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Badgers Stopped 10-8 In Final Game Friday

Last Friday night ended the 1972 football season for the Badg-Plowboys, 10-8. The Badgers tried a field goal with an attempt to defeat Roscoe but was blocked by the Plowboys

It was the last game for the four seniors and for the rest of the "A" team and the "B" next year will be another case they will have to cope with.

Roscoe's quarterback Javis Haynes kicked a 15 - yard field goal and put the Plowboys on the scoreboard.

In the third quarter Haynes raced 10 yards for a TD to end a 55-yard scoring drive by Rosline with seven minutes left in 0 Fumbles Lost

the game On the PAT quarteback Jeff Cox hit end David ers as they fell to the Roscoe Copeland for the two points, to trim the margin to 10-8.

> With two minutes left, on the fourth down, a hike from center sailed over the Roscoe punter's head and landed on the 10yard line. After a penalty against the Badgers, they set up on the 25 yard line. With 15 seconds left Merkel tried a field goal from the 15 yard line, but it was blocked by a Roscoe player.

> MERKEL 0008-8 ROSCOE 3 0 7 0-19 First Downs

Rushing Yardage 179 Passing Yardage ... 22 coe. Haynes also booted the ex- 6 of 13 Passes Completed 2 of 5 tra point. The Badgers came back 0 .. Passes Intercepted by 1 in the last period with Steve West, 6 for 42.5 Punts, Average 4 for 50.0 tailback, plunging over the goal 4 for 37 Penalties, Yard 4 for 20

The Lambda Beta Chapter will

assist in the Community Fund

Drive with Ash and Trundy Sts.

as territory to cover. Darla Maw-

son, president, appointed Mrs.

Gene Amerine as chairman of

the Christmas float. After the

business meeting, a program on

Personality and Relationship was

given by Mrs. Larry White, Cap-

tain, with Mrs. Larry Justice as-

The meeting was adjourned by

members repeating the closing

ritual and a reminder for every-

one to come to the next meeting.

The Noverber 21 meeting will be

at the fellowship hall with Mrs.

N. S. Daniel as guest speaker.

Mrs. Daiels will speak on

Members present were Mmes.

Robert Harris, Junior Clark, Billy

Bob Neff, Ray Allard, Larry

White, Larry Justice, R. L. Cas-

tille, Billy Lucas, Phil Seymore,

Vesnon Wade, Gene Amerina,

Finley Barnett, Larry Teaff and

"Awareness of Blessings."



DRESSED AS PLOWBOYS - Mrs. Judd McReynolds, history teacher at MHS, and Terry McMahan gave a reading of poems telling how the Badgers were to overcome the Plowboys, at the final pep rally of the season. (Photo by Connie Harris)

Lambda Beta BSP Has Meeting Nov. 7

The Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met November 7, at the Asteroid Restaurant with Mrs. Vernon Wade as hostess. Meeting began by members joining hands for the opening ritual. Secretary Mrs. Billy Bob Neff read the minutes and called the

DDD a Reality For **Trent Customers**

a reality for Trent customers soon, according to West Texas Telephone Company Business Manager Harvey Womack

Womack said that telephone company engineers and technicians are conducting final tests of the DDD equipment, but that no problems have been encountered, and none are anticipated.

"We know our customers will enjoy the ease and speed of '1-Plus' Direct Distance Dialing." said Womack, "and we're pleased that this modern service, in keeping with the progress of this area, is being added here. We are looking forward to "DDD Day" in Trent."

DATEBOOK

SATURDAY, NOV. 25 Missionettes will meet at 2:30 p.m. at Assembly of God Church.

MONDAY, NOV. 27

THE LEVI & Lace Square dance club will meet at 8 p.m. in the Community Center for square dance lessons.



and Estelle Beaird spent the weekend with their sister and her family, Mrs. Lee Burger of Fort the Stout home on Sunday.

SAM MASHBURN will have a birthday Monday, Nov. 27. He will be 78 years young. Sam has gone to live with his daughter, Mrs, Murray Toombs, in Lubbock.

MR. AND MRS. KENNETH WADE and Stephanie from Abilene visited with Mr. and Mrs.

Post Office Closed Thursday, Nov. 23

The Merkel Post Office will be closed Thursday, Nov. 23 in observance of Thanksgiving Day.

Postmaster Truett Thompson said there would be no rural delivery but there would be regular lock box delivery and special delivery made.

Trent Tax Office Closed Holidays

Trent Tax Office will be closed all day Thursday and Friday but will be open Monday at 8:00 WADE and Stephanie from Abi-

lene visited with Mr. and Mrs.

MRS. IVA NELL BOCKMAN John Stout over the weekend. Also Mr. and Mrs. Deryl Herring and son Eric of Trent visited in

> MRS, RANDALL RUSSOM and son, Troy, from Idaho Falls, Idaho, and Mrs. Larry McClanahan of Midland visited with Mrs. Clarence Perry and Mrs. Jess Russom of Merkel and relatives of Abilene over the weeknd. Troy, 8 months old, is th great - grandson of Mrs. Perry and Mrs. Rus-

> MR. AND MRS. C. D. WHIT-AKER and fami'r of Allen and Mr. and Mrs. Truman Bradley and daughter Erin of Richardson are visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Dunagin over the Thanksgiving holidays.

MRS. G. D. McCONNELL, who has been in Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene, came home this past Monday. Hope she is feeling better.

MR. AND MRS. NEWT LOG-AN of Lubbock, formerly of Merkel, have a new granddaughter. Amy Leigh, Parents are Mr. and Mrs. Larry Logan, Newt Logan worked as a pharmacist at Merkel Drug for eight or nine years. He started in 1952,

TURKEY

There's a big fat turkey on Grand-

He spreads his tail into a great

Who thinks he's very gay.

And struts around all day.

At the girls and boys.

He makes that noise.

Upon Thanksgiving Day.

And being with others.

It's a time for caring

And loving one another.

You should hear him gobble,

He thinks he's singling when,

But, he'll sing his song a differ-

THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving is a time for shar-

Thanksgiving is a time to remem-

The Pilgrims and the Mayflower.

And the many thankful prayers.

Thanksgiving is a time to give

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that some turkeys

Pick at their feet and snore in

Did you know that some turkeys

Eat lots and lots and some tur-

Did you know that some turkeys

Do very bad things and others

Did you know that some turkeys

Are very nice while others make

Now you do and so does every-

TAMMY THOMAS

foods that have spice?

