



Estimated 41 Persons Will Die On Texas Highways During New Year's Holiday

An estimated 41 persons will die on Texas highways during the New Year's holiday which begins at 6:00 p.m. Friday and runs through midnight Monday.

Major E. K. Brownning Jr. of the Midland Region of the Texas Department of Public Safety warns that many of these fatalities will occur within 25 miles of

the persons' home.

About half of the persons who died in traffic accidents during this period last year were killed inside city limits in this state.

There could be several reasons for this, he said: drivers sometimes are too careful on streets which are familiar to them, they often do not wear seat belts for

short trips, more intoxicated drivers are on the streets during the holiday season, and there is more traffic on the streets.

Deaths and serious injuries resulting from traffic accidents could be cut in half if people would wear seat belts, he said, and many accidents probably would not occur had drivers not been intoxicated.

Over the years, Browning said, statistics have shown that in 40 to 50 per cent of the accidents involving deaths or injuries, there have been intoxicated drivers involved.

DPS Patrolmen will be on the lookout for drunk drivers this holiday weekend and the breathalyzer will be used to determine the state of drivers' intoxication, he said.

The state has specified that .10 per cent alcohol in the blood constitutes an intoxicated condition and any driver found to have .10 per cent or more alcohol in his blood will be charged with driving while intoxicated, Browning said.

Browning cautioned drivers to use extra care, wear seat belts even for short trips across town and not to drive after drinking alcoholic beverages.

annual Christmas breakfast Christmas morning at the Asteroid Restaurant hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Leo Harris. Seventeen persons attended.

MR. AND MRS. A. H. MURPHREE had visitors in their home last week and over Christmas holidays. Visiting with them from Tuesday to Thursday was her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Cox of Fort Worth, granddaughter, Reta and great-granddaughter, Angla. Visitors on Christmas Day was Mr. and Mrs. Pete Morgan of Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Davis and daughter, Wendy, of Arlington; Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Patton and daughter Teresa of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Morgan and sons, Bill and Russell of Trent.

MRS. O. J. REYNOLD'S daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Garland Sisk of Odessa visited her during the Christmas holidays.

MR. AND MRS. JOHN PERRY had the following visitors over the Christmas holidays: Mr. and Mrs. Jack Collier, of Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Troyce Perry, Midland; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Perry, Haskell; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Collier and family, Hamby and Miss Verna Gray of Weatherford.

MR. AND MRS. G. L. METZ of VonOrmy, Texas are visiting in Merkel this week with Ennis Reidenbach and with Mrs. Metz's Aunt May who is in the Nursing Home here.

Top '72 Stories Include New Industry, Sanctuary

Top stories for Merkel for 1972 were formal opening of a new industry in Merkel. Glene Manufacturing Co., First Baptist Church to build a new sanctuary and Merkel High School getting new principal.

Officials of Glene Manufacturing Co. and Merkel Civic leaders gathered Saturday, Dec. 9 at the company's new Merkel plant for the formal opening with a ribbon cutting ceremony.

Acting as master of ceremonies, Don Hart, manager of Taylor Electric Co-Op told the crowd that this ceremony "is our way of saying thank you to Glene for choosing Merkel as home base for their new plant."

Tom Lemaster, president of the firm, was introduced. "We are proud to be opening our plant in Merkel," said Lemaster.

At present the company employs three fulltime employees. They are

Foy Streetman, production manager and Mrs. Duane Shugart and Mrs. G. L. Williams, seamstresses.

The First Baptist Church reached its goal of \$50,000 for the building of a new sanctuary. Not only did they reach their goal but they went over.

On July 7, a Building and Study Committee was nominated, with Herman Carson as chairman. Then Oct. 15, a special finance

committee was nominated and approved, with Booth Warren as chairman.

November 15, the announcement was made that the 30 - day fund raising campaign had reached its goal of \$50,000.

A Building Committee was elected Dec. 7th, with Joe McDuff as chairman. The purpose of the Building Committee was to choose a contractor to build the sanctuary among other duties.

Travis L. Davis was elected principal of Merkel High School by the Merkel School Board to assume duties July 24th.

Mr. Davis was assistant principal at Lamesa High School before assuming the job as principal here.

Mack Fisher, superintendent of schools said "We concluded an exhaustive study of all persons who applied for the position, and we believe we have chosen a person who will do us a good job."

Other news as recorded in the Merkel Mail included:

JANUARY

Joe Lassiter, Precinct 24 Democratic Chairman, starts up fund for the Democratic party called Dollars for Democrats.

Stock Show purse hands out \$1,027, in awards to exhibitors. Mark Clemmer received Taylor Electric Co-Op Showmanship Award at the annual Merkel Livestock Show.

City Council members okay work to begin on the water tower, with the work being done by Pittsburgh Tank and Tower Co.

Fire Chief Waymon Adcock urges residents in the Merkel area against burning trash, because a rash of grass fires had been plaguing the department.

Immunization clinic was set up for children entering school for the 1972 - 73 school year.

Mrs. Roy Largent presented Honorary Life Membership in the Texas Hereford Assn.

FEBRUARY

Precinct 24 Democrats volunteers ready for the Democrat primary to be held in the Merkel High School Gym.

The addition of Direct Distance Dialing service for Merkel Customers was announced by Harvey Womack, business manager for West Texas Telephone.

Don Clyburn was honored by the Merkel Optimist Club as Young Texan of the Month.

Badgers traveled to Lubbock for Regional Basketball Tournament.

Sam Swann inducted into the Hall of Fame of the American Polled Hereford Assn. at the National Show in Jackson, Miss.

Senior Citizens hold first meeting with approximately thirty-seven attending. Community Action Program worker, Mrs. Willie Curtis and local pastors, met with the group.

MARCH

New directors elected for the Merkel Chamber of Commerce were Don Hart, Betty Jane Tittle and Bill Button, Dr. Thomas Kim, president of McMurry College, was speaker at the Chamber Banquet.

The Merkel Mail begins its 83rd year of publication.

7-AA All District selection is announced and Coach Ronnie Aldridge is named All District Coach.

Walter Whisenant, Mack Bigbee, Boyd Baker and Jerry Harton received recognition for their effective, safe and professional rescue of Herman Doughty from the Merkel Water Tower.

Bill Button, manager of WTU, elected as the 1972 - 73 Merkel Chamber of Commerce president. Mack Fisher and Betty Jane Tittle named Outstanding Citizens of 1972, Page Four

Merkel C of C Invited to Ft. Worth Stock Show

FORT WORTH (Spl.) — Merkel Chamber of Commerce has been invited to select a "Special Day" at the 1973 Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show Jan. 26 through Feb. 4.

The 77th edition of the nation's oldest continuing livestock show will begin with a mammoth all-Western parade through downtown Fort Worth at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26. Show grounds will open at 4 p.m.

The Stock Show will feature an exhibition of over 11,000 head of livestock, including over 500 head of Polled Hereford here for the Golden Anniversary Show and Sale of the American Polled Hereford Association. Also, visitors will have an opportunity to see hundreds of commercial exhibits offering ideas for better living and farming and ranching, and the "World's Original Indoor Rodeo."

"People make our show what it is, and we are most pleased to have communities attend as a delegation," said W. R. Watt Jr., Stock Show general manager who issued the invitation. "It has been a standing tradition at Fort Worth to hold Special Days to honor communities in Texas and Oklahoma. It's our way of saying 'thanks' to communities for continued interest and support that assures a successful Fort Worth Stock Show."

Communities choosing a special day will have a block of rodeo tickets made available for sale to local residents, and the delegation will be given a spotlighted introduction during the rodeo performance they attend.

Special Day delegations are invited to bring local riding groups to participate in the Rodeo Grand Entry. A special introduction will be given the community "Cowgirl Sweetheart." Riding groups

are also invited to be a part of the all-Western parade.

Fast - moving rodeo action will be coupled with a horse show and the special entertainment of the LeRoy Van Dyke Show, featuring country and western singing star LeRoy Von Dyke and the Auctioneers, a popular Nashville singing group.

Van Dyke will appear at each of the 20 rodeo performances.

Van Dyke, offering a modern approach to country and western music, is able to please crowds at such places as the Waldorf in New York and Sahara Hotel in Las Vegas and the country fans at fairs across the country to the jazz lovers of places like Al Hirt's Club in New Orleans.

The Decca recording artist will be singing his million - sellers "Auctioneer" and "Walk on By" along with other favorites.

Other special attractions during the rodeo include Jerry Olson and his trained buffalo, Sam; along with the running of the Ranch Girls Invitational Barrel Race and the antics of the rodeo bull fighting clowns. The Wild Horse Race, a favorite here, will feature the brown of wild range mustangs and the strength and courage of young cowboys. However, it often as not becomes comedy.

Rodeo contestants from across the country and some foreign countries will be seeking a share of over \$80,000 in rodeo purse money. Billy Minick of Fort Worth will be stock contractor and bring in fresh, strong rodeo stock for the 55th anniversary of indoor rodeo.

Livestock exhibitors from many states and foreign countries will be showing their prize animals. Total premiums for the livestock show is over \$180,000.

Hogans Host Yule Dinner Dec. 25

Mr. and Mrs. June Hogan served as hosts for a Christmas family get - together.

Attending were the hosts; their daughters, Sandy and Wendy and Mrs. Bill Alexander and husband of Palestine; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Justice and Terlyn, Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cambell, Merkel.

Also Mrs. Morris Smith, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Conley, Kaye Lynn and Ricky of Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Smith and Mandy of Houston; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hogan and Joyce; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hogan; Mr. and Mrs. Ken Hogan, Ken and Cody, all of Merkel.

Mike Holmes was a dinner guest.

The family enjoyed a pot-luck supper. It was the first get-together for the family in some time.

TCY Homemakers Have Fire Safety Program Dec. 14

The Taylor County Young Homemakers met Thursday, Dec. 14, at 7:30 in the home economics department at the high school. A program was presented by two members of the Abilene Fire Department stressing Christmas fire prevention as well as daily prevention of fires.

Refreshments were served by the hostesses, Mmes Roland Pack, David Seymour and Jim Jacobs, featuring festive candies of the Christmas season.

Those attending this month's meeting were Mmes Freddy Toombs, Glen Bicknell, David Seymour, Ernie McGaughey, Billy Bob Toombs, Jim Jacobs, Phillip Pursley, Hugh Baker, Spencer Taylor, Billy Patton, and Rodney Dominey.

Also Mmes Charles Jacobs, Joe Gregory, Jack King, James All-day, John Beasley, Butch Caton, Bobby Toliver, Connie Mack Seymore, Wyman Wilkerson, and John Batey.

The Young Homemakers also enjoyed a Christmas Party Saturday night, Dec. 16, at the Methodist Fellowship Hall. Good food and fun was enjoyed by all.

Post Office Closed Monday

The Post Office will be closed Monday due to New Year's Day.

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



HAPPINESS IS GIVING was the second place float entry by Lambda Beta, Beta Sigma Phi. Atop the float were several children including Tiny Tim, Scrooge and a real wood burning stove, burning.

ROUND-UP

By KAYE LANHAM

VISITING MRS. J. H. Beaird during the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Emmerson and sons of Hawthorne, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Lee Burgner of Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Beaird of Abilene; Mrs. B. T. Britton and son of Corpus Christi; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Beaird and daughter of Merkel and Bill Beaird of Abilene.

THE HARRIS'S had their an-

DATEBOOK

SUNDAY, DEC. 31

LAMBDA BETA SIGMA PHI sorority will have its New Year's Party at the home of Mrs. Darla Mawson at 9:00 p.m. This party will be for sorority members and their husbands.

MONDAY, JAN. 1

SENIOR CITIZENS will meet for their monthly singing at 7:00 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Bldg., 112 Edwards.

TUESDAY, JAN. 2

LAMBDA BETA SIGMA PHI will meet at 7:30 p.m. at Mrs. Larry White's home.

MERKEL VOLUNTEER FIRE Dept. will have practice at 7:30 at the Fire Dept. Bldg.

XI NU CHI will meet at 7:30 at the home of Mrs. Weldon McAninch.

THURSDAY, JAN. 4

LADIES AUXILIARY will meet at the Fire Station at 7:30.

Farm Bureau Adopts National Policies At Convention Held in Los Angeles

WACO — Farm Bureau will be pushing for a temporary extension of the current farm program when Congress convenes next month, according to Texas Farm Bureau President J. T. (Red) Woodson of Fannin County.

National policies on this and other matters were adopted by voting delegates at the 54th annual meeting of the American Farm Bureau Federation Dec. 15 in Los Angeles.

Woodson, who was elected to the AFBF Board of Directors at

the close of the convention, said that the Agricultural Act of 1970 permits increased freedom and flexibility to plant and is an improvement over previous legislation for wheat, cotton, and feed grains.

"We favor continuation of the set-aside program with no further expansion of grazing and no harvesting of any commodity," Woodson said, "and we oppose per farm payment limitations."

He said Farm Bureau's objective is to "create a climate"

which will enable agriculture to return eventually to the market price system.

"New programs should be designed and administered so that market opportunities will be enhanced, to the end that farmers ultimately will not be dependent upon government payments but will earn their income in the marketplace," Woodson said. He added that Farm Bureau wants a land retirement program to assist in the adjustment to a market-oriented agriculture.

Woodson said that pending development of programs that will better serve producers, Farm Bureau favors not only the temporary extension of the 1970 Act, but also protection for other commodities. He said this includes:

(1) A peanut program that growers keep supply in line with demand in return for a price support.

