislature."

Section 23. The Comptroller of Public Accounts, the Treasurer, the Commissioner of the General Land Office, and any statutory state officer who is elected by the electorate of Texas at large, shall be elected to office in this Constitution, shall each hold office for the term of four years and until his successor is qualified. The four-year term applies to these officers who are elected at the general election in 1974 or thereafter. Each shall receive an annual salary in an amount to be fixed by the Legislature; reside at the Capital of the State during his continuance in office, and perform such duties as are required by law. They and their successors shall not receive for their own use any fees, costs or perquisites of office. All fees that may be payable by law for any service performed by any officer specified in this section or his successor shall be paid, when received, into the State Treasury."

Sec. 4. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this State at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1972, at which election the ballots shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment to provide a four-year term of office for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Comptroller of Public Accounts, Treasurer, Commissioner of the General Land Office, Secretary of State, and certain statutory State officers."

PUBLIC NOTICE

Proposed CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

NUMBER 5 ON THE BALLOT (HJR 35)
General Election November 7, 1972

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. That Section 2, Article VIII, Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended to read as follows:

"Section 2. (a) All occupation taxes shall be equal and uniform upon the same class of subjects within the limits of the authority levying the tax, but the legislature may, by general laws, exempt from taxation public property used for public purposes; actual places of religious worship, also any property owned by a church or by a strictly religious society for the exclusive use as a dwelling place for the ministry of such church or religious society, and which yields no revenue whatever to such church or religious society; provided that such exemption shall not extend to more property than is reasonably necessary for a dwelling place and in no event more than one acre of land; places of burial not held for private or corporate profit; all buildings used exclusively and owned by persons or associations of persons for school purposes and the necessary furniture of all schools and property used exclusively and reasonably necessary in conducting any association engaged in promoting the religious, educational and physical development of boys, girls, young men or young women operating under a State or National organization of like character; also the endowment funds of such institutions of learning and religion not used with a view to profit; and when the same are invested in bonds or mortgages, or in land or other property which has been and shall hereafter be bought in by such institutions under foreclosure sales made to satisfy or protect such bonds or mortgages, that such exemption of such land and property shall continue only for two years after the purchase of the same at such sale by such institutions and no longer, and institutions of purely public charity; and all laws exempting property from taxation other than the property mentioned in this Section shall be null and void."

(b) The Legislature may, by general law, exempt property owned by a disabled veteran or by the surviving spouse and surviving minor children of a disabled veteran. A disabled veteran is a veteran of the armed services of the United States who is classified as disabled by the Veterans Administration or by a successor to that agency, or the military service in which he served. A veteran who is certified as having a disability of less than 10 percent is not entitled to an exemption. A veteran having a disability rating of not less than 10 percent nor more than 30 percent may be granted an exemption from taxation for property valued at up to \$1,500. A veteran having a disability rating of more than 30 percent but not more than 50 percent may be granted an exemption from taxation for property valued at up to \$2,000. A veteran having a disability rating of more than 50 percent but not more than 70 percent may be granted an exemption from taxation for property valued at up to \$2,500. A veteran who has a disability rating of more than 70 percent, or a veteran who has a disability rating of not less than 10 percent and has attained the age of 65, or a disabled veteran whose disability consists of the loss or loss of use of one or more limbs, total blindness in one or both eyes, or paraplegia, may be granted an exemption from taxation for property valued at up to \$3,000. The spouse and children of any member of the United States Armed Forces who loses his life while on active duty will be granted an exemption from taxation for property valued at up to \$2,500. A deceased disabled veteran's surviving spouse and children may be granted an exemption which in the aggregate is equal to the exemption to which the decedent was entitled at the time he died."

Sec. 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this State at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1972, at which election the ballots shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment allowing certain tax exemptions to disabled veterans, their surviving spouses and surviving minor children, and the surviving spouses and surviving minor children of members of the armed forces who lose their life while on active duty."

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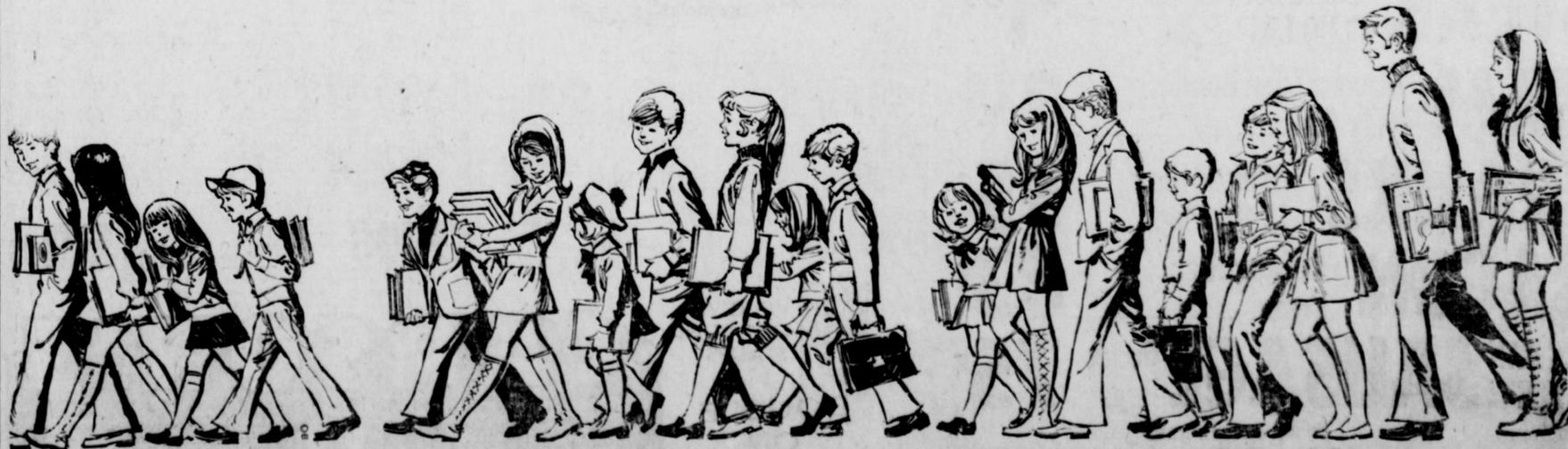
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