If you didn't know that

wear jowelry and earrings?

keys play very tricky plots?

LORI DUBOSE

Sixth Grade

The harvest in November

For our land of the free.

And for all that we see

To God for His Blessings.

thanks

their sleep?

DOROTHEA PANNELL

Sixth Grade

big fan,

ent way,

Thanksgiving Poems

EDITOR'S NOTE - The following poems were written by four members of Mrs. Don Hart's Sixth Grade Class.

THE NIGHT BEFORE THATKSGIVING (As Told by Daddy Pumpkin)

'Twas the night before Thanksgiving.

When all through the barn. Not a sound could be heard, 'Cept the blowing of a horn.

The rats and the mice. Lay tucked in their nests, While spiders and ants, Crawled over their chests.

My Pumpkin Wife and I. Lay tucked in and asleep, When all of a sudden, I Jumped to my feet.

I ran to the hayloft. Up the ladder to climb, When I got up it, I was just in time

And what to my wondernig Eves should appear. But a miniature turkey. .Who'd cut off his ears.

He shouted, "Up feathers, Up feathers.

Up one and all. Now slide down the hayloft. To avoid a great fall.

He laid out his salads, Huge cakes and pies, And then he left With loud, squawking cries JANICE SOUTH



1972 TWIRLERS IN FIRE BATON ROUTINE are from left to right Kathy Hendricks, Kathryn Murrell, Patsy Button, Janie Clark, Christy Boone and Audy Byrd. (Photo by Connie Harris)

STATE CAPITAL NEWS

Special Meeting Set Dec. 9 On Public

By BILL BOYKIN Texas Press Association

AUSTIN - A total revision of the finance system for 'Texas pub-

lic schools will be reviewed by the State Board of Education at a special meeting December 9.

The plan, which would hand to the state over a six - year period the entire cost of the basic public school program, was submitted by a board public school finance committee November 11.

A three - judge federal court last December in San Antonio

school finance formulas which are based heavily on local property taxes. The decision, now on appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court, concluded the system provides educational advantages for pupils in rich districts over those in poor

Under the five - member finance panei's recommendations, the state would assume the "comprehensive foundation school program" cost completely from state taxes by 1978-1979. Local share of the current foundation school pro-

held unconstitutional the present gram is about 20 per cent.

Booster Club to Hold Auction December 9

The annual Merkel Booster Club duced his Varsity and Jr. Var-Auction will be held immediately after the Christmas Parade, Dec. 9, 1972. The place will be announced at a later date. All donations of new or used articles will be appreciated according to Alvin Wozencraft, chairman of the auction.

the Booster Club for the year. Coach Ronnie Aldridge intro- which was played Nov. 17, 1972

sity Boys Basketball team to the club. Coach Paul Woodfin then introduced Mrs Collenna Willis, girls Basketball coach; who in turn introduced her Varsity and Jr. Varsity girls Basketball team.

The meeting was closed with This was the last meeting of Coach Woodfin showing of the Merkel - Roscoe Footgall game

Resolutions

Taylor County Farmers Union 90 per cent of parity. held their regular monthly meeting last Tuesday, Nov. 14 in the Taylor Electric Co-Op building with the election of delegates to the state convention

Delegates elected to the state convention to be held in the Six Flags Inn, Arlington, Dec. 6, 7 and 8 are Billy D. Doan, Freddy Toombs, Cramer Reynolds, Justin Sandusky, Eddie Gleen Sandusky and Ford Smith Jr.

Alternates elected were Joe Mc-Duff. Charles Jacobs. June Hogan, Gerald Derrick and Phil

The following resolutions were presented at the TCFU meeting: 1 We favor government programs which set income from each farm commodity at not less than 2. We oppose imports of foreign

red meat until such a time that meat prices reach 100 per cent of parity. 3. We oppose any increase in

of living and cost of production. 4. We favor rigid acreage pro-

duction controls in order to prevent price depressing surpluses. 5. We favor strategic reserves of farm commodities to be used only in times of national disas-

6. We favor the release by the current administration of funds for REA, REAP, and other agricultural related programs.

Sent to State Meeting

the power of the Secretary of Agriculture, and favor giving the power to set price levels to Congress, who should base their decision on the increase in the cost

Farmers Union President Calls Plan Devastating

dent Jay Naman of Waco condemened the Department of Agriculutre's decision on next year's cotton program as being "devastating" to Texas cotton farmers, In a statement released Thursday, Naman said, "The decision by Secretary Butz to reduce cotton payments is the second of a one-two punch on cotton farmer's chin, Mr. Butz landed the first blow with the announcement that the last year's low loan level would be extended for another year. He now adds insult to injury by depriving cotton farmers of 13 per cent of their pay acres. This will be a knock-out blow to many Texas cotton farmers."

Naman pointed out that the Department of Agriculture encouraged more cotton production and created the low price condition that now pleagues the Cotton Belt. He said that USDA seems intent on putting soybeans and feed grain producers next year in the same predicament as cotton far-

Texas Farmers Union Presi-"By removing the 20 per cent set-aside, Secretary Butz is opening the door to the expansion in production of possibly two million acres in soybeans on cotton acres that have been out of production. This will provide the incentive for southern and southwestern cotton producers to substantially increase their acerage in grain sorghum and corn next year,' Namon said

"If Secretary Butz had wanted to help cotton farmers, he would have increased the loan to a minimum of 28c a pound and announced a paid diversion pregram for cotton in place of the free set-aside. This would provide cotton farmers with some of the options now open to feed grain producers.

"Texas cotton farmers stand to loose in excess of thirty-seven million dollars in reduced pay acres on cotton next year because of a decision by the Secretary of

Local taxes after 1978 - 1979 would be relied on only for building and equipping school's and for "enrichment" (expansion beyond the state standard) of individual school programs.

Increases already approved in the foundation school program will cost \$464 million during the next six years. The committeeproposed improvements are estimated to cost \$400 million by

"Enactment and implementation of the comprehensive foundation school program will require some of the most far - reaching public policy decisions ever made in Texas," said State Board of Education Chairman Ben Howell of El Paso.

Committee members made clear they stand back of the recommendations regardless of the Supreme Court's ruling in the fi-

- New textbooks in 18 subjects were approved by State Board of Education for use in classrooms next September.

NEW TEXTBOOKS APPROVED Sample copies of the books will go to all districts beginning December 1, and local textbook committees will recommend selections to local school boards from the state adoption list.

