

FRANK BREAUX  
... 44 years

## Frank Breaux Retires From Lone Star Gas Co.

Frank Breaux retires after 44 years with Lone Star Gas Company. He started working for the company in Abilene in 1929 and moved to Merkel, Feb. 16, 1939 to take up his duties as Sub-District Manager for Merkel and Trent. At that time it was the Community Natural Gas Company. He replaced Arthur H. Lawson, who was transferred to Munday.

Frank and Gladys Lewis were married in Abilene, Dec. 24, 1931. They have two children, Eddie Breaux, a special agent for Trinity Universal Insurance Co. and lives in Round Rock near Austin. Mrs. Walter (Janie) Grannitt, lives in San Antonio. She is a Training Program Co-Ordinator with the First National Bank in downtown San Antonio.

The Breauxs have six grandchildren.

Frank was assistant Scout

Master with Claud Farley for nearly 10 years. He helped start Little League in Merkel. He has been a member of the local Lions Club for 34 years and is a member of the Church of Christ in Merkel.

Merkel has been home for The Breauxs so long, they never think of living any other place. They feel their customers are their friends.

Frank says "Lone Star Gas Company" has been our life for a long time and we have had a good life. Who could ask for more. He plans to do some gardening, resting and do some fishing.

Friends are invited to attend a reception given by Lone Star Gas Company and the Abilene employees which will be held in the Banquet Room at the Merkel Restaurant, February 27 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

## Merkel Little League Elects '73 Officers

The Merkel Little League met Feb. 13 at the Asteroid Restaurant. There were 12 people attending.

Officers elected were Benny Melton, president; Vernon Wade, vice president; Mrs. Finley Barnett, secretary-treasurer; David Seymore and Finley Barnett, Safety Officers; John Lozano, player agent; Jim Atkinson, T-Shirt coordinator; and Billy Lucas, umpire-in-chief.

A Women's Auxiliary organizational meeting will be held Feb. 26 at 7 p.m. at the Asteroid. This will be the first year for the Auxiliary. It will be in charge of concession stand and other fund raising drives.

The Women's Auxiliary will elect their own president, vice president and secretary-treasurer. Wives of managers and assistant managers will be the board of directors. This includes Little League and T-Shirt League wives.

All women are invited to attend and are urged to. "This is something new and we will need all the help we can get," said Benny Melton.

Last year sponsors will be

contacted in the near future to see, if they desire to sponsor a team another year. Last year sponsors for Little League were Boney Insurance, F&M National Bank, Taylor Electric Co-Op, West Texas Utilities, Carson Supermarket. T-Shirt sponsors were Wilson Food, Beta Sigma Phi, First Baptist Church and Merkel Drug.

"Little League Baseball should not be left up to a few to work. This is a parent and town project," said Benny Melton.

Little League baseball is a program of service to youth. It is geared to provide an outlet of healthful activity and a training under good leadership in the atmosphere of wholesome community participation, Melton went on to say.

Parents should accept the fact that they must shoulder responsibility and take initiative to make the local program successful.

"Little League is an adult, volunteer work project consisting of volunteer work project constructed, supervised and assisted

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## Applications Taken At Post Office

Postmaster E. T. Thompson announces that applications for substitute rural carriers are being accepted from February 22, 1973 through March 8, 1973. An examination will be given to establish a register of eligibles from which future substitute rural carrier of record vacancies in the Merkel Post Office will be filled. All interested persons who meet the requirements described in the announcement posted in the Post Office Customer Lobby are urged to apply.

All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, political affiliations, or any other non-merit factor.

Any questions in regards to the requirements should be directed to Postmaster Thompson.

## Mrs. Walla Gets Award

Mrs. Kathryn Walla, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Patterson of 409 Ash, was the McMurry recipient of The Texas State Society of the Daughters of the American Colonists scholarship. The award will be presented to Kathryn March 8 during the State Assembly Candlelight Supper to be held at the Hilton Inn.

## C-C Banquet Tickets On Sale

Tickets are on sale at the Chamber of Commerce office for the Chamber Banquet which will be held Tuesday, March 13 at the school cafeteria.

Guest speaker will be Dr. John Stevens of Abilene Christian College.

Tickets are \$2.75.