(2) Continuation of the Agricultural Act of 1958 with respect to supports and allotments for rice.

(3) Incentive payments under the National Wool Act.

(4) Opposition to acreage controls or marketing quotas for soybeans. Also recommended is a soybean support price set at a level "which will not stimulate overproduction."

(5) Continuation of the Sugar Act with amendments to permit U. S. producers to have a larger share of quotas.

(6) A tobacco program providing that growers keep supply in line with demand in return for price support.

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A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: parties were married July 18, 1963 and separated and ceased to live together on April 25, 1972. Two children born of this marriage, Michael Curtis Threadgill, 18 years of age and Nicki Jo Threadgill, age 16 years. Petitioner prays that all property owned by parties be divided in an equitable manner as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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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 14th day of December A.D. 1972.

(Seal)
Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD
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A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: a suit for divorce, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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A brief statement of the nature of Adoption — a Minor as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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Highway Department Sets New Sign Permit Deadline

AUSTIN — The Texas Highway Commission has extended the license and permit filing deadline for owners of signs along Interstate and primary highways.

The Commission extended the filing deadline from December 31 to June 30, 1973. Advertising industry and individual sign owners requested the extension because the previous deadline did not permit sufficient time to comply with the Texas Highway Beautification Act.

The Act requires a permit for each existing or planned sign. Also, anyone erecting or maintaining signs within 660 feet of an Interstate or Federal-aid highway must have a license to engage in outdoor advertising.

Sign owners are advised to apply for a license and all necessary sign permits as soon as possible since no further extension of the deadline is contemplated.

The State license fee of \$25 is valid for an indefinite period. In addition, sign owners are required to post a \$2,500 bond in each county in which they have signs. Maximum bonds of \$10,000 are required of owners with signs in more than three counties.

Both license and bond applications are available through the Right of Way Division, Texas Highway Department, P. O. Box 5075, Austin, Texas, 78763.

In addition, owners must obtain a \$5 permit for each sign. Permits for new signs will not be issued unless they conform to the law. Sign permit application forms can be obtained from the right of way sections of Highway Department district offices.

Owners of signs who have questions about the program or the new deadline date should contact J. C. Roberts at the district office in Abilene.

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THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST HISTORICAL OR MYTHOLOGICAL? (A study in Historical Evidences) Part 3.

THE RELIABILITY OF THE EVIDENCE. The apostle Paul in writing about the resurrection laid it right on the line by saying, "If Christ hath not been raised, then . . . we are found false witnesses of God; because we witnessed of God that he raised up Christ" (1 Corinthians 15:14, 15). That quite candidly states the issue: If Christ was not raised as the apostles said, then they lied. But their testimony has been verified again and again. The following should help you accept the New Testament as bonifide history.

1. HISTORIANS accept the gospel accounts as genuine history. There are but four books which can reproduce the life and teachings of Jesus. Those books are Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. For historians to write about Jesus they must go to the four gospels for a full story. A. Mr. H. G. Wells, author of THE OUTLINE OF HISTORY, was no Christian. He had no motive to endorse the gospels as historically reliable outside of an historical context. His comment upon the beginning of Christianity is interesting: "About Jesus we have to write not theology but history . . . Almost our only sources of information about the personality of Jesus are derived from the four gospels, all of which were certainly in existence a few decades after his death . . . But all four agree in giving us a picture of a very definite personality . . . In spite of miraculous and incredible additions, one is obliged to say, 'Here was a man. This part of the tale could not have been invented.'" (The Outline of History, pg. 497)

B. Will Durant, former professor of The Philosophy of History at Columbia University, and a scholar of the first rank, says, "We may conclude with the brilliant but judicious Schweitzer, that the gospel of Mark is in essentials 'genuine history.' (Caesar and Christ, pg. 556) Concerning the darkness which accompanied Jesus' crucifixion as recorded by Mark he further comments, "About the middle of this first century a pagon named Thallus, in a fragment preserved by Julius Africanus, argued that the abnormal darkness alleged to have accompanied the death of Christ was a purely natural phenomenon and coincidence; the argument too the existence of Christ for granted." (Op. Cit. pg. 555) We might add that such an argument took the darkness for granted, too! Thus Mark told us the truth when he said "there was darkness over the whole land" from 12:00 noon till 3:00 p.m. (Mark 15:33) Nor does Durant dispose of the gospel miracles as myth. He believes they happened. The point is that Durant believes miracles happened on the grounds of New Testament documentation. He even defends the historicity of the gospel miracles in his history. The New Testament documents are not inventions. This is the judgment of one of the foremost historians of our day.

C. A Russian Historian. It may be interesting to note that for the last few years the official Soviet line "has conceded that Jesus did, in fact, live and that the New Testament Gospels are not forgeries but, in the words of one Russian scholar 'definite fact.'" (News and Views, pg. 600)

If we multiplied the list of quotations from historians it would come out the same. Historians accept the gospels as genuine History.

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ABILENE

Singing to Be Sunday, Dec. 31st

Taylor and Jones county 5th Sunday singing meets at the Victory Baptist Church Sunday, Dec. 31 from 1:30 to 5:00 p.m.

Mrs. Walter Cook is president. Sandwiches, cakes and pies will be brought and coffee and other drinks will be furnished and served at 6:00 o'clock.

Also the regular 2nd Monday night singing will be held at the Victory Baptist Church the same night.

Singing will start at 7:00 until 12:00 to sing the old year out and the New Year in.

President is Mr. F. E. Sipe. Come and bring a friend and have fellowship with us.

Vet Questions And Answers

Q — Someone told me that I can apply for a home guarantee loan under the GI Bill even though I served during World War II. Is this true?

A — Expiration dates on GI loan eligibility were removed in 1970. Also, the eligibility of World War II and Korean veterans was restored where their entitlement had expired. Eligibility for GI loans now runs until you have used it. You may obtain the necessary information and forms from your nearest VA office.

Q — I've been denied a disability claim by my VA regional office. Do I have any further recourse?

A — You may appeal any local decision to the Board of Veterans Appeal in Washington, D.C. You have the privilege of appealing in person, with any witness of your choice, or you may request one of the major veterans service organizations to represent you before the board, at no cost to you.

A Happy New Year For All in 73

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- TAMALES** Gebhart No. 2 1/2 Can ... **39c**
- RED PLUM JAM** 18 Oz. Jar **33c**
- CORN** Kountry Kist 12 Oz. Can .. 2 For **35c**
- PICKLES** Best Maid Sour or Dill Qt. **45c**
- FLOUR** Gladiola **49c**

- MILK** Marigold 2% Homo Gal. **89c** Plus Dep.
 Homo Gal. **99c** Plus Dep.
- EGG NOG** FOREMOST Qt. **49c**
- Whipping Cream Ct.** FOREMOST Half and Half **29c**
 Sour Cream
- Orange Drink** BEST MAID HALF GAL. **35c**
- OLEO** KRAFT'S SOFT PARKAY Lb. **39c**
- TREET** ARMOUR'S 12-oz. Can **53c**
- BLACK EYE PEAS** Dry 1 Lb. Bag. **19c**
- PEAS** RANCH STYLE BLACK EYE WITH BACON 303 SIZE **2 for 29c**
- VIENNAS** LIBBY'S SWIFT OR HORMEL **2 for 45c**

- JIF Peanut Butter 18 Oz. Jar **59c**
- LIPTON'S TEA 1/4 Lb. Pkg. **39c**
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- BAKER'S ANGEL FLAKE COCONUT 7-oz. Can **39c**
- NEW HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSE NOW AVAILABLE - ALSO AMMUNITION



Frozen Foods

- KEITH'S ROLLS Pkg. of 24 **29c**
- BANQUET CHICKEN-BEEF-TURKEY POT PIES 2 for **39c**
- ORANGES .. 5 Lb. Bag **49c**
- RED DELICIOUS APPLES 3 Lb. Bag **59c**
- GREEN CABBAGE Lb. **9c**
- CARROTS Bag **15c**
- RUSSET SPUDS 10 Lb. Bag **69c**



- GOOCH** Ground BEEF Lb. **49c**
- SALT JOWLS Lb. **39c**
- CLUB STEAK Lb. **98c**

- BACON** Gooch Lb. **85c**
- FRANKS** Gooch Pkg. **53c**
- STEAK** Chopped Beef Lb. **89c**
- ROAST** Chuck Lb. **89c**

- NABISCO CRACKERS 1 Lb. Box **39c**
- EASY ON Spray Starch 22-oz. Can **49c**
- LIQUID IVORY Reg. Size **29c**
- FINAL TOUCH FABRIC SOFTENER 48-oz. **1.19**
- BREEZE Giant Size **69c**



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M. A. (Sarg) NOSTER
1404 Herring Dr.
Merkel, Texas
Phone 8-5565

MASONIC MEETING
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JOHN DAVIS, W.M.
ROY MASHBURN, Sec'y.

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FOR RENT — 2 mobile home spaces, 810 Walnut St., phone 928-5022. 42 tlc

FOR RENT — 2 bedroom house at 208 Marion, Ph. 928-5725.

For Sale

FOR SALE — Seed wheat, rye, Australian winter peas. Now cleaning and treating wheat only. PIED PIPER MILLS, INC., Hamlin, Texas. Phone 915-576-3684. 41 tlc

FOR SALE — 1970 Impala Custom Cpe., 2 dr., power, air, tilt steering, cruise control, electric door locks, contact Herman Carson. 42 tlc

WEDDING INVITATIONS, INFORMALS, ANNIVERSARY INVITATIONS — All may be seen at the Merkel Mail and Printing. 928-5712.

FOR SALE — Bedroom furniture and frost free refrigerator. 412 Ash. Ph. 928-5590. 44 tlc

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Gayla Kimmey, Mr. Beard Set March 17th Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Kimmey of Tye have announced the engagement of their daughter, Gayla, to Roger Beard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Beard of Merkel.

Miss Kimmey is a graduate of Abilene High School. She is employed by Professional Bldg. Optical.

Beard, a graduate of Merkel High School is a junior at McMurry College. He is employed by Munden Wholesale Company.

Wedding will be March 17 in the First Baptist Church of Tye.

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for 1971 a the Chamber of Commerce banquet. Beta Sigma Phi's "Lady of the Year" honor went to Mrs. Junior Clark.

Ronnie Aldridge was also named Coach of the Year.

Crawford's celebrate their grand opening at their new store at 135 Edwards.

APRIL
Merkel High School to host the Literary events for District 7-AA.

Pete Morgan, Ted Smith and Mac Seymore re-elected as city councilmen. Elected to the school board were Charles Jacobs and Robert Stephan.

Merkel High School's one act play production "The Diary of Adam and Eve" named first place winner in District 7-AA competition. Mark Dudled and Tonja McAninch were named Best Actor and Best Actress.

Merkel 4-Hers take first honors in the County Elimination contest.

Russell McAnalley elected as president of Lions Club.

Date of Little League opening is announced as May 2 with a parade slated to kick off the season.

Taylor Electric Co-Op 31st annual meeting with gold watches being presented to Horace Childers, Lonnie Beard, Hollis Leo Harris and Henry Howard for 25 years of service.

MAY
Polls to open at 7 a.m. for the first primary with a large turnout expected.

Pre-Schoolers invited to Pre-School day at Merkel Elementary.

MHS trackster, Sandra Cox will represent the school's track team in state competition in Austin.

Dr. William O. Beazley slated as Merkel High School 1972 Commencement speaker. Patricia McDuff and Kerry Thames named as valedictorian and salutatorian.

City ordinance prohibiting unclean horse lots within the city.

JUNE
Omar Burleson turns water on at Trent at their new water system.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Reed announce retirement after teaching 27 years in the Merkel School system.

Waymon Adcock named master of ceremonies for annual Beauty Pageant.

Merkel hosts all-star tourney held in Merkel and Benny Melton named Tournament of Director of Area Two.

Chamber of Commerce announces the purchase of the Ike Turner building on North First for use of the Merkel Public Library.

JULY
Funeral services held for Mayor Horace Hargrove July 6th.

Travis Davis, assistant principal of Lamesa High School is named Principal of MHS by the school board.

Rusty Holloway and Mark Clemmer, Merkel FFA's attend state convention in Dallas.

Linda Black, represented local FHA Club at the National Meeting of Future Homemakers of America in California.

Dean King named as Trent High School Superintendent.

AUGUST
MHS Band Director Glenn Reed given special recognition for 20 years plus at the Texas Bandmaster meeting in San Antonio.

Football workout practices to begin Aug. 9.

Taylor County Young Homemakers have installation tea. Mrs. Mac Seymore named president.

Registration to begin for Merkel students Aug. 18 with classes to begin Aug. 21.

Merkel's first dress code is announced with encouragement emphasized on neat, clean and in good taste.

School enrollment down this year with approximately 710 students registering.

SEPTEMBER
The name "Gold Diggers" has been chosen by the newly organized pep squad for Merkel High School.

Merkel 1972 Homecoming set for Oct. 6.

Directors of Merkel Chamber of Commerce conducts labor survey. Merkel Mail gets new publishers.

OCTOBER
Community Fund drive kicked off with Herman Carson heading the drive.

Volunteer firemen and ladies bring home honors in district fire convention held in Colorado City.

NOVEMBER
Don McDonald is featured in Western Horseman magazine.

The Levis' and Lace Square Dance Club has graduation dance with seventeen couples taking part.

Benny Melton, Chamber of Commerce secretary, announces the disbanding of the Merkel Goodfellows.