The \$18.6 million adoption in cludes, for the first time, material for state - supported kindergartens. Other subject areas include reading in grades four, five and six: fifth grade history: American history and civil government, eighth grade; high school world geography studies; American history: civil government: economics; trigonometry; homemaking; business education; typwriting: health education: graphic arts trades: French and German. all for high schools.

New Books will be adopted for four-or five-year periods. Total textbook bill for 1973-74 will be about \$26 million, including new copies of books already approved:

Members of the State Textbook Committee received reports from 822 professional teachers before making their recommendations to Education Commissoiner Dr. J. W. Edgar.

OIL ALLOWABLE AGAIN AT 100 PER CENT - The statewide

oil allowable for next month will remain at 100 per cent. Railroad Commission action retaining the all - out production formula marked a year at the

nearly wide - open level due to increased energy demands. Average monthly factor for 1972 is 94.1 per cent or 344.4 producing days during the year, top figure since 1948 when the 100 per

cent allowable applied throughout An exception to the 100 per cent order is East Texas field which will be held to 86 per cent as a

BENEFITS RESTORED - Medi-

waste prevention measure.

caid benefits will be restored to 20,000 Texans who lost welfare eligibility last month after a small Social Security increase.

Notices were mailed last week advising persons affected of the restoral of medical coverage retroactive to October 1.

Most of those involved are elderly people who lost state old age assistance when they got the 20 per cent Social Security hike. Federal law requires that Social Security income be counted in determining eligibility for state ad. Those who were no longer eligible for state financial as ance also lost Medicaid cover

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Post Is Formed

There is a new Explorer Post ming in Abilene. It will be Post 993 which will have the accial interest of audio, such as tereo kit building, learning to make quality tape recordings, 8 tracks rell to rell, cassette, etc. The Post is open to youth 15

olds attending high school. William R. Steinert, who is the Post Advisor, pointed out that it will be possible to obtain a 3rd class radio operator's license. The operate broadcasting equipment. 'KFMN Radio has cancented to be our sponsor and will advise us in learning to operate the equipment," said Steinert.

An explorer post is an organization associated with Scouts but geared toward young adults and their interests. No scouting experience is required to become an explorer. An explorer post is a coed organization open to both young men and young women.

Persons interested in joining the new post are asked to meet Alexander Building, 7th floor at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 27. The Alexander building is located at the corner of N. 1st and Pine in

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NOTICE

By H. T. Elmo

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HEAD WITH A GOLF CLUB

COULD BE WORTH

DID THE TILL SAY HELL MRS. JONES THOUGHT IT CROOK GET DIDN'T! WAS HER HUSBAND AND

MONEY ... WHAT DO YOU

If your club or organization is having a meeting, we would like to know about it.

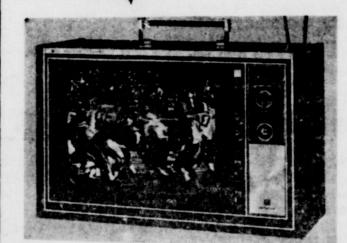
Call or write in the time, place and when before noon Tuesday.

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GOR!LLA GROWL

By ALLEN GREGORY

Friday, November 17 started out as a big day for the "Fightin' Gorillas" and all their fans, Everyone was in a high spirited mood and everything seemed to be just perfect. Posters were placed on nearly every corner of the gym and up and down the halls. The people here all felt that feeling of beining a winner, but fate had a different idea in store for us and it was extremely disappointing. That feeling of winning was soon interrupted with the agony of defeat. Things just didn't seem to want to function adequately at O'Brien and they didn't. It was obvious that the O'Brien Bulldogs were out to wallop the Gorillas and that they did. The Gorillas put up a great battle but just didn't get enough momentum. aroused to come home victorious.

The Bulldogs scored first and never let the Gorillas catch up. The Gorillas showed them that they didn't give up easily, but neither did they. The final score was Trent 12 - O'Brien 48. The O'-Brien Bulldogs now advance to Bi - District while the Gorillas put their uniforms away for this year and turn to another sport - Basketball. Hopefully, the Gorillas

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will have better luck here. We have the potential for a great basketball team and plan to let all opponents to know about it.

As the hush of football season's end falls over the Gorilla Stadium, these following young men will hang up their blue and gold jerseys forever (which always makes us nostalgic - for we know that next year, we'll be missing them - and remembering): Tim Golson, Bill Hamner, Monty Heatly, Khris James and

All of our good wishes and prayers are with Steve Bland. son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bland and quarterback for the Gorilla football team. At this writing, he is in Hendrick Hospital in Abilene as a result of injuries received in the 3rd quarter of the O'Brien game, Nov. 17. This was Steve's 16th birthday. His broken leg will be in a cast for quite a while, I understand, Hurry and come back. Steve!

When you hear the word "Cheerleader" around the halls of Trent High School, you immediately think of four energetic and spirited girls who give "100 per cent" in doing their part and more to keep up spirit for the members of the Gorillas Team, the coaches and the fans. In addition to decorating the halls each week and planning pep rallies, last week before the Homecoming game, these girls, Judy Brnovak and Becky Bryan - Seniors Tina Hamner-Junior and Becky Freeman ---Sophomore made sure that each member of the team received individual attention. They made each boy a brown pillow case with their name, number, weight, and a "Fight Slogar," on it in white and gold liquid embroidery. These pillowcases were delivered to each boy's room at his homeand provided for each a most pleasant surprise. These girls are to be commended on their hard work and dedication.

This past week was Spirit Week for the Gorillas and there were awards given to the Most Spirited Teacher and Most Spirited Class. The Cheerleaders had the task of choosing the Most Spirited Teacher and some task it turned out to be! The teachers really went to work, even up to the final day. The teachers did such a good job and there was difficulty in choosing the best one, so the Cheerleaders had to figure out a solution. The solution really surprised everyone. The solution they came up with was a tie. The winning teachers were Mrs. Jan Cogburn, Junior Sponsor and Mrs. Vicky Adkins, 7th grade sponsor. The teachers had to choose the Most Spirited Class and the win-

The Trent Chapter of the FFA held a meeting Friday morning, under the sponsorship of Mr. Jon Henderson, Vocational Agriculture instructor at Trent High. In freshman Ag, the following five boys received the Green Hand degree. Tim Reed, Mickey Moses, David Hackney, Bob Reed and Rocky McKinney. The Green Hand degree is the first degree you can

ning class was the Senior Class.

to recite the creed and being regularly enrolled in Vocational Ag. Receiving the Chapter Farmers Degree were Steve Bland, John Slaughter, Randy Scott, Alvis Moses, Jeffrey Wells, Lonnie Mitchell, Billy Beaver, Tom Slevens, Weldon Beaver and Mac Sipe, Requirements for this degree are being able to lead group discussions for fifteen minutes; earning at least \$50.00 in Supervised Occupational Experience Program; or having \$50,00 productively invested in a project.