## Merkel School Students Rank High In Essay Contest

Mack Fisher, superintendent of the Merkel schools, announced results of the Conservation Essay Contests of Taylor County Schools excluding the Abilene City Schools. The winners of 1st-3rd places, parents, and teachers sponsoring the event will be honored at an awards banquet sponsored by the Taylor Electric Cooperative and the Middle Clear Fork Soil and Water Conservation District. The banquet will be at the Abilene Christian College Cafeteria, March 27, at 7:15 p.m.

Merkel students are Don Clyburn, senior, 1st place, son of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Clyburn, teacher, Mrs. Don Dudley; Kathy Cypert, junior, 1st place, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Cypert, teacher, Mrs. Bob King; Sherrie Williams, sophomore 1st place, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Williams, teacher, Mrs. Don Dudley; Marsha Clyburn, 8th grade, 1st place, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Clyburn, teacher, Judy Morris; and Suzy Rister, 7th grade, 2nd place, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Rister, teacher Carolyn McHugh.

Sam Frasier, Principal of Trent High School announced the Trent winners were Judy Kay Brnovak, senior, 3rd place, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brnovak, teacher Mrs. Wofford; Gayla Healy, junior, 2nd place, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Healy, teacher, Mrs. Garry Wofford; and Pamela Jan King, 2nd place, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dean King, teacher Mrs. Garry Wofford.

Other Taylor County students were Judy Blanks, freshman from Wylie, 1st place, teacher Mrs. Dan Trussel; Reba Knight,

7th grader from Jim Ned, teacher Mrs. Hildagard Powell; Melanie Harper, senior from Wylie, 2nd place, teacher Mrs. John Tucker; Mary Watson, sophomore from Jim Ned, 2nd place, teacher, Mrs. Aldridge; Cheryl Phillips, sophomore from Wylie, 3rd place, teacher, Mrs. D. Trussel; Randy Ford, 8th grader from Jim Ned, teacher, Mrs. H. Powell; Donald Smith, 8th grader from Butterfield, 3rd place, teacher, Mrs. Humphrey; and Susan Van Cleave, 7th grader from Butterfield, 3rd place, teacher, Mrs. Humphrey.

Superintendent Fisher stated that the students, teachers, and parents are to be commended for the interest which they took in the contest. Also, he would like to express appreciation to the Taylor Electric Cooperative for sponsoring an activity which is needed more and more year by year.

## Last Night For Square Dance Lesson

Thursday night, Feb. 22 will be the last night for anyone who would like to get into the square dance lessons being given at the Lions Club building on S. 1st St.

All ages have started the lessons and are very excited. Lessons begin at 8 p.m.

## Levis & Lace Dance Sat.

The Levis and Lace Square Dance Club will have their regular fourth Saturday night square dance Feb. 24 starting at 8 p.m. with caller Leon (Slim) Ivey calling.

The public is invited to attend.

## Teachers Go To Meeting

Five teachers of the Merkel Independent School District will be going to Richardson Saturday to an all day conference on learning disabilities. They will return Saturday night.

They are Darla Mawson, Rojean Hicks, Darlene Watson, Jo Ann Reed, and Lillie Breaune.

## Waymon Adcock Is Named Merkel Fireman of the Year

The annual Fireman's Banquet was held in the Fire Station with approximately 41 attending. The banquet was catered by the ladies of Eastern Star.

Fire Chief Waymond Adcock welcomed those attending and introduced guests, Mr. and Mrs. George Starbuck who re-

cently moved to the city.

Mrs. Robert Harris, Ladies Auxiliary Secretary-Treasurer, gave a brief talk on what the Auxiliary has done since its organization in September.

Mrs. Harris then told of the award to be given annually to a fireman who had gone beyond the call of duty. Such a man was noted in the talk. He was

described as once going to a fire in new clothes, boots and western hat. The fire had been started by a lady trying to burn a wasp nest down when she caught a bird nest on fire which in turn caught the roof of the porch on fire. This fireman arrived on the scene and quickly climbed to the top of the roof and fell through the badly burned roof. Needless to say the fireman's clothes, boots and hat were a total loss.