DECEMBER
Youth activity program organized in Merkel.

Glenn Manufacturing Co. has formal ribbon cutting ceremony.

Farmers Union has one of four delegates to be sent to National Convention, Ford Smith Jr. will represent Taylor County.

City Secretary Roy Kimbrell attends a seminar on Profit Sharing of Revenue Checks, which Merkel received Dec. 11.

Merkel Housing Authority receives a preliminary rent loan.

RELIGIOUS REVIEW

VICTORY BAPTIST CHURCH
307 El Paso St.
W. G. Richardson, pastor

SUNDAY
Bible School 10:00
Worship Service 11:00
Evening Service 7:00

WEDNESDAY
Evening Service 7:00

ASSEMBLY OF GOD
John Curtis, pastor

SUNDAY
Sunday School 9:45
Preaching 11:00
Evening Preaching 7:00
Radio Program 12:30

WEDNESDAY
Mid-Week Service .. 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY
Missionette 2:30 p.m.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
Russell McAnalley, pastor

SUNDAY
Sunday School 9:45
Worship Service 10:55
Youth Meeting 6:00
Evening Worship 7:00

WEDNESDAY
Prayer Group 7:30

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
5th and Runnels
P. T. Stewart, pastor

SUNDAY MORNING
Sunday School 10:00
Worship Service 11:00

SUNDAY EVENING
Training Union 6:30
Worship Service 7:00

WEDNESDAY
Evening Service 7:30

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Billy Patton, pastor

SUNDAY
Bible School 9:45
Morning Worship 10:30
Evening Worship 6:00

WEDNESDAY
Bible Classes 7:30

MISSION BAPTISTA BETHEL
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Training Union 6 p.m.
Evening Worship 7 p.m.

GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY
Sunday School 10:00
Morning Worship 11:00

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Kenneth Jones, pastor

SUNDAY
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Radio Broadcast 10:15 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Radio Broadcast 11:00 a.m.
Youth Meeting 5:00 p.m.
Training Union 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

OUR LADY OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH
Father James Bridges, Priest

SUNDAY
Mass 12:00
Confession 11:30

WEDNESDAY
Choir Practice 7 p.m.
Youth Prayer Meeting 8 p.m.

CLASSIFIEDS GET RESULTS

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Nibblers Make the Party Scene

With the party season in full swing a few ideas for some delicious nibblers are in order. It's always fun to have something different for guests to enjoy. Dutch-inspired, these mouth-watering goodies call for Holland Edam cheese—the cheese that's always dressed for a party in its cheery red wax jacket.

If you'd like to impress friends and family, try the Stuffed Edam Spread. It requires very little effort yet makes a handsome showing.

To prepare, cut a two or three-inch slice from the top of an imported Holland Edam ball. Scoop out the cheese leaving ¼-inch shell. Allow scooped-out cheese to come to room temperature; then shred. Combine shredded cheese and enough mayonnaise to moisten in a blender or mixer. Season to taste with Tabasco and Worcestershire sauce. Mix well and pile back into shell. If desired, reserve some of mixture for garnishing. Add a tablespoon of finely minced parsley to reserved mixture and place in pastry tube. Decorate stuffed Edam as desired.

Another attractive way to serve Holland Edam cheese is to shape the cheese with a melon ball cutter, sprinkle the tiny balls with celery salt or paprika and return them to the hollowed-out shell. Or cut the Holland Edam cheese into cubes and top them with such flavorful go-withs as pimiento-stuffed olives, pineapple tidbits, small pickles, or preserved ginger.



LEGAL NOTICE

For Sale at Public Auction by Taylor County on January 8, 1973, at 10:00 A.M. at the southeast door of the County Courthouse, two tracts of land out of Block 14 in Buffalo Gap, Texas.

First Tract: Being all of that said part of block lying North and West of the Highway FM 89 which runs in a Southwesterly and Northeasterly direction across said Block.

Second Tract: Being all of that said part of Block lying South and East of the highway FM 89 which runs in a Southwesterly and Northeasterly direction across said Block.

The County reserves the right to accept or reject all or any part of any bid, waive minor technicalities and award the bid to best serve the interest of the County.

(s) HERBERT MIDDLETON
County Auditor

STATE Capital NEWS

By BILL BOYKIN

AUSTIN — Governor-elect Dolph Briscoe is moving to assemble his new gubernatorial staff and organize his initial recommendations to the legislature.

Three top aides to Briscoe were announced recently. They are administrative assistants George Lowrance of San Antonio and Ken Clapp of Killeen and legislative liaison man Roy Coffee Jr. of Dallas.

Former Abilenian Assumes Position

COLLEGE STATION — Beverly G. Reeves, who has served as a cotton ginning and mechanization specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service for more than 12 years, assumed a similar position with the Extension Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, on December 1.

Reeves will have responsibilities in cotton ginning and mechanization for the entire Cotton Belt which ranges from California to the Carolinas. He will maintain an office at College Station until July 1, 1973 when he will transfer to Memphis, Tennessee.

"Reeves has done an outstanding job in his particular specialty while serving the cotton industry of Texas," said Dr. John E. Hutchison, director of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. "We have been fortunate to have a man of such high caliber on our staff and we will miss his leadership and dedication."

"He is gifted in his special field and has the ability to apply his practical experiences and his subject matter competence to matters involving cotton and harvesting. With this leadership in educational programs, major strides have been made in cotton fiber quality preservation through ginning, efficient use of gin labor and machinery, and the control of air pollution at cotton gins," noted Hutchison.

Reeves is a native of Taylor County and a graduate of Abilene High School. He attended Hardin-Simmons University and holds B.S. and M.S. degrees in agricultural engineering from Texas A&M University where he was a Distinguished Student. He has completed the course requirements and the basic research leading to the Ph.D. degree.

He and his wife, Mary Lynn, have three children—Michael, 20; Kline, 18; and Cinly, 9.

administrative assistants George Lowrance of San Antonio and Ken Clapp of Killeen and legislative liaison man Roy Coffee Jr. of Dallas.

Briscoe also is working on his "position papers" with aid of advisors.

High on the list of recommendations to the legislature after Briscoe takes office January 16 will be these:

Programs to curb crime, aid constitutional revision, control drug abuse, promote water conservation, set up a mass transit system and improve and expand vocational education.

Briscoe indicated earlier his "new team" would be selected by mid-December.

While the incoming governor made no early promises to keep any staff members of Gov. Preston Smith on the job, indications are that he will retain the bulk of clerical and secretarial employees and technical personnel who want to stay.

Coffee announced Briscoe's man-in-residence at the governor's office, gathering information for the next governor on staff organization and functions.

John Brunson, Houston attorney who has been close to Briscoe, has figured in speculation on who will be the next Texas Secretary of State.

NEW LICENSE PLATE TIME — Renewal applications for 1973 auto license plates will be in the mail soon from the Texas Highway Department's Motor Vehicle Division.

The entire application may be returned by mail to the tax assessor-collector in counties of registration with an added \$1 fee for handling and mailing.

Highway Department representatives caution:

—Leave the three-part form intact — don't separate the three cards.

—Mail it to the resident county office.

—Include money for the amount of the registration fee, plus the mailing and handling fee.

Applications may be put in the mail any time after January 1, but no license plates will be sent out before February 1. About 30 days should be allowed for return of the plates after the application is received.

April 1 is deadline for displaying the 1973 plates. In-person registration starts at county tax offices and special substations February 1.

Lighting Contest Winners Named

The Home Lighting Contest judging was held Thursday, Dec. 21.

First place went to Donald Cloyd, 8th & Orange, second to Raymond Ferguson, Rt. 1 and third place to Joe Alves, 1003 S. 8th.

Prizes of \$20, \$10 and \$5 were awarded.



MR. AND MRS. ROY BACCUS celebrated

Couple Celebrated 50th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Baccus were honored on their 50th Wedding Anniversary Christmas Day.

Their son and his wife, James Roy and Betty of Richardson

hosted the small reception in the home of his parents.

Highlight of the celebration was a money tree presented to the couple by their Merkel friends. At the top of the donors name list in large letters was printed the words, "50th Wedding Anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Baccus, Dec. 25, 1972."

A love offering has been started by friends of the couple instead of formal open house on the advice of her doctor.

Cake and punch was served to a small group of relatives.



KAYE LYNN CONLEY ... to graduate

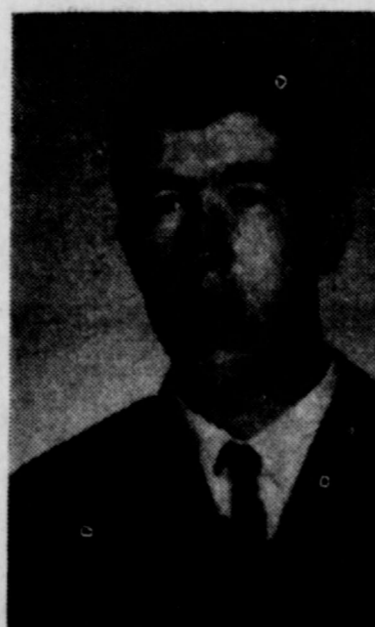
Miss Conley Mid-Winter Graduate

ABILENE — Fifty-three students are candidates for mid-winter bachelor's degrees at McMurry College, including one from Merkel.

Students from eight states are represented on the list. While these scholars will be considered graduated after completion of their work, their degrees will be formally conferred in spring commencement exercises May 20.

Forty seven of the students will graduate at the end of the fall term December 22 and the remaining five at the end of the three-week January Term on January 19.

List of Mid-Winter McMurry graduates includes, Kaye Lynn Conley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Conley, Merkel, Kaye Lynne will receive a degree in Elementary Education.



TROY D. WALTERS ... at Nellis AFB

Airman Walters Is Reassigned

DENVER — Airman Troy D. 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 avionics systems repairman course conducted by the Air Training Command.

Airman Walters, who studied electronic principles, circuit theory and wiring of the FB-111, is being assigned to Nellis AFB, Nev., with a unit of the Tactical Air Command. TAC provides air support for combat units of U.S. ground forces.

The airman attended Merkel High School.

RJC Spring Registration Set for Monday, Jan. 15th

RANGER — Student registration for the spring semester at Ranger Junior College has been set for Monday, January 15 at the administration offices.

Pre-registration will begin Monday, January 8, with dormitories open to students Sunday.

Wednesday, January 31, will be the last day for incoming students to register and will also be the last day for a change of schedule other than dropping of a course.

Spring vacation has been set for March 23 through April 1.

Basketball Schedule

- Dec. 28, 29, 30 — Hardin - Simmons Tournament, A boys,
- *Jan. 2 (Tues.) — Albany, here, A and B boys, A girls.
- *Jan. 5 (Fri.) — Roscoe, there, A and B boys, A girls
- *Jan. 9 (Tues.) — Jim Ned, here, A and B boys, A girls
- Jan. 11, 13 (T. S.) — Merkel B Team Tournament, B boys, B girls
- *Jan. 12 (Fri.) — Baird, there, A and B boys, A girls
- *Jan. 16 (Tues.) — Aspermont, there, A and B boys, A girls.
- *Jan. 19 (Fri.) — Wylie, here, A and B boys, A girls
- *Jan. 23 (Tues.) — Rotan, there, A and B boys, A girls.
- Jan. 25, 27 (T. S.) — Aspermont B Team Tournament, B boys, B girls.
- *Jan. 26 (Fri.) — Albany, there, A and B boys, A girls
- *Jan. 30 (Tues.) — Roscoe, here, A and B boys, A girls.
- *Feb. 2 (Fri.) — Jim Ned, there, A and B boys, A girls.
- *Feb. 6 (Tues.) — Baird, here, A and B boys
- *Conference Games.

It's News To Me

Quick Holiday Punch

Here's a holiday punch that the kids have created using Japan's famous Akadama Red Wine. It's wonderfully zesty—economical, too.

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AKADAMA PLUM WINE & SEVEN-UP. Fill highball glass with ice, add two parts plum wine and one part Seven-up.

AKADAMA PLUM WINE & APPLE JUICE. Fill old fashioned glass with ice, add equal parts plum wine and apple juice.

AKADAMA PLUM WINE & BRANDY. Fill large wine glass with two parts plum wine and one part brandy. Ice is optional.

Ft. Worth Stock Show To Have Top Quality Stock

FORT WORTH — The 1973 Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show will present outstanding opportunities for purchasing breeding stock, reports W. R. Watt Jr., general manager.

Seven cattle auctions and the 17th annual Quarter Horse Sale have been scheduled during the 10-day run of the 77th edition of the Stock Show, Jan. 26 through Feb. 4.

"Auction hammers should bring down more than \$1 million gross at the 1973 Stock Show," Watt said. "The animals being consigned to these sales are of extremely high quality and top breeding. We look at it as a once-a-year buying opportunity for foundation and replacement stock."

Starting off the 1973 auction series will be commercial Hereford females set to sell at 1 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 28, in Auction Arena 6. About 800 heifers from reputation herds in the Southwest will be on the block.

"The outstanding thing about our commercial Hereford heifer sale is that these cattle are not offered any other time in an auction," Watt noted.

On Monday, Jan. 29 at 1 p.m. 75 performance tested Angus bulls will be sold. The consign-

ment will be the top 1971 bulls of over 200 tested by the Texas Angus association.

The Golden Anniversary American Polled Hereford Association sale will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 31, in Arena Barn 8.