FFA members discussed plans for the Trent Stock Show which will be held in January and Junior superintendents were appointed by an Executive Committee. The group made plans to meet in the School Library at 7:30 Monday night to elect the Senior Superintendents (adults)

One of the most faithful, as well as the cutest Gorilla - backers is the little Mascot for the team and Cheerleaders, prissy "Missy" Simpson, 5 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Simpson, She's made all of the pep rallies and the games - stayed right out there with the "big" girls, through all kinds of weather that this football season brought - and she's

With everyone receiving their report cards last week in Trent, some parents may be bewildered by those comments the teacher wrote on their youngsters report card. The following is a "spoof" translation on those comments:

"Michael does not socialize well." (This means Mike is always beating some other kid's

"John is progressing very well for him." (Don't feel so happy, Pappy - this means Johnny is a dope. He's 12 years old and he's



Stith News By MRS. FRITZ HALE

The Stith Homecoming was held Sunday at the Stith Community Center with 107 persons

After dinner, Leland Martin of Austin was the speaker. Clark Mundy of Fort Worth also made an interesting talk.

A business meeting was held with the election of officers, F. J. McDonald was elected president, Frank Mundy vice president, and Mrs. Edgar Berry, sec-

The time of the meeting was changed to the 1st Sunday after Thanksgiving and it will be held on that day next year.

Those coming the futherest were Mr. and Mrs. Pete Walsh and Mr. and Mrs. Jewel Thomas of Roger, Ark, Others attending came from Olkahoma, Austin. Stephenville, Gatesville, Fort Worth, Wilson, Hodges, Hamlin and Merkel.

One person especially missed was Mrs. Ira Stanley and her big pot of chicken and dumlings. Mrs. Stanley is spending the winter with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Liles of Missouri.

An acorn was frequently used as a design on Colonial furniture because it was considered a symbol of hospitality.

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just learning 2 and 2 make 4, which as teacher points out, is progress - for him.)

"Frank's personality evidences a lack of social integration." This is a nice way of saying Frank is a stinker.)

"Oscar shows a regrettable lack of self - control." (This means Oscar doesn't do what teacher wants. Self control means how much control the teacher has over ole Oskie.)

"Henry seems emotionally immature." (Get out little Hank's birth certificate, Mother - this means that teacher thinks you lied about his age to get him in

"Jerome participates very fully in class discussions." (This may be good or bad. It means that Jerry never shuts his big yap. Perhaps he'll grow up to be a salesman.)

"James is an individualist." (Another nice way of saying James is a trouble maker.)

"David does not harmonize well with his group." (This has nothing to do with his voice. Teacher means that he can't get along with his classmates, or, everybody in the class is out of step but Davey boy.)

"Richard's work indicates a lack of mastery over the upper ranges of the fundamental combinations necessary for arithmetical computations." (Don't rush to a psychiatrist! Just teach Dick his 7. 8 and 9 tables - he doesn't know

"Nathan's lack of muscular coordination prevents him from participating fully in body - building activites." (Cut down on the calores Mom - Nat's too fat to play

"Robert is a well adjusted, wholesomely integrated individual." (Jackpot, brother, you're in. Bobby is teacher's pet!)

When the Trent Gorillas stopped for a meal at the Cliff House Restaurant in Stamford after the Trent - O'Brien tilt last Friday night, they were sweetened up with cake, compliments of the Trent Cheerleadrs 'and I believe Mrs. Frank Brnovak had just a "tad" to do with it.) The treat

was a big surprise; and big in the sense of the word, for it had "Coach Frasier and Coach Cogburn" in the center, had all around the cake each boy's number, designating that special piece of cake for him. All decorated in blue and gold - very pretty - and such a nice thing to do!

Last Monday the Junior High basketballers from Trent journeyed to Buffalo ap. Their first workout was last Saturday, and was

exciting for the youngsters. The results of the game were: Trent. girls - 32, Buffalo 10. The boys had a harder time in receiving their victory. They won 12-11, A surprise win for the boys.

We are also very concerned for Mr. Othell O'Kellly, who is having tests run at Hendrick Hospital. We hope things go well for him.

'Til next week, keep a smile ca your face.

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Tribute Is Paid To NGS Former Merkel Residents

sharing a meal); more than once

we had taken the English Pointer

and shotguns in pursuit of guail:

time and again we had gone to

ran together early in the morn-

ings; we talked of people, fami-

had moved we had correspond-

ed often by mail and a few times

and Margaret, teased his chil-

boy. In August I spent a day with

him and the night in his home -

I sorrow that I could not be

in San Saba at this hour and have

a part in the funeral service, but

when I come to San Saba I will

go to the cemetery for my cwn

Margaret, charming and kind;

Leanne, Troy, "Missie," sweet

kids cut down before their time:

and Fred - of course he was so

dear to me, a friend of friends.

I feel much as did David toward

his friend Jonathan (II Sam. 1):

his life, I am distressed for thee

- Very pleasant hast thou been

his friend: Thy love to me was

Oh God, I wish it were not true!

have to be so? But truth and

reality do not go away. All we

facts tha are a par of my life.

This will take a lot of time, be-

cause the scar is very deep - in

my heart and I know it also is

in your hearts - the people of

I am so thankful I can say "I

knew the McCalls," My life is

Harold G. Hunt

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1902 Sherwood

richer because I was so blessed.

lovely and pleasant was

private moments.

wonderful.

San Saba

pleasant are all the memories.

EDITOR'S NOTE _ This article from the San Saha News is reprinted here since the McCalls lived in Merkel, Mr. McCail was employed by Tayor Electric Cooperative, Inc.

It is three p.m., Oct. 22, 1972. Outside my study window it is raining, but this hour my heart is not here, it is in San Saba. Texas - 500 miles away, You have gathered to share your memory, tribute, and respect of a family which was dear to the hearts of us all: The Fred L. Mc-

Friday, with plans made and I take the same hour as you in excitements high, way was made the writing of this. God willing, to the airport. The objective was simple: visit a loved one, and then return to the place we call 'home." But the plans were not to be realized! The engine is warm - we are air - borne -Oh, the thrill of it all! Life is wonderful and blessings are many -It is overcast, but we have clearance in Lafayette - we are making altitude and the power is surging - the engine humms and it is only moments after lift - off - Then, it happens! Faces grow suddenly solemn, the spine chills, muscles tighten - it is a time of crisis: - the engine smokes. Has an oil line ruptured onto the heat. I still pause and inquire, does it ed engine? - No power, no altitude, no place to land.