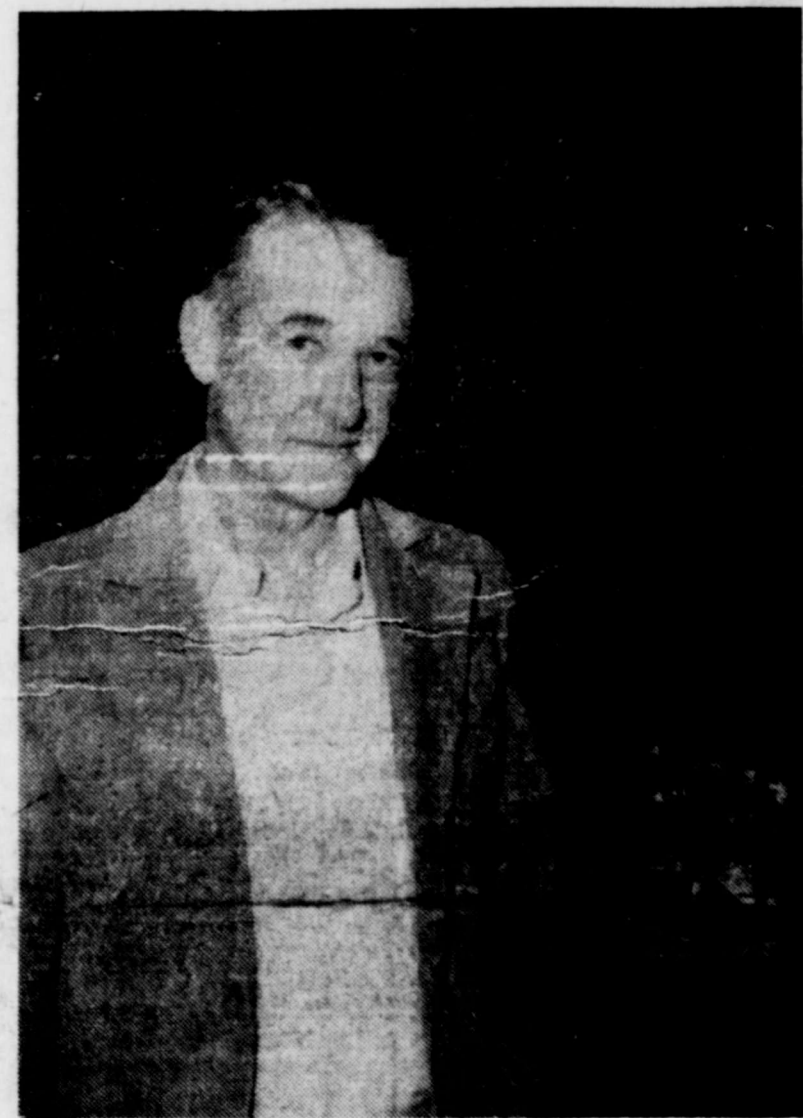
Waymon Adcock knew by this time he was the fireman of the year, and was presented a beautiful trophy with the engraving "Waymon Adcock, Fireman of the Year, 1972."

Waymon had been in the fire department before he joined the Navy. When he returned after the war, he again joined the fire department and has been active since that time. He has also worked closely with the Civil Defense. He has also worked with the Explorer Boy Scouts.

In May of 1966 there was an explosion of a truck carrying a load of fertilizer on Interstate 20. Adcock and Chester McWilliams were injured at this time, while performing their duties as firemen.

Adcock and his wife, Johanne, have three children, Wayne of 801 Ash, Merkel, Mrs. Gary Gardner of Wilson and Gary of Dallas. The Adcocks have a grandson, Preston of Wilson and have another grandchild expected in September.

The Adcocks have owned and operated Adcock Cleaners and Circle A Western House and are in the process of moving into a new store which Waymon has been working on.



WAYMON ADCOCK  
... receives honor

## Fortnightly Club Theme Is Valentine

Members of the Fortnightly Club met in the home of Mrs. Andy Shouse on February 13th. A valentine motif prevailed at the tea table and the program was on "The Fashion Scene." Mrs. David Gamble introduced each number. "Sex and Fashion" was discussed by Mrs. Carl Hughes and "Return to Elegance" was subject matter for Mrs. Comer Haynes who also had hats and costumes of another era.

Members present were Meses. Ray Wilson, Andy Shouse, Carl Hughes, Comer Haynes, David Gamble, Mack Fisher, Charles Eager, Bryan Dunigan, Don Dudley, S. C. Dixon, N.S. Daniel, Johnny Cox, and Christine Collins.