Set at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 1, is the First National Gelbvieh Sale. This German breed is termed a hearty beef and milk cattle, according to the national association based in Tulsa, Okla.

Two exotic breeds also have planned sales at the Stock Show. Limousin cattle will be auctioned at 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2, and Simmental cattle will go on the block at 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3.

After judging at 7 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, Charolais pen bulls will be auctioned at 1 p.m. In past years, this has been a high average sale.

The Sale of Champion Steers will be held at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 30 in Arena Barn 6. Walter S. Britten of Bryan will serve as auctioneer. Last year's grand champion steer, a 1,210-pound Angus owned by Miss Brenda Holloway of Abilene, was purchased by the Sid Richardson Foundation for \$6,500.

Champion barrows and lambs will be sold at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3.

Annually a top attraction at the Stock Show, the 17th annual Quarter Horse Sale, under the direction of John Carille of Amarillo, is scheduled at 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4.

Watt stressed that the public is welcome at all Stock Show auctions and the bidding is lively, offering a "show to remember."

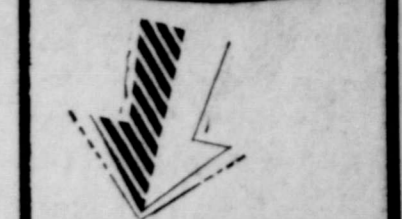
NEW ARRIVALS

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Brown of Phoenix, Arizona are the proud parents of a baby girl, Kimberly Gayle, born Dec. 18th. She weighed 8 lbs. 6 ozs.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Brown of Anson. Maternal grandmother is Mrs. Odessa Shugart of Merkel.

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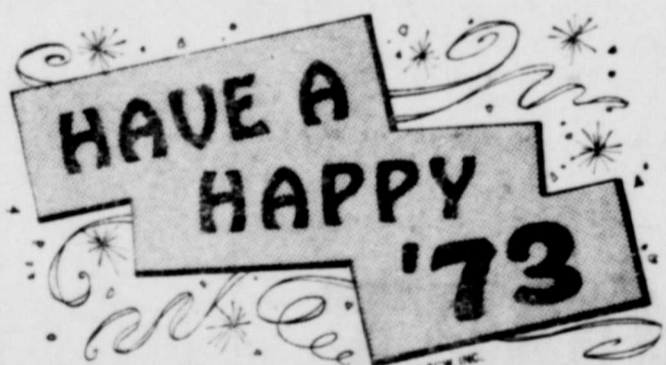
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Farmers Union Ends Convention With Policy Statement, Officers Re-election

ARLINGTON — The Texas Farmers Union Convention wound up Saturday, Dec. 9 with the re-election of its officers and the adoption of a 40 page policy statement which outlines a battle plan to improve the conditions for the independent family farmer and rancher.

Re-elected TFU President was Waco farmer Jay Naman. Vice President is again Joe Rankin of Ralls.

The policy statement covers a wide range of issues from international trade to local taxes. On the international front the statement calls for new International Wheat Agreement with provisions for minimum prices. It also calls for the renewal and the expansion of the Food for Peace Program and the protection of domestic products from competing imports.

Nationally, the policy outlines a comprehensive new farm program calling for aggressive government policy in such areas as supply management, to bring farm prices to parity. The statement calls for a federal reserve program for storable commodities, for higher loan rates to bring the market prices up, an increase of credit to farmers through programs such as the Farmers Home Administration, support for the REA through continued low interest loans, and continued support for farm cooperatives.

The statement singled out taxes and corporate farming as priority issues on the state level. It calls for legislation to control expansion of corporate agricultural enterprises and on the tax front it calls for a natural resource tax and a corporate profits tax and it urges that land, as long as it continues to be used in agriculture, be assessed on its value for agricultural uses only.

The three day convention also heard a series of speeches by National Farmers Union officials and guests discussing future farm policy. The convention was kicked off Thursday night with a keynote address from NFU President Tony Dechant who called 1973 "a crucial year for farmers." Dechant cited three legislative areas Congress will be dealing with: a new farm program, a new International Wheat Agreement and a new Food for Peace Program. Dechant concluded that despite the fact that the new Congress will be the most urban ever he was optimistic about the prospects for support for these and other programs important to the family type farmer and rancher. Dechant said, "We have an important common denominator and that is concern for our environment, and we will win on that basis."

In his annual report Naman castigated Agriculture Secretary Earl Butz as "a man who has

shown with each act that his interests is not with the farm producer." Naman called for a new farm program which sharply cuts back the discretionary powers of the Secretary. Naman also challenged the effectiveness of the federal research and development programs.

Citing cotton as an example, Naman said in six years the program has cost the farmer directly nearly 60 million and the consumption of cotton has steadily declined over that period.

Lt. Governor-elect Bill Hobby was the final speaker at Friday night's banquet. Hobby departed from the convention theme of farm problems and in an off-the-cuff speech reviewed some of the legislative problems he will face during his coming term.

Before adjourning to go to the Dallas Cowboys-Washington Redskins football game Jerry Blacketer, Fannin County, Joe Rankin, Crosby County and Ford Smith Jr., Taylor County were elected delegates, and W. R. Sage, Lubbock County, R. D. (Dono) Terry, Fisher County and Alfred Buecker, Randall County were elected alternates to attend the National Convention to be held March 11-14, 1973, in Omaha, Nebraska.

Attending the state convention from Taylor County were Billy Bob Toombs, Billy D. Doan, Ford Smith Jr., Mrs. Billy D. Doan, Eddie Glenn Sandusky, Cramer Reynolds, Johnny Jacobs and Freddy Toombs.

GI Students Can Get Tutoring

GI Bill students with academic problems can get Veterans Administration financed tutoring more easily under the provisions of a law that became effective October 24, Jack Coker, VA Regional Officer Director, said today.

The new law (PL92-540), which also increased educational benefits, removed the requirement that a student must be failing a course to be eligible for a VA-paid tutor. It also made tutoring available for the first time to wives, widows and children studying under the agency's Dependents' Educational Assistance program.

Tutorial assistance first became available in March 1970 under Public Law 91-219. It was designed for veterans and servicemen studying on a half-time or more basis at post secondary level who needed help in passing courses essential to the programs of education.

For this help, VA paid tutors up to \$50 for each month or portion of a month they tutored, up to a maximum of nine months. Under the new law, however, VA pays tutors for the actual time they tutor, up to a maximum of \$50 a month. This tends to "stretch" tutorial benefits which eligible persons may continue to use until a total of \$450

is exhausted. Neither law charges tutorial assistance against the veteran's basic educational entitlement earned during military service, Coker pointed out. Extra social security credits after 1966 for members of the armed forces will now be \$300 per calendar quarter for years in which the maximum creditable had not already been reached.



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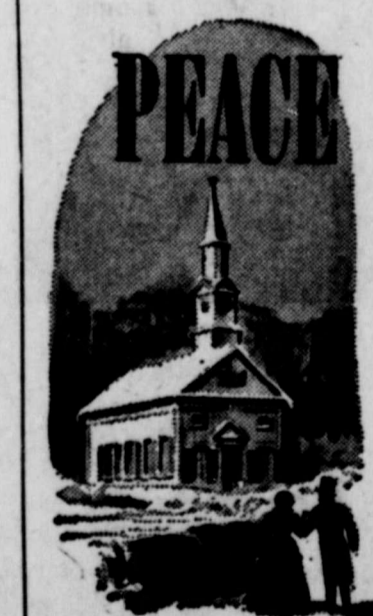
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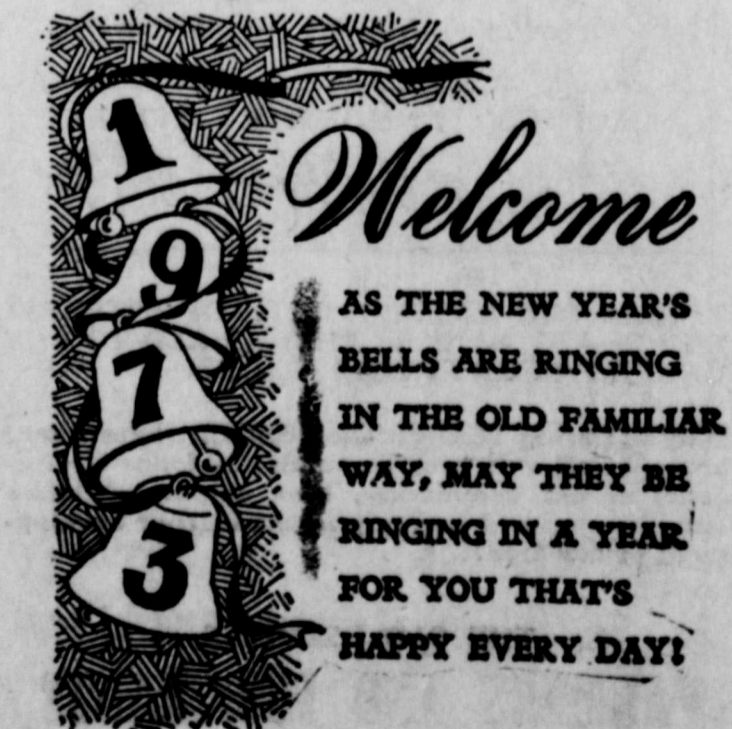
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Be a peaceful, blessed and happy one for you!

STARBUCKS Fred and Naomi



AS THE NEW YEAR'S BELLS ARE RINGING IN THE OLD FAMILIAR WAY, MAY THEY BE RINGING IN A YEAR FOR YOU THAT'S HAPPY EVERY DAY!

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BADGER TRACKS

By STEVE WALKER

If you have been wondering where Merkel's youth have been these last few days, they have been home studying for semester

Ladies Auxiliary Met December 7th

The Ladies Auxiliary to the Merkel Fire Dept. met for their regular meeting Dec. 7.

Arrangements were discussed and finalized concerning the Christmas party, food, decorations, and the tree.

Members present were Mmes. Billy Lucas, Robert Harris, Walter Harris, Mrs. Roy Kimbrell, Roy Schultz, David Seymore and Jerry Horton.

finals. Even though there were only three school days this week, the kids were summing up what they have learned the first semester. The schedule for the tests were unusual. Monday, came our fifth period classes as 2nd period. Each class lasted two hours in order for each class to have enough time to complete the tests. That sounds like a lot of time but in some classes we really needed it. Tuesday and Wednesday's schedule was changed also in order to have time for the tests. Wednesday afternoon the school finally had time to rest. Starting at 1:00, the MHS band presented a concert to close our first semester.

A Room and Door Decorating Contest was sponsored by the Student Council.

Winners for the room decorating contest were 1. Easton, 2. Dudley. First place for door decorations went to McReynolds and second to Woodfin's room.

Judging the contest were ladies from the Merkel Garden Club.

The Student Council sold fruit cakes for Thanksgiving and Christmas. There was a contest to see who could sell the most. Jerre Kay Smith sold the largest amount. She was presented with a gift at the Band Concert Wednesday. The Student Council made \$100.00 profit.

The drama club presented Merkel with a Christmas program. It dealt with what Christmas is all about. The show consisted of drama, skits and singing. The kids did an excellent job!

School begins January 2. Badger Tracks will not be printed until that week, so Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Square Dance Club Lessons Ask

The Levi's and Lace Square Dance Club has had request to start another session of square dancing lessons. Anyone interested in taking lessons should contact Vernon Wade, 928-4742, Loretta Young, 928-4736 or 928-4902.

Also for further information call 928-4630 or 928-5717.

LEGAL NOTICE

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: Roland Edward Harrison, 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 29 day of Jan. A.D. 1973, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court on the 24 day of Oct. A.D. 1972, in this cause numbered 7580 on the docket of said court and styled In Re: Linda Jenet Harrison and Jeffrey Edward Harrison.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Adoption 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 13 day of Dec. A.D. 1972.

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

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be no newspaper so printed in said county, then that you cause the said citation to be posted for at least TEN days before the return term thereof as required by law).

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

The State of Texas. To all persons and parties interested in the Estate of Joe A. Hardy, Kevin Hardy, Vanessa Hardy, Pamela Natalie Hardy, Michael Hardy, and Darryle Hardy, Minors, Guardianship.

You and each of you are hereby cited, required and commanded to appear before the County Court of Taylor County, Texas, to be held in the County Courtroom in the Courthouse of said County, City of Abilene, in said County, such appearance to be at or before 10:00 A.M. on the first Monday next after the expiration of ten (10) days from the date of service exclusive of the day of service, which day and date of service shall be the date of publication that this newspaper bears, and which day of appearance will be at the 5th day of Feb., 1973, and contest by filing a written answer of contest, if they or any of them seem proper to do so, a verified account, the nature of which such account for final settlement of such Estate, which has been filed by the First State Bank of Abilene, Texas, the Guardian of the Estate of said minors and now pending there, in probate proceeding on the Probate Docket of said Court styled The Estate of Joseph A. Hardy, Kevin Hardy, Vanessa Hardy, Pamela Natalie Hardy, Michael Hardy, and Darryle Hardy, Minors, On the number of which account and the docket number of which proceeding is 10,707 which account will at such 10:00 hour on such day, and at such place be considered by the Court.

All persons interested in said estate are hereby cited to appear before said Honorable Court at said above mentioned time and place by filing a written answer contesting such application should they desire to do so.

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.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF SAID COURT at office in Abilene, Texas, this 15 day of December, A.D. 1972.

MRS. CHESTER HUTCHESON Clerk of the County Court, Taylor County, Texas, By Janice Lyons, Deputy.