All lives were mentaly relived facts that are a part of my life, in a moment; brief were the prayers, hands were clasped - and then it was over.

The wildlife was inttantly alarm-The wildlife was instantly alarmed - then a hush fell over the local terrain. In that instant, unseen by any earthly eye, seven souls winged their way to God, the righteous judge of all mankind, (Eccl. 12:7).

About five to six hours later, my phone was to ring and I was to learn that a part of me also died. Oh how I loved that man and his lovely family! So often we had been together; Myself in his home and he in mine (often



TOMMY C. WALTER . . . at Bergstrom AFB

Airman Walters Gets Reassigned

DENVER - Airman Tommy G. Walters, son of Mr, and Mrs, E, V. Walters of Rt. 1, Merkel, has graduated at Lowry AFB, Colo., from the U.S. Air Force munitions maintenance specialist course conducted by the Air Training Command.

The airman, now qualified to inspect, assemble and dispose of explosive munitions, is being assigned to 67th Flight Maintenance Sqdn., Bergstrom AFB, Texas, Airman Walters is a 1972 graduate of Merkel High School

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CATHOLIC CHURCH Father James Bridges, Priest SUNDAY Mass 12:09

Confession **..... 11:30 WEDNESDAY Choir Practice 7 p.m. Youth Prayer Meeting 8 p.m.

Rites Held For Jerry Collier

Funeral services were held for Jerry Dale Collier ,20, of 1834 S. 8th, Abilene, Thursday in the Trent United Methodist Church. Collier was killed in a wreck Tuesday night near Abilene

a pond or the lake together. We The Rev. Jim Sharp, pastor of the New Deal United Methodist lies and religion. Even after I Church, officiated, assisted by the Rev. Kenneth James, pastor of Trent United Methodist Church. by phone I "cut-up" with Fred Burial was in the Trent Cemetery under the direction of Elliott's dren and his son played with my Funeral Home.

Born Jan. 27, 1952, in Merkel, Collier attended Merkel High School and hved with his sister and brother in law, Mr. and Mrs. Dink Vinson of the Swan Ranch, north of Trent.

In 1969 he moved to Trent where he married Karen Leann Williamson Jan. 18, 1971. They moved to Abilene at that time, He was employed by the West Texas Wholesale Supp'y Co. in the customer service department.

Survivors are his wife: two sisters, Mrs. Roxie Vinson of Trent, and Mrs. Bessie Jean Hellums of Trent: two brothers, Carl Douglas Collier of Merkel and Willie Collier of Abilene: and 13 haif brothers and sisters.

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS 1. Linking device 8. Barrel 12. Aardvark 14. Bitter drug 15. Common 16. Hasten 17. Warble 18. Compass point 19. Girl's name 20. That man 21. Hindu quee 23. Greek letter 25. Fresh 28. Pale 30. Curved plank: naut. Toward 33. Becloud 34. Bingo

> 44. Thus 46. Numbers 56. Unfastener 48. Cheer 51. Yearn for 59. Bee's 53. Sea eagle 54.Distance measure

36. College

degree

37. Stop up

39. Grain

40. Before

42. Behold!

43. On the

weapon Answer to Puzzle

DOWN 1. Arrived 2. Burden 3. Spoke 4. Animal friend 5. French 6. Of racial groups Check

11. Cask

13. Paper

58. Microbe

Money 9. Foreigner 10. Offspring

22. Among 24. Except 26. Girl's name 27. Fleece 28. Ecclesiastic 29. Proximate 31. Long ago: / archaic 35. Ripping 39. Unable to 41. Ardent 45. Makebelieve 47. Cupid

49. Sheltered 50. German "mister" 51. Droop 52. Anger 54. Humans 57. Yes: Span.

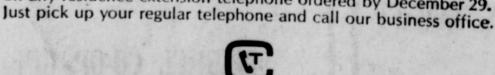
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Green Beans

MENU

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THURSDAY

Beef Cheese Pizza, Pinto Beans Cabbage Pepper Relish Home made Bread Apple Cheese Crisp

Hamburgers Oven French Fries Tomatoes, Onions, Lettuce, Pic-

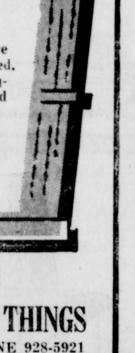
FRIDAY

Unbelievable Cookies



JR. HIGH BAND FAVORITES are Stanley West, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby West and Judy Diltz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Diltz. (Photo by Connie Harris)







Becky Bland, David Odom Set January 13th Wedding

Trent, announce the engagement Becky is a junior student at and approaching marriage of their Tarreon State College, Stephendaughter, Becky to David Hugh ville, where she is a member of Odom, son of Mr, and Mrs. F. the rodeo, basketball and gymnas-M. Smylie of Kilgore.

13 at Sacred Heart Catholic Tarleton Football team.

tic teams. David is a senior busi-The wedding is set for January ress major, and a member of the

Miss Bratcher Named

Homemakers chose Sherry Bratcher as their Little Sister for the month of November. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Bratcher of Route 2, Merkel, and a Junior in Merkel High School.

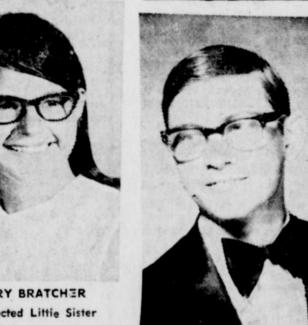
She has held the office of FHA Treasurer and has served on the Mock Vote Committee for the Straw Poll election held in school

The Taylor County Young recently. She has played the clarinet in the high school band or the past two years. She is a brarian for the school library and is a member of the M.H.S. Drama Club

Sherry attends First Baptist Church in Merkel and sings in the church choir. She would like to be a teacher for primary students after completing her edu-



SHERRY BRATCHER selected Little Sister



. . . on hanar roll **Jackson Named** To Honor Roll

KEDDVILLE - Billy Jackson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dickerson, formerly of Merkel, is among the record 125 students at Schreiner who acemedic work during the first quarter has earned for them listing on the honor roll and honorable mention tallies from the dean's office,

Jackson's average of 3,6 (A-) or better qualified him for the higher of the two lists, the honor roll. He is a college sophomore.