## Volunteers Are Needed At Merkel Youth Center

Volunteers are still needed at the Merkel Youth Activity Center.

There are 22 school days in March and the youth center needs volunteers to sign up for these 22 days so they will know if they can keep the center open for the entire month of March.

Volunteer workers are needed mainly from the hours of 3:30 to 6:00 each weekday. The center stays open until 7:00, but the time mentioned is the busiest.

Persons who have donated money or helped furnish games for the center recently are Mrs. Robert Reed, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby West, Mrs. Pat Warren and Christine Collins.

The following have volunteered their services to help keep the youth center open: Mrs. Grady Knight, Mrs. John Brady, Mrs. Charles Reddin, Joe Patterson, Newt Daniels, Mrs. Jack South, Mrs. Larry White, Mrs. Larry Justice, Mrs. Leon Harris and Rev. Russell McAnally.

"The Youth Activity Center

## Uncle Sam In Action

Friday morning, Uncle Sam paid a visit to Merkel High School sponsored by Taylor Electric Co-Op. Lois Dunlap made impromptu visit to individual classrooms and discussed patriotic subjects.

Mr. Dunlap won the George Washington Award from the Freedoms Foundation for his program, "Uncle Sam in Action," which is presented to schools and civic organizations. He will return to speak for the Merkel Primary and Elementary students next month.

would like to thank these people for helping," said Mrs. Leon Harris.

Let's see some more people's name in the paper next week. Keep Merkel Youth Activity Center open for the youth of Merkel.

## Masons Meet February 22

The Masonic Lodge will have a meeting Feb. 22 when the district deputy, R. H. Landrum of Abilene, will make his official visit.

There will be a Washington celebration for members and their family that night.

Two 50-year pins will be given said John Davis, W.M.

## Election News

The City and School elections will be held April 7 with deadline for filing March 7.

Terms expiring on the city council in Merkel are Derrell Farmer and Lou David Allen, councilmen. Mayor Leon Walkers term expires also. Lou David Allen has filed for Mayor. No other persons have filed as yet for the city election.

School Board members terms expiring are Danny Doan and Bobby DuBose. Both have refiled for terms on the school board. These are the only men who have filed so far.

Candidates should file with secretary of Board of Trustees at the superintendent office for terms on the school board before March 7. Roy Kimbrell, city secretary, will handle filing

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# Trent Board of Education Sets Four Make-up Days

The Trent Board of Education met Monday night at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Homemaking Department. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and current bills were paid.

In other board action, the school calendar was amended to include the following school days to make up the four days missed in January because of ice: Saturday, February 3; Saturday, February 17; Friday, April 20; and Friday, May 18.

The new income schedule for free lunches, as recommended by the Secretary of Agriculture, was adopted. Conley and Conley, CPAs of Abilene, was contracted to check the books each month to be sure that bulletin 679 regulations are being met. A new Board Policy Book, All-Level Guidance Pro-

gram, and a new dress code that was submitted by the students were adopted.

The contract of Trent Principal, Mr. Sam Frazier, was extended for the 1973-74 school year. Mr. Lonnie Hairrooks was appointed election judge for the April 7 school election. Two school board members' terms will expire this year, Yates Sipe - board president, and Ronnie Freeman, vice president. Residents of Trent ISD wishing to be on the ballot for school trustee may register by contacting Dean King, Trent Superintendent, or the County Judge's office in Abilene thirty days prior to the April 7 election. Mrs. Geneva Watts, Tax Assessor - Collector, was appointed absentee clerk.



AUSTIN, Tex. — A new kind of "drug war" seems to be shaping up in the Legislature.

Gov. Dolph Briscoe spelled out his recommendations for complete revision of drug laws and promised to "lobby hard" with all the resources at his command as governor to get the bill passed.

As introduced in the House and Senate, it called for harsh penalties against dope pushers, annual registration of those who deal in legal drugs — and lowering the penalty for first offense possession of marijuana to a misdemeanor.

Briscoe's bill would allow possession of up to eight ounces of marijuana without risking felony charge on first offense. However, the misdemeanor would be punishable by up to a year in jail and/or \$2,000 fine. The Governor also called for stepped-up education and rehabilitation programs. The bill was drawn, said Briscoe, to mesh with the 1970 federal controlled substance act to allow governments at all levels to work more effectively together.