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Albert Fine, 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 15th day of January A. D. 1973, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 30 day of November A.D. 1972, in this cause, numbered 7575 on the docket of said court and styled Linda Fine, Plaintiff, vs. Albert Fine, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: divorce. Married Feb. 26, 1971 - one child Connie Joy Fine, 4

months, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 30th day of November A.D. 1972.

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

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- 70 PONTIAC Ventura 4 door hardtop, air and power, factory tape player, red color with black vinyl roof, real nice for only 2395
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Top '72 Stories Include New Industry, Sanctuary

Top stories for Merkel for 1972 were formal opening of a new industry in Merkel, Glene Manufacturing Co., First Baptist Church to build a new sanctuary and Merkel High School getting new principal.

Officials of Glene Manufacturing Co. and Merkel Civic leaders gathered Saturday, Dec. 9 at the company's new Merkel plant for the formal opening with a ribbon cutting ceremony.

Acting as master of ceremonies, Don Hart, manager of Taylor Electric Co-Op told the crowd that this ceremony "is our way of saying thank you to Glene for choosing Merkel as home base for their new plant.

Tom Lemaster, president of the firm, was introduced. "We are proud to be opening our plant in Merkel," said Lemasters.

At present the company employs three fulltime employees. They are

Foy Streetman, production manager and Mrs. Duane Shugart and Mrs. G. L. Williams, seamstresses.

The First Baptist Church reached its goal of \$50,000 for the building of a new sanctuary. Not only did they reach their goal but they went over.

On July 7, a Building and Study Committee was nominated, with Herman Carson as chairman. Then Oct. 15, a special finance

committee was nominated and approved, with Booth Warren as chairman.

November 15, the announcement was made that the 30-day fund raising campaign had reached its goal of \$50,000.

A Building Committee was elected Dec. 7th, with Joe McDuff as chairman. The purpose of the Building Committee was to choose a contractor to build the sanctuary among other duties.

Travis L. Davis was elected principal of Merkel High School by the Merkel School Board to assume duties July 24th.

Mr. Davis was assistant principal at Lamesa High School before assuming the job as principal here.

Mack Fisher, superintendent of schools said "We concluded an exhaustive study of all persons who applied for the position, and we believe we have chosen a person who will do us a good job."

Other news as recorded in the Merkel Mail included:

JANUARY

Joe Lassiter, Precinct 24 Democratic Chairman, starts up fund for the Democratic party called Dollars for Democrats.

Stock Show purse hands out \$1,027 in awards to exhibitors. Mark Clemmer received Taylor Electric Co-Op Showmanship Award at the annual Merkel Livestock Show.

City Council members okay work to begin on the water tower, with the work being done by Pittsburgh Tank and Tower Co.

Fire Chief Waymon Adcock urges residents in the Merkel area against burning trash, because a rash of grass fires had been plaguing the department.

Immunization clinic was set up for children entering school for the 1972-73 school year.

Mrs. Roy Largent presented Honorary Life Membership in the Texas Hereford Assn.

FEBRUARY

Precinct 24 Democrats volunteers ready for the Democrat primary to be held in the Merkel High School Gym.

The addition of Direct Distance Dialing service for Merkel Customers was announced by Harvey Womack, business manager for West Texas Telephone.

Don Clyburn was honored by the Merkel Optimist Club as Young Texan of the Month.

Badgers traveled to Lubbock for Regional Basketball Tournament.

Sam Swann inducted into the Hall of Fame of the American Polled Hereford Assn. at the National Show in Jackson, Miss.

Senior Citizens hold first meeting with approximately thirty-seven attending. Community Action Program worker, Mrs. Willie Curtis and local pastors, met with the group.

MARCH

New directors elected for the Merkel Chamber of Commerce were Don Hart, Betty Jane Tittle and Bill Button. Dr. Thomas Kim, president of McMurry College, was speaker at the Chamber Banquet.

The Merkel Mail begins its 83rd year of publication.

7-AA All District selection is announced and Coach Ronnie Aldridge is named All District Coach.

Walter Whisenhunt, Mack Bigbee, Boyd Baker and Jerry Horton received recognition for their effective, safe and professional rescue of Herman Doughty from the Merkel Water Tower.

Bill Button, manager of WTU, elected as the 1972-73 Merkel Chamber of Commerce president.

Mack Fisher and Betty Jane Tittle named Outstanding Citizens See TOP, Page Four

Estimated 41 Persons Will Die On Texas Highways During New Year's Holiday

An estimated 41 persons will die on Texas highways during the New Year's holiday which begins at 6:00 p.m. Friday and runs through midnight Monday.

Major E. K. Browning Jr. of the Midland Region of the Texas Department of Public Safety warns that many of these fatalities will occur within 25 miles of

the persons' home. About half of the persons who died in traffic accidents during this period last year were killed inside city limits in this state.

There could be several reasons for this, he said: drivers sometimes are too careful on streets which are familiar to them, they often do not wear seat belts for

short trips, more intoxicated drivers are on the streets during the holiday season, and there is more traffic on the streets.

Deaths and serious injuries resulting from traffic accidents could be cut in half if people would wear seat belts, he said, and many accidents probably would not occur had drivers not been intoxicated.

Over the years, Browning said, statistics have shown that in 40 to 50 per cent of the accidents involving deaths or injuries, there have been intoxicated drivers involved.

DPS Patrolmen will be on the lookout for drunk drivers this holiday weekend and the breathalyzer will be used to determine the state of drivers' intoxication, he said.

The state has specified that .10 per cent alcohol in the blood constitutes an intoxicated condition and any driver found to have .10 per cent or more alcohol in his blood will be charged with driving while intoxicated, Browning said.

Browning cautioned drivers to use extra care, wear seat belts even for short trips across town and not to drive after drinking alcoholic beverages.

Merkel C of C Invited to Ft. Worth Stock Show

FORT WORTH (Sp.) — Merkel Chamber of Commerce has been invited to select a "Special Day" at the 1973 Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show Jan. 26 through Feb. 4.

The 77th edition of the nation's oldest continuing livestock Show will begin with a mammoth all-Western parade through downtown Fort Worth at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26. Show grounds will open at 4 p.m.

The Stock Show will feature an exhibition of over 11,000 head of livestock, including over 500 head of Polled Hereford here for the Golden Anniversary Show and Sale of the American Polled Hereford Association. Also, visitors will have an opportunity to see hundreds of commercial exhibits offering ideas for better living and farming and ranching, and the "World's Original Indoor Rodeo."

"People make our show what it is, and we are most pleased to have communities attend as a delegation," said W. R. Watt Jr., Stock Show general manager who issued the invitation. "It has been a standing tradition at Fort Worth to hold Special Days to honor communities in Texas and Oklahoma. It's our way of saying 'thanks' to communities for continued interest and support that assures a successful Fort Worth Stock Show."

Communities choosing a special day will have a block of rodeo tickets made available for sale to local residents, and the delegation will be given a spotlighted introduction during the rodeo performance they attend.

Special Day delegations are invited to bring local riding groups to participate in the Rodeo Grand Entry. A special introduction will be given the community "Cowgirl Sweetheart." Riding groups

are also invited to be a part of the all-Western parade.

Fast-moving rodeo action will be coupled with a horse show and the special entertainment of the LeRoy Van Dyke Show, featuring country and western singing star LeRoy Von Dyke and the Auctioneers, a popular Nashville singing group.

Van Dyke will appear at each of the 20 rodeo performances.

Van Dyke, offering a modern approach to country and western music, is able to please crowds at such places as the Waldorf in New York and Sahara Hotel in Las Vegas and the country fans at jazz across the country to the jazz lovers of places like Al Hirt's Club in New Orleans.

The Decca recording artist will be singing his million-sellers "Auctioneer" and "Walk on By" along with other favorites.

Other special attractions during the rodeo include Jerry Olson and his trained buffalo, Sam; along with the running of the Ranch Girls Invitational Barrel Race and the antics of the rodeo bull fighting clowns. The Wild Horse Race, a favorite here, will feature the brawn of wild range mustangs and the strength and courage of young cowboys. However, it often as not becomes comedy.

Rodeo contestants from across the country and some foreign countries will be seeking a share of over \$90,000 in rodeo purse money. Billy Minick of Fort Worth will be stock contractor and bring in fresh, strong rodeo stock for the 55th anniversary of indoor rodeo.

Livestock exhibitors from many states and foreign countries will be showing their prize animals. Total premiums for the livestock show is over \$180,000.

Hogans Host Yule Dinner Dec. 25

Mr. and Mrs. June Hogan served as hosts for a Christmas family get-together.

Attending were the hosts: their daughters, Sandy and Wendy and Mrs. Bill Alexander and husband of Palestine; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Justice and Terlyn, Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Campbell, Merkel.

Also Mrs. Morris Smith, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Conley, Kaye Lynn and Ricky of Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Smith and Mandy of Houston; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hogan and Joyce; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hogan; Mr. and Mrs. Ken Hogan, Ken and Cody, all of Merkel.

Mike Holmes was a dinner guest.

The family enjoyed a pot-luck supper. It was the first get-together for the family in some time.

TCY Homemakers Have Fire Safety Program Dec. 14

The Taylor County Young Homemakers met Thursday, Dec. 14, at 7:30 in the home economics department at the high school. A program was presented by two members of the Abilene Fire Department stressing Christmas fire prevention as well as daily prevention of fires.

Refreshments were served by the hostesses, Mmes Roland Pack, David Seymour and Jim Jacobs, featuring festive candies of the Christmas season.

Those attending this month's meeting were Mmes Freddy Toombs, Glen Bicknell, David Seymour, Ernie McGaughey, Billy Bob Toombs, Jim Jacobs, Phillip Pursley, Hugh Baker, Spencer Taylor, Billy Patton, and Rodney Dominey.

Also Mmes Charles Jacobs, Joe Gregory, Jack King, James All-day, John Beasley, Butch Caton, Bobby Toliver, Connie Mack Seymour, Wyman Wilkerson, and John Batey.

The Young Homemakers also enjoyed a Christmas Party Saturday night, Dec. 16, at the Methodist Fellowship Hall. Good food and fun was enjoyed by all.

Post Office Closed Monday

The Post Office will be closed Monday due to New Year's Day. Postmaster Truett Thompson said there would be no rural or city deliveries but there would be regular lock box and special deliveries made.



HAPPINESS IS GIVING was the second place float entry by Lambda Beta, Beta Sigma Phi. Atop the float were several children including Tiny Tim, Scrooge and a real wood burning stove, burning.

ROUND-UP

By KAYE LANHAM

VISITING MRS. J. H. Beard during the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Emmerson and sons of Hawthorne, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Lee Burgner of Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Beard of Abilene; Mrs. B. T. Britton and son of Corpus Christi; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Beard and daughter of Merkel and Bill Beard of Abilene.

THE HARRIS'S had their an-

DATEBOOK

SUNDAY, DEC. 31

LAMBDA BETA SIGMA PHI sorority will have its New Year's Party at the home of Mrs. Darla Mawson at 9:00 p.m. This party will be for sorority members and their husbands.

MONDAY, JAN. 1

SENIOR CITIZENS will meet for their monthly singing at 7:00 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Bldg., 112 Edwards.

TUESDAY, JAN. 2

LAMBDA BETA SIGMA PHI will meet at 7:30 p.m. at Mrs. Larry White's home.

MERKEL VOLUNTEER FIRE Dept. will have practice at 7:30 at the Fire Dept. Bldg.

XI NU CHI will meet at 7:30 at the home of Mrs. Weldon McAninch.

THURSDAY, JAN. 4
LADIES AUXILIARY will meet at the Fire Station at 7:30.

nual Christmas breakfast Christmas morning at the Asteroid Restaurant hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Leo Harris. Seventeen persons attended.

MR. AND MRS. A. H. MURPHREE had visitors in their home last week and over Christmas holidays. Visiting with them from Tuesday to Thursday was her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Cox of Fort Worth, granddaughter, Reta and great-granddaughter, Angla. Visitors on Christmas Day was Mr. and Mrs. Pete Morgan of Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Davis and daughter, Wendy, of Arlington; Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Patton and daughter Teresa of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Morgan and sons, Bill and Russell of Trent.

MRS. O. J. REYNOLD'S daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Garland Sisk of Odessa visited her during the Christmas holidays.

MR. AND MRS. JOHN PERRY had the following visitors over the Christmas holidays: Mr. and Mrs. Jack Collier, of Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Troyce Perry, Midland; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Perry, Haskell; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Collier and family, Hamby and Miss Verna Gray of Weatherford.

MR. AND MRS. G. L. METZ of VonOrmy, Texas are visiting in Merkel this week with Ennis Reidenbach and with Mrs. Metz's Aunt May who is in the Nursing Home here.

Farm Bureau Adopts National Policies At Convention Held in Los Angeles

WACO — Farm Bureau will be pushing for a temporary extension of the current farm program when Congress convenes next month, according to Texas Farm Bureau President J. T. (Red) Woodson of Fannin County.

National policies on this and other matters were adopted by voting delegates at the 54th annual meeting of the American Farm Bureau Federation Dec. 15 in Los Angeles.

Woodson, who was elected to the AFBF Board of Directors at

the close of the convention, said that the Agricultural Act of 1970 permits increased freedom and flexibility to plant and is an improvement over previous legislation for wheat, cotton, and feed grains.

"We favor continuation of the set-aside program with no further expansion of grazing and no harvesting of any commodity," Woodson said, "and we oppose per farm payment limitations."