GIRL

By LOYCE BAKER

Twelve members of Brownie Troop 103 met Tuesday, November 14 at the Scout Hut, Members began painting on projects to be given at Christmas gifts. Several members have sold all their Girl Scout Calendars.

Stacy Seymore served refresh-

BILLY JACKSON

be obtained at any VA office. ed this service-connection with

fits reduce a veteran's compensation from VA?

any income against compensation

Vet Questions & Answers

Thursday, Nov. 23, 1972

THE MERKEL MAIL, MERKEL, TEXAS

for service connected disabilities. including Social Security payments. Income is a factor for

and their families are asking thousands of questions concerning the benefits their Government provides for them through the Veterans Administration. Below are some representative queries. Additional information may

EDITOR'S NOTE: Veterans

Missionette News

Missionettes and their families

enjoyed an imaginary "Trip to

Africa" followed by a weinner

roast Friday night. Nov. 10 at

the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A.

Those attending were the Joe

Swinney family, Val Wiloth fami-

ly. Debbie, Judy and Allan

Glascocks. Thelma and Janet

Wade, Mrs. Ransom Price, the

Rev. and Mrs. John Curtis, Ma-

rie Wheeler and daughters, Lisa

and her grandmother, Mrs. John

Davis, Billie Walters and family.

and the Bill Teaff family. Several

A flannelgraph story was pre-

Missionettes met Nov. 18 at the

Assmbly of God Church, Songs were led by Susan Wheeler, Jew-

el boxes were made in hand craft

The next meeting will be Sat.

Nov. 25 at 2:30 p.m. in the As-

ng for Wayne Adcock will be

Sunday, Dec. 3 from 2-5 p.m.

at his new home at 801 Ash.

sented by Mrs. Ransom Price

visitors were present.

sembly of God Church.

Teaff hosts for the meeting.

Q - About two years age, I received VA ou patient treatment for an injury sustained in service and verified by VA. Can I receive treatment again from VA? A - Yes, if you have establish-

VA. Suggest you apply for treat-Q - Do Social Security bene-

A - No. VA does not count

pensions for non-service connect-

ed disabilities, however. Q - May a veteran pay off a GI loan before date final payment is due?

A - Yes, A VA-guaranteed loan may be partially or fully paid at any time ahead of schedule. However, part payments may not be less than one monthly payment or \$100, whichever

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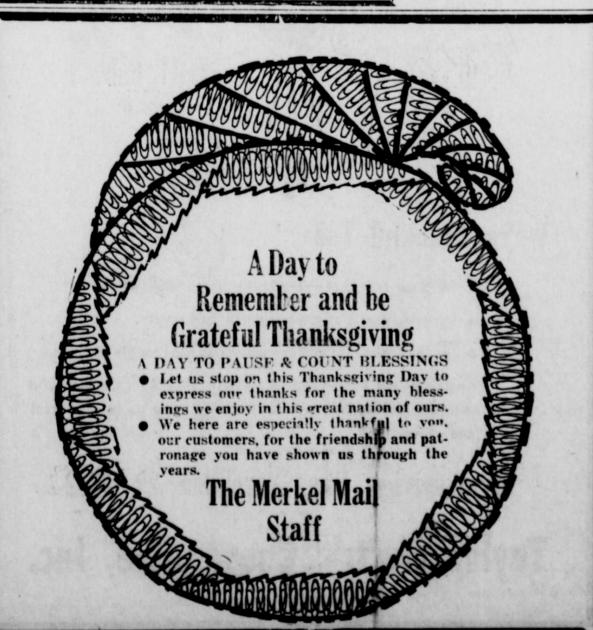
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Christmas—Time For Fun And Laughter



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And for Winnie-the-Pooh admirers, it's a time for a special visit from the lovable bear and all hts friends.

With a Winnie-the-Pooh Push-Button Hunny Tree from Sears, Roebuck and Co. that visit isn't as impossible as one might think.

The new toy, made of plas-tic, lets the child select the friend he wants to see, and when he pushes the button-

Winnie himself is there. The child pushes the hunny pot button and Winnie lifts his hunny pot and makes a "clack" sound. But Pooh's not the only one making an appearance. Tigger and Owl pop out of the tree with a "click" and a "tweet." Piglet, Kanga and Roo go "squeek" and "squawk" as shutters pop

open to delight the child. The toy, designed for two to six year olds, is avail-able at most Sears stores and through the company's Christmas catalog.

America's Love Affair With The Outdoors



Public awareness of the wonders of nature has caused a huge interest in camping. Whether over-night, over the week-end, or on an entire vacation, people are flocking to the various camp-sites throughout the country. The variety of equipment

matches that of the campers themselves. Investments can surpass those for a lunury

One company has found a way to combine a lightweight, fiberglass trailer designed for both long and short-term camping trips. Only 13 feet long, less than 7 feet wide, and weighing only 850 pounds, the Boler American can easily be towed by a compact car. It is large enough to sleep four.

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With the current trend towards personalization, the Boler American can be ordered in a choice of colors. The interior appliances and fixtures compliment the

As a safety feature, the windows are shatter-proof plexiglass. The frame is constructed with a steel frame, with roof and side. walls made of fiberglass. Investment in this camping system is under \$2,000.00.

For further information. including a four-color brochure and dealer listing, send 25¢ to Boler American Corporation, 412 Union National material is a closed cell vinyl Building, Wichita, Kansas foam with a carpet grained | 67202. Information on obfinish easily cleaned with a taining dealerships is also damp cloth. Vinyl flooring is available by writing to the same address.



able year round. So as not to let those banana bargains go to waste, the food experts at Dole banana kitchens have developed this unusual and delicious way of serving them

BANANA CREPES

4 eggs 11/3 cups milk

14 cup melted butter 1 teaspoon salt 1 cup sifted flour

8 small Dole hanana"

34 cup sugar

2 cup butter

I teaspoon grated orange peel 1 tablespoon lemon juice

4 cup Curacao or Grand Marnier liquer 3 tablespoons brandy

For crepes, beat eggs, milk, 14 cup melted butter, salt and flour until smooth. Heat an 8-inch skillet, brush with butter. Add 2 tablespoons batter; tilt pan to spread. Cook over moderately low heat until brown on both sides, turning once. Cut bananas into halves lengthwise. Piace one-half on each crepe; fold over.