He said Farm Bureau's objective is to "create a climate

which will enable agriculture to return eventually to the market price system.

"New programs should be designed and administered so that market opportunities will be enhanced, to the end that farmers ultimately will not be dependent upon government payments but will earn their income in the marketplace," Woodson said. He added that Farm Bureau wants a land retirement program to assist in the adjustment to a market-oriented agriculture.

Woodson said that pending development of programs that will better serve producers, Farm Bureau favors not only the temporary extension of the 1970 Act, but also protection for other commodities. He said this includes:

- (1) A peanut program that growers keep supply in line with demand in return for a price support.
- (2) Continuation of the Agricultural Act of 1958 with respect to supports and allotments for rice.
- (3) Incentive payments under the National Wool Act.
- (4) Opposition to acreage controls or marketing quotas for soybeans. Also recommended is a soybean support price set at a level "which will not stimulate overproduction."
- (5) Continuation of the Sugar Act with amendments to permit U. S. producers to have a larger share of quotas.
- (6) A tobacco program providing that growers keep supply in line with demand in return for price support.

Rites Held For Mrs. Velma Moore

Mrs. Velma Z. Moore, 63, of Denver, Colo., formerly of Taylor County, died Friday morning in a Denver hospital following a long illness. Funeral was held in Calvary Baptist Church Wednesday at 10:30.

The Rev. P. T. Stewart, pastor, officiated. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery under the direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born May 6, 1909 in Wood County, she moved to Taylor County in 1922. She moved away in the late 1950s.

Survivors are her husband, Ralph Moore, of Commerce City, Calif.; one son, Henry Lee Ellerby of Aurora, Colo.; three brothers, Earl Brooks of McClain, Carlton Brooks of Abilene, and Virgil Brooks of Austin; one sister, Mrs. Leonard Casady of Merkel.

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Pearl Lee Cole, 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 25 day of Dec. A.D. 1972, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 8 day of June A.D. 1972, in this cause, numbered 7234 on the docket of said court and styled Jerry C. Cole, Plaintiff, vs. Pearl Lee Cole, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: 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 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 10 day of Nov. A.D. 1972.

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

Singing to Be Sunday, Dec. 31st

Taylor and Jones county 5th Sunday singing meets at the Victory Baptist Church Sunday, Dec. 31 from 1:30 to 5:00 p.m.

Mrs. Walter Cook is president. Sandwiches, cakes and pies will be brought and coffee and other drinks will be furnished and served at 6:00 o'clock.

Also the regular 2nd Monday night singing will be held at the Victory Baptist Church the same night.

Singing will start at 7:00 until 12:00 to sing the old year out and the New Year in.

President is Mr. F. E. Sipe. Come and bring a friend and have fellowship with us.

Vet Questions And Answers

Q — Someone told me that I can apply for a home guarantee loan under the GI Bill even though I served during World War II. Is this true?

A — Expiration dates on GI loan eligibility were removed in 1970. Also, the eligibility of World War II and Korean veterans was restored where their entitlement had expired. Eligibility for GI loans now runs until you have used it. You may obtain the necessary information and forms from your nearest VA office.

Q — I've been denied a disability claim by my VA regional office. Do I have any further recourse?

A — You may appeal any local decision to the Board of Veterans Appeal in Washington, D.C. You have the privilege of appealing in person, with any witness of your choice, or you may request one of the major veterans service organizations to represent you before the board, at no cost to you.

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TO: William Edward Mixon, Defendant, Greeting:

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A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Dependent and Neglected Children as is more fully show by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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TO: Robert Lee Donaldson, Defendant, Greeting:

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A brief statement of the nature Adoption — a Minor as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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Clerk, Domestic Relations Court, Taylor County, Texas
By Rilla Mahoney, Deputy.

Highway Department Sets New Sign Permit Deadline

AUSTIN — The Texas Highway Commission has extended the license and permit filing deadline for owners of signs along Interstate and primary highways.

The Commission extended the filing deadline from December 31 to June 30, 1973. Advertising industry and individual sign owners requested the extension because the previous deadline did not permit sufficient time to comply with the Texas Highway Beautification Act.

The Act requires a permit for each existing or planned sign. Also, anyone erecting or maintaining signs within 660 feet of an Interstate or Federal-aid highway must have a license to engage in outdoor advertising.

Sign owners are advised to apply for a license and all necessary sign permits as soon as possible since no further extension of the deadline is contemplated.

The State license fee of \$25 is valid for an indefinite period. In addition, sign owners are required to post a \$2,500 bond in each county in which they have signs. Maximum bonds of \$10,000 are required of owners with signs in more than three counties.

Beth license and bond applications are available through the Right of Way Division, Texas Highway Department, P. O. Box 5075, Austin, Texas, 78763.

In addition, owners must obtain a \$5 permit for each sign. Permits for new signs will not be issued unless they conform to the law. Sign permit application forms can be obtained from the right of way sections of Highway Department district offices.

Owners of signs who have questions about the program or the new deadline date should contact J. C. Roberts at the district office in Abilene.

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THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST HISTORICAL OR MYTHOLOGICAL? (A study in Historical Evidences) Part 3.

THE RELIABILITY OF THE EVIDENCE. The apostle Paul in writing about the resurrection laid it right on the line by saying, "If Christ hath not been raised, then . . . we are found false witnesses of God; because we witnessed of God that he raised up Christ" (1 Corinthians 15:14, 15). That quite candidly states the issue: If Christ was not raised as the apostles said, then they lied. But their testimony has been verified again and again. The following should help you accept the New Testament as bonifide history.

- I. HISTORIANS accept the gospel accounts as genuine history. There are but four books which can reproduce the life and teachings of Jesus. Those books are Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. For historians to write about Jesus they must go to the four gospels for a full story.
 - A. Mr. H. G. Wells, author of THE OUTLINE OF HISTORY, was no Christian. He had no motive to endorse the gospels as historically reliable outside of an historical context. His comment upon the beginning of Christianity is interesting: "About Jesus we have to write not theology but history . . . Almost our only sources of information about the personality of Jesus are derived from the four gospels, all of which were certainly in existence a few decades after his death . . . But all four agree in giving us a picture of a very definite personality . . . In spite of miraculous and incredible additions, one is obliged to say, 'Here was a man. This part of the tale could not have been invented.'" (The Outline of History, pg. 497)
 - B. Will Durant, former professor of The Philosophy of History at Columbia University, and a scholar of the first rank, says, "We may conclude with the brilliant but judicious Schweitzer, that the gospel of Mark is in essentials 'genuine history.' (Caesar and Christ, pg. 556) Concerning the darkness which accompanied Jesus' crucifixion as recorded by Mark he further comments, "About the middle of this first century a pagon named Thallus, in a fragment preserved by Julius Africanus, argued that the abnormal darkness alleged to have accompanied the death of Christ was a purely natural phenomenon and coincidence; the argument to the existence of Christ for granted." (Op. Cit. pg. 555) We might add that such an argument took the darkness for granted, too! Thus Mark told us the truth when he said "there was darkness over the whole land" from 12:00 noon till 3:00 p.m. (Mark 15:33) Nor does Durant dispose of the gospel miracles as myth. He believes they happened. The point is that Durant believes miracles happened on the grounds of New Testament documentation. He even defends the historicity of the gospel miracles in his history. The New Testament documents are not inventions. This is the judgment of one of the foremost historians of our day.
 - C. A Russian Historian. It may be interesting to note that for the last few years the official Soviet line "has conceded that Jesus did, in fact, live and that the New Testament Gospels are not forgeries but, in the words of one Russian scholar 'definite fact.'" (News and Views, pg. 600)
- If we multiplied the list of quotations from historians it would come out the same. Historians accept the gospels as genuine history.

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- Miscellaneous -

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MASONIC MEETING
Stated meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 710 on 2nd Saturday and 4th Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Visitors welcome. Members urged to attend.

JOHN DAVIS, W.M.
ROY MASHBURN, Sec'y.

WANTED - Cooks, waitresses, and dishwashers. Merkel Restaurant, 928-4923.

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Gayla Kimmey, Mr. Beard Set March 17th Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Kimmey of Tye have announced the engagement of their daughter, Gayla, to Roger Beard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Beard of Merkel.

Miss Kimmey is a graduate of Abilene High School. She is em-

ployed by Professional Bldg. Optical. Beard, a graduate of Merkel High School is a junior at McMurry College. He is employed by Munden Wholesale Company. Wedding will be March 17 in the First Baptist Church of Tye.

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for 1971 at the Chamber of Commerce banquet. Beta Sigma Phi's "Lady of the Year" honor went to Mrs. Junoir Clark.

Rennie Aldridge was also named Coach of the Year. Crawford's celebrate their grand opening at their new store at 135 Edwards.

APRIL

Merkel High School to host the Literary events for District 7-AA.

Pete Morgan, Ted Smith and Mac Seymore re-elected as city councilmen. Elected to the school board were Charles Jacobs and Robert Stephan.

Merkel High School's one act play production "The Diary of Adam and Eve" named first place winner in District 7-AA competition. Mark Dudled and Tonja McAninch were named Best Actor and Best Actress.

Merkel 4-Hers take first honors in the County Elimination contest.

Russell McAnalley elected as president of Lions Club.

Date of Little League opening is announced as May 2 with a parade slated to kick off the season.

Taylor Electric Co-Op 31st annual meeting with gold watches being presented to Horace Childers, Lonnie Beard, Hollis Leo Harris and Henry Howard for 25 years of service.

MAY

Polls to open at 7 a.m. for the first primary with a large turnout expected.

Pre-Schoolers invited to Pre-School day at Merkel Elementary.

MHS trackster, Sandra Cox will represent the school's track team in state competition in Austin.

Dr. William O. Beazley slated as Merkel High School 1972 Commencement speaker. Patricia McDuff and Kerry Thames named as valedictorian and salutatorian. City ordinance prohibiting unclean horse lots within the city.

NOTICE

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.

This is one of the new features of the Merkel Mail, Ph. 928-5712.

The Merkel Mail reserves the right to limit length of stories and edit for good taste.

POLICE BUSINESS IS EVERYONE'S BUSINESS
Merkel Police Department

LEGAL NOTICE

For Sale at Public Auction by Taylor County on January 8, 1973, at 10:00 A.M. at the southeast door of the County Courthouse, two tracts of land out of Block 14 in Buffalo Gap, Texas.

First Tract: Being all of that said part of block lying North and West of the Highway FM 89 which runs in a Southwesterly and Northeasterly direction across said Block.

Second Tract: Being all of that said part of Block lying South and East of the highway FM 89 which runs in a Southwesterly and Northeasterly direction across said Block.

The County reserves the right to accept or reject all or any part of any bid, waive minor technicalities and award the bid to best serve the interest of the County.

(s) HERBERT MIDDLETON
County Auditor

RELIGIOUS REVIEW

VICTORY BAPTIST CHURCH
307 El Paso St.
W. G. Richardson, pastor

SUNDAY
Bible School 10:00
Worship Service 11:00
Evening Service 7:00
WEDNESDAY
Evening Service 7:00

ASSEMBLY OF GOD
John Curtis, pastor

SUNDAY
Sunday School 9:45
Preaching 11:00
Evening Preaching 7:00
Radio Program 12:30
WEDNESDAY
Mid-Week Service .. 7:30 p.m.
SATURDAY
Missionette 2:30 p.m.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
Russell McAnalley, pastor

SUNDAY
Sunday School 9:45
Worship Service 10:55
Youth Meeting 6:00
Evening Worship 7:00
WEDNESDAY
Prayer Group 7:30

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
5th and Runnels
P. T. Stewart, pastor

SUNDAY MORNING
Sunday School 10:00
Worship Service 11:00
SUNDAY EVENING
Training Union 6:30
Worship Service 7:00
WEDNESDAY
Evening Service 7:30

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Billy Patton, pastor

SUNDAY
Bible School 9:45
Morning Worship 10:30
Evening Worship 6:00
WEDNESDAY
Bible Classes 7:30

MISSION BAPTISTA BETHEL
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Training Union 6 p.m.
Evening Worship 7 p.m.

GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY
Sunday School 10:00
Morning Worship 11:00

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Kenneth Jones, pastor

SUNDAY
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Radio Broadcast 10:15 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Radio Broadcast 11:00 a.m.
Youth Choir 5:00 p.m.
Training Union 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY

OUR LADY OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH
Father James Bridges, Priest

SUNDAY
Mass 12:00
Confession 11:30
WEDNESDAY
Choir Practice 7 p.m.
Youth Prayer Meeting 8 p.m.

CLASSIFIEDS GET RESULTS

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS
1. Dippers
7. Low-voiced
13. Dry gulch
14. Unit of current
15. Verifies
16. Nicotinic acid
17. Evergreens
18. Musical note
19. Carpets
20. Night before
21. Dawn goddess
22. Great lake
23. Specify
27. Printer's measures
28. Unhappy
29. Compass point
31. Dry facial hair
39. Norwegian king
41. Public notices
42. Portuguese coin
43. New star
44. State abbr.
45. Raced again
47. God of light
49. Gambling bird
50. More brief
51. Display
52. Flowers
53. Absorbed
54. Building wing
55. Musical composition
56. Runs away
57. Prance
58. Girl's name
59. Sinner
60. Untrue
61. Musical
62. Rant
63. Prince
64. Celtic sea god
65. Jewel

Answer to Puzzle
DOWN
1. Folded over
2. Reached
3. Male bees
4. Affection
5. Sight organs
6. Distress call
7. Staircase railings
8. French friend
9. Scanty
10. Safe
11. Source

Nibblers Make the Party Scene



With the party season in full swing a few ideas for some delicious nibblers are in order. It's always fun to have something different for guests to enjoy. Dutch-inspired, these mouth-watering goodies call for Holland Edam cheese - the cheese that's always dressed for a party in its cheery red wax jacket.