Combine sauce ingredients except brandy; heat to boiling; pour over crepes. Spoon brandy over all. Ignite with match. Spoon flaming liquid over crepes, Makes 8 servings of 2 crepes

Note: For ease of handling crepes, heat and serve half the crepes and sauce in chafing dish; then repeat.

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CHEWY NOUGAT BARS

3 Tbsps. butter 1/2 lb. marshmallows 4 cups Wheaties ½ cup shredded coconut 4 squares (4 ozs.) sweet or semi-sweet chocolate, melted

1/2 cup pecans or walnuts, coarsely chopped Butter square pan 8 x 8 x 2 inches or 9 x 9 x 2 inches. In a large saucepan melt butter and marshmallows over low heat, stirring constantly. Remove from heat. Fold in cereal, nuts and coconut. Turn into prepared pan; pat mixture even in pan with buttered back of spoon. Pour chocolate over top; spread in thin layer. Chill about 1 hour or until set. Cut into bars, 2 x 1 inch. Makes 32.

FRUITY CEREAL SOUARES

1 pkg. (3 ozs.) fruit-flavored gelatin 1/3 cup light corn syrup

2 Tbsps. soft butter

Butter 9-inch square pan. In a large saucepan blend gelatin powder, corn syrup and butter. Heat to boiling over medium heat, stirring constantly. Remove from heat; stir in cereal until thoroughly coated. Turn into prepared pan; pat mixture evenly in pan with buttered back of spoon. Cover. Place in refrigerator until set, about 30 minutes. Cut into 11/2 inch squares. Makes 3 dozen.

World on Wheels

by Parnelli Jones .

Q. My son handles a powerboat extraordinarily well and plans to race next season. Are there any average guys who race powerboats successfully against big guns like Dr. Bob Magoon?

A. Yes, an outstanding example is business executive Bob Sinclair who heads Volvo Western Distributors Torrance, California. Sinclair isn't your average offshore powerboat racer-at least he doesn't fit the image that most people have of the men who drive the big thousand horsepower brutes. He doesn't have the muscular machismo of many of his competitors. Sinclair is a family man with six children. He doesn't have the hundreds of thousands of dollars that are behind Dr. Magoon, Sinclair thinks in entry fees to \$100 is exorbitant, and he doesn't have hired talent to handle repair and maintenance on his boat. He and a couple of friends do their maintenance after working hours. In fact, that's probably one of the reasons that Sinclair uses a high quality motor oil like Castrol XLR. Anti-wear and anti-scuff agents guard against friction and engine wear. He's also a fan of Castrol's Super Outboard Oil, certified by the Boating Industry Association. In spite of his shoestring budget, Sinclair is just as successful (more so in some ways) than any of the big name drivers. He's won his class in every race he's ever entered and he

recently set a new speed record on the coast of Baja

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ELECTRIC

by Sarah Church

BAKING SODA FOR HOLIDAY SCOUR POWER

This is the season of turkey and cranberries and pumpkin pie-and all the family gathered for a feast.

It also means working overtime in the kitchen. With food everywhere, on the stove, in the oven, on countertops and tables. you'll need lots of scour power. There'll be mountains of greasy pots and pans to clean. And spills to wipe up. Plus sinks and

work surfaces to scrub. If you're planning to use an ordinary scouring powder for these tasks, think again. Most cleansers contain bleaches, phosphates and other chemicals that are dangerous to use around foods. You have to be very careful where you shake the container, and also be sure no residue remains on utensils or food preparation

The solution is an easy one: use baking soda for these clean-up tasks.

Baking soda emulsifies grease, scours gently but effectively, and won't scratch porcelain or cookware. It's so safe and pure you can brush your teeth with it.

For a handy container, try a plastic squeeze bottle meant for ketchup. A slight squeeze and the soda is directed just where you need it.

Another plus: soda can soothe the aftereffects when you've overindulged at the dinner table!

NURSING HOME NEWS

By MARY OUTLAW

Mrs. Roberson, Mr. Riggin and Mrs. Davies have been on the sick list. All are improving except Mrs. Davies and we do hope she will be better soon.

Grace Ingram, one of our 2-10 shift aids had eye surgery and after surgery her doctor sent her to the nursing home for care. We appreciate the doctor's interest and we are glad to have her here, but we will be glad when she can be back to work.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Shaw of Gainsville has been visiting her father, William Wines. They are pleased with his care and his contentment here in the home.

Mrs. Spivey visited with her daughter in Abilene this past

Our sympathy goes to Imogene Williams, one of our aids who works days, on the loss of her loved one, Keg Isenberg. We have known Keg a long time and I'm sure he will be missed by his loved ones and friends.

Our pear season is almost over but it will be time for turnip and green harvest. So we don't have much time between one fruit or vegetable until anohter comes along. Seems we never catch up.

The Tye Methodist Church filled their appointment Sunday. They had exchanged with the Pioneer Church. We had a real flag is displayed.

good service and thank you all

Mr. Parsons from the Health Dept. visited the home and found nothing wrong in our Nursing Home, Good work staff.

Mrs. Pauline Havnes of Brownwood, Medical Advisor for the state, visited our home Thursday. We really enjoy her visits. She is such a nice person.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Roys, of Odessa, and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Roys of Dallas visited their parents, Mr and Mrs. Chester Mc-Donald on the weekend

We wish to thank Lela Gibbs of Cross Plains for the many bushels of pears she gave the home this year. Her being a widow, she gave more than a widows mite. She has always been real nice to the Home. We met her during her friends stay in our Nursing Home and have grown to love her very much. She is past seventy years old, but doesn't book her age even having to walk with a cane due to a fractured hip last year. She even helped pick the

Mrs. Carolyn Davies was admitted to the West Texas Medical Center in Abilene Thursday afternoon. We wish her a speedy

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Thanksgiving Day, November 23, 1972

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LEGAL NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS

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

You are hereby commanded to the first publication to be at the return day thereof, in a news- Billmeier, a minor, Plaintiff, paper printed in Taylor County, Texas, the accompanying citation, of which the herein below follow. ing is a true copy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Fredrick Hoy Lee Billmeier, 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 11th day of December A.D. 1972, to Plaintiff's Pettiion filed in said cause to be published once each court, on the 25th day of October week for four consecutive weeks, A.D. 1972, in this cause, numbered 7583 on the docket of said court least twenty - eight days before and styled Ex Parte Opal Marie

> A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-w't: Dependent & Neglected 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 return-

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 di-

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene. Texas, this the 25th day of October A.D. 1972.