If you'd like to impress friends and family, try the Stuffed Edam Spread. It requires very little effort yet makes a handsome showing.

To prepare, cut a two or three-inch slice from the top of an imported Holland Edam ball. Scoop out the cheese leaving 1/4-inch shell. Allow scooped-out cheese to come to room temperature; then shred. Combine shredded cheese and enough mayonnaise to moisten in a blender or mixer. Season to taste with Tabasco and Worcestershire sauce. Mix well and pile back into shell. If desired, reserve some of mixture for garnishing. Add a tablespoon of finely minced parsley to reserved mixture and place in pastry tube. Decorate stuffed Edam as desired.

Another attractive way to serve Holland Edam cheese is to shape the cheese with a melon ball cutter, sprinkle the tiny balls with celery salt or paprika and return them to the hollowed-out shell. Or cut the Holland Edam cheese into cubes and top them with such flavorful go-withs as pimiento-stuffed olives, pineapple tidbits, small pickles, or preserved ginger.

AUSTIN — Governor elect Dolph Briscoe is moving to assemble his new gubernatorial staff and organize his initial recommendations to the legislature.

Three top aides to Briscoe were announced recently. They are administrative assistants George Lowrance of San Antonio and Ken Clapp of Killeen and legislative liaison man Roy Coffee Jr. of Dallas.

Former Abilenian Assumes Position

COLLEGE STATION — Beverly G. Reeves, who has served as a cotton ginning and mechanization specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service for more than 12 years, assumed a similar position with the Extension Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, on December 1.

Reeves will have responsibilities in cotton ginning and mechanization for the entire Cotton Belt which ranges from California to the Carolinas. He will maintain an office at College Station until July 1, 1973 when he will transfer to Memphis, Tennessee.

"Reeves has done an outstanding job in his particular specialty while serving the cotton industry of Texas," said Dr. John E. Hutchison, director of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. "We have been fortunate to have a man of such high caliber on our staff and we will miss his leadership and dedication."

"He is gifted in his special field and has the ability to apply his practical experiences and his subject matter competence to matters involving cotton and harvesting. With this leadership in educational programs, major strides have been made in cotton fiber quality preservation through ginning, efficient use of gin labor and machinery, and the control of air pollution at cotton gins," noted Hutchison.

Reeves is a native of Taylor County and a graduate of Abilene High School. He attended Hardin-Simmons University and holds B.S. and M.S. degrees in agricultural engineering from Texas A&M University where he was a Distinguished Student. He has completed the course requirements and the basic research leading to the Ph.D. degree.

He and his wife, Mary Lynn, have three children—Michael, 20; Kline, 18; and Cinly, 9.

While the incoming governor made no early promises to keep any staff members of Gov. Preston Smith on the job, indications are that he will retain the bulk of clerical and secretarial employees and technical personnel who want to stay.

Coffee announced Briscoe's man-in-residence at the governor's office, gathering information for the next governor on staff organization and functions.

John Brunson, Houston attorney who has been close to Briscoe, has figured in speculation on who will be the next Texas Secretary of State.

NEW LICENSE PLATE TIME — Renewal applications for 1973 auto license plates will be in the mail soon from the Texas Highway Department's Motor Vehicle Division.

The entire application may be returned by mail to the tax assessor-collector in counties of registration with an added \$1 fee for handling and mailing.

Highway Department representatives caution: —Leave the three-part form intact — don't separate the three cards.

—Mail it to the resident county office.

—Include money for the amount of the registration fee, plus the mailing and handling fee.

Applications may be put in the mail any time after January 1, but no license plates will be sent out before February 1. About 30 days should be allowed for return of the plates after the application is received.

April 1 is deadline for displaying the 1973 plates. In-person registration starts at county tax offices and special substations February 1.

Lighting Contest Winners Named

The Home Lighting Contest judging was held Thursday, Dec. 21.

First place went to Donald Cloyd, 8th & Orange, second to Raymond Ferguson, Rt. 1 and third place to Joe Alves, 1003 S. 8th.

Prizes of \$20, \$10 and \$5 were awarded.



MR. AND MRS. ROY BACCUS celebrated

Couple Celebrated 50th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Baccus were honored on their 50th Wedding Anniversary Christmas Day.

Their son and his wife, James Roy and Betty of Richardson

hosted the small reception in the home of his parents.

Highlight of the celebration was a money tree presented to the couple by their Merkel friends. At the top of the donors name list in large letters was printed the words, "50th Wedding Anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Baccus, Dec. 25, 1972."

A love offering has been started by friends of the couple instead of formal open house on the advice of her doctor.

Cake and punch was served to a small group of relatives.



KAYE LYNN CONLEY

... to graduate

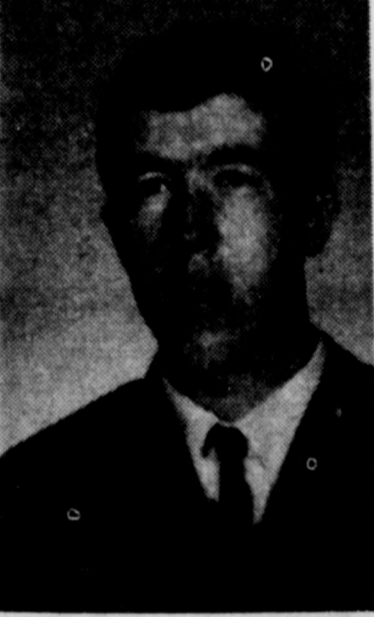
Miss Conley Mid-Winter Graduate

ABILENE — Fifty-three students are candidates for mid-winter bachelor's degrees at McMurry College, including one from Merkel.

Students from eight states are represented on the list. While these scholars will be considered graduated after completion of their work, their degrees will be formally conferred in spring commencement exercises May 20.

Forty-seven of the students will graduate at the end of the fall term December 22 and the remaining five at the end of the three-week January Term on January 19.

List of Mid-Winter McMurry graduates includes: Kaye Lynn Conley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Conley, Merkel, Kaye Lynne will receive a degree in Elementary Education.



TROY D. WALTERS

... at Nellis AFB

Airman Walters Is Reassigned

DENVER — Airman Troy D. 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 avionics systems repairman course conducted by the Air Training Command.

Airman Walters, who studied electronic principles, circuit theory and wiring of the FB-111, is being assigned to Nellis AFB, Nev., with a unit of the Tactical Air Command. TAC provides air support for combat units of U.S. ground forces.

The airman attended Merkel High School.

RJC Spring Registration Set for Monday, Jan. 15th

RANGER — Student registration for the spring semester at Ranger Junior College has been set for Monday, January 15 at the administration offices.

Pre-registration will begin Monday, January 8, with dormitories open to students Sunday, January 14.

Classes for the spring semester will begin Tuesday, January 16, according to Jack M. Elsom, president of RJC.

Wednesday, January 31, will be the last day for incoming students to register and will also be the last day for a change of schedule other than dropping of a course.

Spring vacation has been set for March 23 through April 1.

Basketball Schedule

- Dec. 28, 29, 30 — Hardin-Simmons Tournament, A boys,
- *Jan. 2 (Tues.) — Albany, here, A and B boys, A girls.
- *Jan. 5 (Fri.) — Roscoe, there, A and B boys, A girls
- *Jan. 9 (Tues.) — Jim Ned, here, A and B boys, A girls
- Jan. 11, 13 (T. S.) — Merkel B Team Tournament, B boys, B girls
- *Jan. 12 (Fri.) — Baird, there, A and B boys, A girls
- *Jan. 16 (Tues.) — Aspermont, there, A and B boys, A girls.
- *Jan. 19 (Fri.) — Wylie, here, A and B boys, A girls
- *Jan. 23 (Tues.) — Rotan, there, A and B boys, A girls.
- Jan. 25, 27 (T. S.) — Aspermont B Team Tournament, B boys, B girls.
- *Jan. 26 (Fri.) — Albany, there, A and B boys, A girls
- *Jan. 30 (Tues.) — Roscoe, here, A and B boys, A girls.
- *Feb. 2 (Fri.) — Jim Ned, there, A and B boys, A girls.
- *Feb. 6 (Tues.) — Baird, here, A and B boys
- *Conference Games.

It's News To Me

Quick Holiday Punch
Here's a holiday punch that the kids have created using Japan's famous Akadama Red Wine. It's wonderfully zesty—economical, too.

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AKADAMA PLUM WINE & BRANDY. Fill large wine glass with two parts plum wine and one part brandy. Ice is optional.

Ft. Worth Stock Show To Have Top Quality Stock

FORT WORTH — The 1973 Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show will present outstanding opportunities for purchasing breeding stock, reports W. R. Watt Jr., general manager.

Seven cattle auctions and the 17th annual Quarter Horse Sale have been scheduled during the 10-day run of the 77th edition of the Stock Show, Jan. 26 through Feb. 4.

"Auction hammers should bring down more than \$1 million gross at the 1973 Stock Show," Watt said. "The animals being consigned to these sales are of extremely high quality and top breeding. We look at it as a once-a-year buying opportunity for foundation and replacement stock."

Starting off the 1973 auction series will be commercial Hereford females set to sell at 1 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 28, in Auction Arena 6. About 800 heifers from reputation herds in the Southwest will be on the block.

"The outstanding thing about our commercial Hereford heifer sale is that these cattle are not offered any other time in an auction," Watt noted.

On Monday, Jan. 29 at 1 p.m. 75 performance tested Angus bulls will be sold. The consign-

ment will be the top 1971 bulls of over 200 tested by the Texas Angus association.

The Golden Anniversary American Polled Hereford Association sale will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 31, in Arena Barn 8.

Set at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 1, is the First National Gelbvieh Sale. This German breed is termed a hearty beef and milk cattle, according to the national association based in Tulsa, Okla.

Two exotic breeds also have planned sales at the Stock Show. Limousin cattle will be auctioned at 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2, and Simmental cattle will go on the block at 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3.

After judging at 7 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, Charolais pen bulls will be auctioned at 1 p.m. In past years, this has been a high average sale.

The Sale of Champion Steers will be held at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 30 in Arena Barn 6. Walter S. Britten of Bryan will serve as auctioneer. Last year's grand champion steer, a 1,210-pound Angus owned by Miss Brenda Holloway of Abilene, was purchased by the Sid Richardson Foundation for \$6,500.

Champion barrows and lambs will be sold at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3.

Annually a top attraction at the Stock Show, the 17th annual Quarter Horse Sale, under the direction of John Carlile of Amarillo, is scheduled at 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4.

Watt stressed that the public is welcome at all Stock Show auctions and the bidding is lively, offering a "show to remember."

NEW ARRIVALS

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Brown of Phoenix, Arizona are the proud parents of a baby girl, Kimberly Gayle, born Dec. 18th. She weighed 8 lbs. 6 ozs.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Brown of Anson. Maternal grandmother is Mrs. Odessa Shugart of Merkel.

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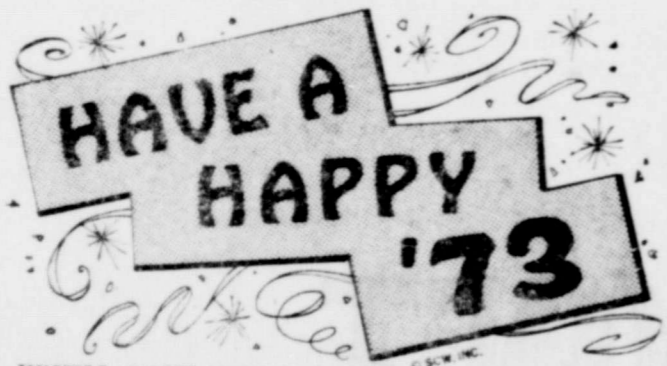
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Farmers Union Ends Convention With Policy Statement, Officers Re-election

ARLINGTON — The Texas Farmers Union Convention wound up Saturday, Dec. 9 with the re-election of its officers and the adoption of a 40 page policy statement which outlines a battle plan to improve the conditions for the independent family farmer and rancher.

Re-elected TFU President was Waco farmer Jay Naman. Vice President is again Joe Rankin of Falls.

The policy statement covers a wide range of issues from international trade to local taxes. On the international front the statement calls for new International Wheat Agreement with provisions for minimum prices. It also calls for the renewal and the expansion of the Food for Peace Program and the protection of domestic products from competing imports.

Nationally, the policy outlines a comprehensive new farm program calling for aggressive government policy in such areas as supply management, to bring farm prices to parity. The statement calls for a federal reserve program for storable commodities, for higher loan rates to bring the market prices up, an increase of credit to farmers through programs such as the Farmers Home Administration, support for the REA through continued low interest loans, and continued support for farm cooperatives.

The statement singled out taxes and corporate farming as priority issues on the state level. It calls for legislation to control expansion of corporate agricultural enterprises and on the tax front it calls for a natural resource tax and a corporate profits tax and it urges that land, as long as it continues to be used in agriculture, be assessed on its value for agricultural uses only.