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

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Is Baptism Symbolic and Therefore Unnecessary for Salvation?

There is something "symbolic" ("serving as a sign of relation or connection" Funk & Wagnalls Dictionary). Romans 6:1-18 gives a complete Discussion of this. In verses 3-5 the "symbolic" or "relation" and connection is shown to be the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

1st "death" is discussed. Jesus died because of sin (Matt. 20:28). He died physically to take away the curse of death brought upon us by Adam's sin (Romans 5:12-21) and to take away the hear of death (Heb. 2:15). He died that He might suffer the guilt and punishment of OUR sin (Isa, 53:5; Col. 1:19-22; II Cor. 5:21). Thus it is here in Romans 6 established that to have salvation we too must die to sin . . . this is of course REPENTANCE to and of sin (Luke 13:3; Romans 2:4).

2ndly, "burial" is discussed. Jesus was of course buried and our baptism is as here discussed "symbolic" of that burial. Baptism then can neither be "sprinkling" nor "pouring" as neither is a "burial." Furthermore the word baptism in the English is taken from the Greek word "baptize" which means "to dip, plunge, immerse." So again the word itself explains that baptism is a "burial" just as the verse explains.

3rdly a "resurrection" is discussed. Jesus, being witnessed by more than 500 witnesses (I Cor. 15), came from the grave. The "symbol" of baptism is simple, after being buried in water one is to be brought forth out of the water thus "resurrected" Acts 8:-38, 39).

Thus these verses stress baptism is "symbolic" BUT the question remains, does this make baptism "UNNECESSARY" for salvation? Is it "symbolic" ONLY? Can it be "set aside" as "unnecessary"?? If one will continue the context of Romans 6 through verse 17, 18 it would be plainly under stood, but first let us see two points:

1 — IT IS DOCTRINE. ("that which is taught or set forth for acceptance or belief; that which is held to be true" Funk & Wagnalls Dict.). Jesus himself "set it forth" to be accepted and believed, he taught baptism's essentialness after his death and ressurection, Matthew 28:18-20 and Mark 16:16.

2 - IT IS A DIRECT COMMAND not only found in the above stated scriptures but in Acts 2:38, 10:48; 22:16 and other passages. To say baptism is "unnecessary" is to say the COMMAND of God, the Lord Jesus, and the Holy Spirit lead Apostles is UN-NECESSARY. If that be true one would have GREAT DIFFICULTY with such verses as Titus 1:2 and James 2:10.

The only conclusion one can then draw is that Baptism is "symbolic" AND "necessary."

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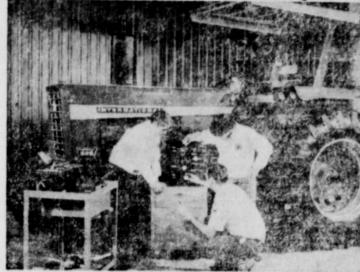
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from Atlantic, Iowa, worked

Marvin Clark, another

Northern Colorado.

associate added.



running equipment and safe, efficient operation are necessities on today's highly mechanized farms," says Don Johnson, program associate with the National 4-H Service multi-horsepower tractor or a Committee, Chicago.

And to help keep tractors and other equipment rolling. he reports, some 56,600 4-H members are carrying on 4-H tractor projects nationwide.

Some 87,400 other young knowledge to good people are finding similar outlets for their skills in projects dealing with the care and usage of small engine the 4-H petroleum power powered machines, Johnson reports.

Together they make up the participants in the national 4-H petroleum power program, supervised by the Cooperative Extension Service and sponsored by American Oil Foundation for

While safety is a prime that when college intervened,

"Smooth objective of the program, the young businessman sold daily care and simple repair out, for several thousand of machines are also stressed, dollars, at the early age of 18.

Members involved in the there's plenty to learn national 4-H petroleum other recognition. American mini-bike, lawn mower, Oil Foundation offers four snowmoblie or other similarly gold medals of honor to powered piece of outstanding 4-H'ers in each equipment," the program county. An all-expense trip to the National 4-H Congress in 4-H'ers put their Chicago, Nov. 26-30, is given to a winner in each state and six \$700 scholarships are Greeley, Colo, a 1971 awarded national winners in

American Oil Foundation program, set up a tractor supports two U.S. safety check throughout his Tractor operators' contests --Richmond, VA, Sept. 24-26, or at Tulsa, OK, Oct. 1-3.

For information about the 4-H petroleum power national winner last year, program or the tractor with small engines by starting operators' competitition. a small lawn care business. contact the county extension His business grew so rapidly office.

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from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 18th day of December A.D. 1972, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 1st day of November A.D. 1972, in this cause, numbered 7601 on the docket of said court and styled Ruth Ann Klein, De-

A brisf statement of the nature or this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and defendant were married on or about August 24, 1966 and became permanently seperated on or about March 27, 1971. Plaintiff sues for divorce as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be return-

The officer executing this writ

expiration of forty - two days Issued and given under my

hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 1st day of November A.D. 1972.

Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD, Clerk, Domestic Relations Court, Taylor County, Texas



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AGAIN IT IS THANKSGIVING TIME AND I WOULD LIKE TO EX-PRESS MY THANKS TO THE AREA PEOPLE AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES FOR THEIR KINDNESS SHOWN FIRST TO THE PA-TIENTS AT THE STARR NURSING HOME AND THEN TO THE NURS-ING HOME IN GENERAL FOR THEIR VISITS, THEIR GIFTS, PRAY-ERS AND DEEDS THEY HAVE DONE TO MAKE THIS NURSING HOME A BETTER PLACE TO CALL HOME.

WE WISH TO THANK DR. SADLER AND DR. WARREN, AND OTHER ABILENE PHYSICIANS WHO CARE FOR OUR PATIENTS. WE ARE VERY FORTUNATE TO HAVE DOCTORS TO CALL AND THAT WILL COME WHEN NEEDED.

TO THE CHURCHES, THEIR PASTORS AND MINISTERS AND THEIR MEMBERS, TO THE SCHOOLS, THE CLUBS, ORGANIZATIONS, THE RANCHERS AND FARMERS AND EACH INDIVIDUAL WE SAY THANKS AGAIN FOR BEING SO WONDERFUL.

WE WISH FOR EVERY ONE A BOUNTIFUL THANKSGIVING AND MAY THE LORD RICHLY BLESS EACH OF YOU.

> Mary Outlaw, Owner-Administrator Joyce and T.Sgt. T. Minnich

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