The three day convention also heard a series of speeches by National Farmers Union officials and guests discussing future farm policy. The convention was kicked off Thursday night with a keynote address from NFU President Tony Dechant who called 1973 "a crucial year for farmers." Dechant cited three legislative areas Congress will be dealing with: a new farm program, a new International Wheat Agreement and a new Food for Peace Program. Dechant concluded that despite the fact that the new Congress will be the most urban ever he was optimistic about the prospects for support for these and other programs important to the family type farmer and rancher. Dechant said, "We have an important common denominator and that is concern for our environment, and we will win on that basis."

In his annual report Naman castigated Agriculture Secretary Earl Butz as "a man who has

shown with each act that his interests is not with the farm producer." Naman called for a new farm program which sharply cuts back the discretionary powers of the Secretary. Naman also challenged the effectiveness of the federal research and development programs.

Citing cotton as an example, Naman said in six years the program nearly 60 million and the consumption of cotton has steadily declined over that period.

Li, Governor-elect Bill Hobby was the final speaker at Friday night's banquet. Hobby departed from the convention theme of farm problems and in an off-the-cuff speech reviewed some of the legislative problems he will face during his coming term.

Before adjourning to go to the Dallas Cowboys-Washington Redskins football game Jerry Blacketer, Fannin County, Joe Rankin, Crosby County and Ford Smith Jr., Taylor County were elected delegates, and W. R. Sage, Lubbock County, R. D. (Dono) Terry, Fisher County and Alfred Buecker, Randall County were elected alternates to attend the National Convention to be held March 11-14, 1973, in Omaha, Nebraska.

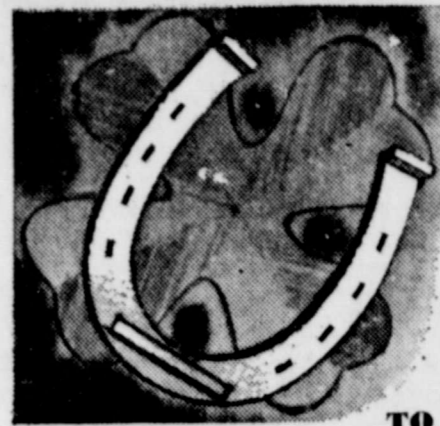
Attending the state convention from Taylor County were Dean Bob Toombs, Billy D. Bily, Ford Smith Jr., Mrs. Billy D. Doan, Eddie Glenn Sandusky, Cramer Reynolds, Johnny Jacobs and Freddy Toombs.

is exhausted.

Neither law charges tutorial assistance against the veteran's basic educational entitlement earned during military service, Coker pointed out.

Extra social security credits

after 1956 for members of the armed forces will now be \$300 per calendar quarter for years in which the maximum creditable had not already been reached.



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GI Students Can Get Tutoring

GI Bill students with academic problems can get Veterans Administration financed tutoring more easily under the provisions of a law that became effective October 24, Jack Coker, VA Regional Officer Director, said today.

The new law PL92-540, which also increased educational benefits, removed the requirement that a student must be failing a course to be eligible for a VA-paid tutor. It also made tutoring available for the first time to wives, widows and children studying under the agency's Dependent's Educational Assistance program.

Tutorial assistance first became available in March 1970 under Public Law 91-219. It was designed for veterans and servicemen studying on a half-time or more basis at post secondary level who needed help in passing courses essential to the programs of education.

For this help, VA paid tutors up to \$50 for each month or portion of a month they tutored, up to a maximum of nine months.

Under the new law, however, VA pays tutors for the actual time they tutor, up to a maximum of \$50 a month. This tends to "stretch" tutorial benefits which eligible persons may continue to use until a total of \$450



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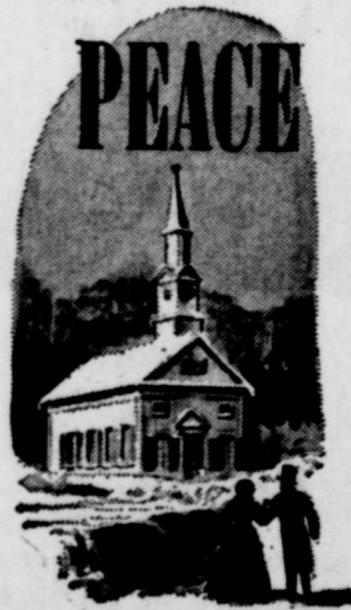


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BADGER TRACKS

By STEVE WALKER

If you have been wondering where Merkel's youth have been these last few days, they have been home studying for semester

Ladies Auxiliary Met December 7th

The Ladies Auxiliary to the Merkel Fire Dept. met for their regular meeting Dec. 7.

Arrangements were discussed and finalized concerning the Christmas party, food, decorations, and the tree.

Members present were Mmes. Billy Lucas, Robert Harris, Walter Harris, Mrs. Roy Kimbrell, Roy Schultz, David Seymore and Jerry Horton.

finals. Even though there were only three school days this week, the kids were summing up what they have learned the first semester. The schedule for the tests were unusual. Monday, came our fifth period classes as 2nd period. Each class lasted two hours in order for each class to have enough time to complete the tests. That sounds like a lot of time but in some classes we really needed it. Tuesday and Wednesday's schedule was changed also in order to have time for the tests. Wednesday afternoon the school finally had time to rest. Starting at 1:00, the MHS band presented a concert to close our first semester.

A Room and Door Decorating Contest was sponsored by the Student Council.

Winners for the room decorating contest were 1. Easton, 2. Dudley. First place for door decorations went to McReynolds and second to Woodfin's room.

Judging the contest were ladies from the Merkel Garden Club.

The Student Council sold fruit cakes for Thanksgiving and Christmas. There was a contest to see who could sell the most. Jerre Kay Smith sold the largest amount. She was presented with a gift at the Band Concert Wednesday. The Student Council made \$100.00 profit.

The drama club presented Merkel with a Christmas program. It dealt with what Christmas is all about. The show consisted of drama, skits and singing. The kids did an excellent job!

School begins January 2. Badger Tracks will not be printed until that week, so Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Square Dance Club Lessons Ask

The Levi's and Lace Square Dance Club has had request to start another session of square dancing lessons. Anyone interested in taking lessons should contact Vernon Wade, 928-4742, Loretta Young, 928-4736 or 928-4902. Also for further information call 928-4830 or 928-5717.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Roland Edward Harrison, 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 29 day of Jan. A.D. 1973, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court on the 24 day of Oct. A.D. 1972, in this cause numbered 7580 on the docket of said court and styled In Re: Linda Janet Harrison and Jeffrey Edward Harrison.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Adoption 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 13 day of Dec. A.D. 1972.

(Seal)

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

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TO: Linda Yvonne Null, Defendant, Greeting:

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

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Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 30 day of Nov. A.D. 1973.

(Seal)

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

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be no newspaper so printed in said county, then that you cause the said citation to be posted for at least TEN days before the return term thereof as required by law).

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
The State of Texas. To all persons and parties interested in the Estate of Joe A. Hardy, Kevin Hardy, Vanessa Hardy, Pamela Natalie Hardy, Michael Hardy, and Darryle Hardy, Minors, Guardianship.

You and each of you are hereby cited, required and commanded to appear before the County Court of Taylor County, Texas, to be held in the County Courtroom in the Courthouse of said County, City of Abilene, in said County, such appearance to be at or before 10:00 A.M. on the first Monday next after the expiration of ten (10) days from the date of service exclusive of the day of service, which day and date of service shall be the date of publication that this newspaper bears, and which day of appearance will be at the 5th day of Feb., 1973, and contest by filing a written answer of contest, if they or any of them seem proper to do so, a verified account, the nature of which such account for final settlement of such Estate, which has been filed by the First State Bank of Abilene, Texas, the Guardian of the Estate of said minors and now pending there, in probate proceeding on the Probate Docket of said Court styled The Estate of Joseph A. Hardy, Kevin Hardy, Vanessa Hardy, Pamela Natalie Hardy, Michael Hardy, and Darryle Hardy, Minors, On the number of which account and the docket number of which proceeding is 10,707 which account will at such 10:00 hour on such day, and at such place be considered by the Court.

All persons interested in said estate are hereby cited to appear before said Honorable Court at said above mentioned time and place by filing a written answer contesting such application should they desire to do so.

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.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF SAID COURT at office in Abilene, Texas, this 15 day of December, A.D. 1972.

(Seal)

MRS. CHESTER HUTCHESON
Clerk of the County Court,
Taylor County, Texas,
By Janice Lyons, Deputy.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Albert Fine, Defendant, Greeting:

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A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: divorce. Married Feb. 26, 1971 — one child Connie Joy Fine, 4

months. as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 30th day of November A.D. 1972.

Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD,
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By Marie Adkins, Deputy.

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- 70 PONTIAC Catalina 2 - door hardtop, air and power, light green color with green interior, nice one owner car for only 2395
- 70 PONTIAC Ventura 4 door hardtop, air and power, factory tape player, red color with black vinyl roof, real nice for only 2395
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 SAVE 20c
 MAXWELL HOUSE COFFEE
 1 LB. ONLY 65c with this coupon
 Limit One Per Family—Expires Feb. 8, 1973

CARSON SUPER COUPON
 SAVE 40c
 With This Coupon When You Buy a 10 OZ. JAR of
 MAXWELL HOUSE COFFEE
 AT CARSONS SUPER
 10 Oz. Jar Only 1.19
 One Coupon Per Family—Offer Expires FEB. 8th

PARKAY WHIPPED OLEO 39c
 VICKS COLD NYQUIL 99c
 VICKS SPRAY SINEX 99c
 ASSORTED COLORS KLEENEX 200 CT. 2 for 49c

HI-C DRINK Assorted 46 Oz. Can 29c
 Snowdrift 42 Oz. Can 59c
 FLOUR Gladiola 5 Lb. Bag 49c
 BREAD I.G. Fresher 1 1/2 Lb. Sandwich 2 for 49c

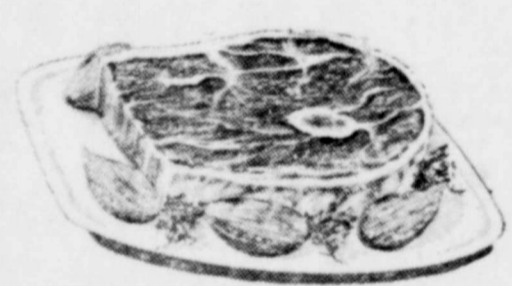
Frozen Foods
 PATIO ASSORTED MEXICAN DINNERS Each 39c
 BIRDSEYE 10 OZ. STRAWBERRIES pkg. 33c
 JOHNSTONS Mince-Pumpkin Pies ea. 69c
 I.G. GROZEN MELLORINE 2 1/2 Gal. Ctns 69c

I.G. DAIRY FRESH (No Deposit) HOMO 2 MILK Gal. Jug 95c
 I.G. DAIRY FRESH BUTTER MILK 1/2 Gal. 2 for 93c
 FOREMOST—GANDY—BORDEN HALF & HALF Pt. SOUR or WHIPPING CREAM 1/2 Pt. 29c
 SODA POP 12 OZ. CAN 7-UP 6 Pack 59c

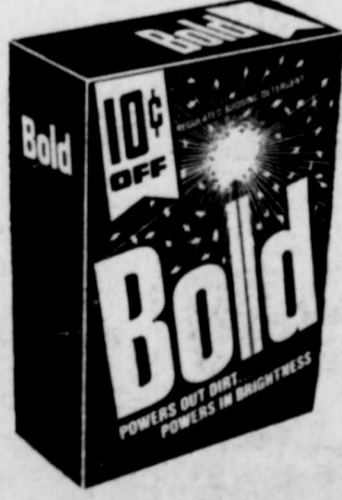
IMPERIAL SUGAR 49c
 5 Lb. Bag
 WITH \$7.50 OR MORE IN TRADE EXCLUSIVE OF CIGARETTES

POPSRITE POP CORN 2 Lb. Pkg. 29c
 DEL MONTE CATSUP 20 Oz. Bottle 33c
 ASSORTED JELL-O (6 Limit) 3 3 OZ. PKGS. 29c
 LIBBYS 300 BLACKEYE PEAS With Snaps 2 for 39c
 CASSEROLE BLACKEYE PEAS -DRY- Lb. Pkg. 23c

CHOICE BEEF CHUCK ROAST 83c
 Lean Pound
 BACON Gooch B.R. Pound 79c
 STEAK Choice Beef SIRLOIN Lb. 1.19
 FRESH BEEF Ground Lb. 55c
 SAUSAGE Gooch German Style Pkg. 83c
 FRESH SALT JOWLS New Year Treat Lb. 33c
 MARKET PIMIENTO CHEESE lb. 89c



KRAFTS 7 OZ. MARSHMALLOW CREAM Jar 23c
 CLEANER Mr CLEAN Gt. Bot. 53c
 CASCADE (13c OFF) GT. BOX 59c
 THRILL (20c OFF) KING SIZE 63c



WE GIVE GIFT BOND STAMPS
 DOUBLE ON WEDS.

DOLE BANANAS Golden Pound 10c
 CALIFORNIA AVOCADOS Ea. 19c
 FRESH LETTUCE Lb. 23c
 WAXED RUTABAGAS Lb. 10c
 FRESH CELLO CARROTS 2 for 29c
 FRESH CABBAGE Lb. 7c
 RUSSET SPUDS 10 Lb. Bag 59c

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 MERKEL, TEXAS
 FRESH VEGETABLES
 FREE DELIVERY MON - WED - FRI
 BEST MEATS IN TOWN