A few days later, however, former Sen. Don Kennard of Fort Worth, who headed a Senate study committee on drug abuse, assailed the governor's proposals as "an out-and-out fraud as a reform measure."

Sen. Chet Brooks of Pasadena introduced in bill form the far-reaching provisions of Kennard's committee.

Brooks' bill would "decriminalize" marijuana possession and set moderate felony penalties for sales. It would also make simple possession of most drugs (heroin excluded) a misdemeanor and provide for commitment of users to rehabilitation facilities. On the other hand, it would call for non-paroleable life sentences of convicted "big time" heroin dealers.

The controversy continues to boil on the reduction of penalties on use of marijuana — and increasing penalties on those who sell marijuana or hard drugs.

H.B. 86 by Rep. Lindon Williams implements more stringent penalties on those who sell drugs.

It is backed by the Austin based Legal Drug Control Society, headed by E. E. Armistead. Armistead has passed petitions for over a year, and

submitted these to the Legislature.

"The Legal Drug Control Society asks that concerned citizens write their legislators to express support for H.B. 85," Armistead says. "We realize that there is no simple solution on this complex problem of drug abuse, but removing the pusher and dealer from the scene will certainly be a giant step in the right direction."

Armistead started his crusade against the drug pushers when his daughter jumped from the University of Texas tower two years ago. Her notes told about experiments with drugs.

COUNCIL MAKES SURVEY FOR LEGISLATURE — County judges and clerks and District clerks and judges have been asked for important research information to help the Texas Legislature make decisions on current legislative proposals.

Questions on marijuana, automobile accidents, probation, etc., have been posed by the Texas Civil Judicial Council — which is charged in state statutes with the duty of supplying information to the legislature affecting state courts.

"It is understandably difficult for a legislator to judge the merits of proposed legislation wisely without any estimate of its impact," said Ronald Earle, chief counsel for the Judicial Council. "The Judicial Council is seeking to provide this needed information instead of conjecture."

In seeking information regarding the number of persons currently on probation the Judicial Council will be exploring uncharged territory, Earle added. "The impact of probation on the criminal process is too important not to consider in more detail."

Current proposals on changes in the Judicial Article of the Constitution sets up machinery for an Administrator of the Court — whose office would compile statistics from the courts on a year-round basis.

COURTS SPEAK — The State Supreme Court refused an appeal by Continental Oil Company to issue an order in an energy shortage action involving the company's inability to deliver natural gas under contract with other concerns.

The high court upheld lower courts restraining Crystal City from locking what's left of the local country club and upholding a 1956 lease of city land.

Court of Criminal Appeals overruled a conviction for theft against a former Crane County hospital executive who allegedly sold a compressor unit used in treating respiratory diseases. The court decision said Crane County had never become owner of the machine, and there could have been no theft or embezzlement from the county.

OIL OUTPUT WIDE OPEN AGAIN — The Railroad Com-

mission ordered wide-open, 100 per cent market demand oil production for the 12th straight month.

In making the announcement, Commission Chairman Jim Langdon offered "some good news and some bad news." He said there were no "tremendously serious" shortages during the crucial winter months in spite of heating oil stock declines.

However, Langdon warned, the peak gasoline consuming season is just around the corner, and gasoline stocks are 19.2 million barrels below 1972 in the nation. Further, crude and products stocks in the U.S. are 70.2 million barrels off last year.

"The petroleum industry has managed to get out of the frying pan but now is in the fire," said Langdon.

The allowable responded to requests for 3,764,459 barrels of oil daily in March, a decline of 17,693 from February. Exceptions from the 100 per cent allowable are the East Texas field, 85 per cent; Kelly-Snyder, 76 per cent; and Tom O'Connor, 70 per cent. Several others fields are at 80 per cent.

AG OPINIONS — Atty. Gen. John Hill held probably unconstitutional a bill requiring cities of more than 600,000 and less than 850,000 population to improve highway bridges. Hill indicated the bill would violate local or special law prohibitions which are frequently breached by such "bracket bills."

In another opinion, Hill said appointment of an elected judge or a state legislator to be a "special ranger" would be unconstitutional. He said an elected member of the executive department of state government may be appointed a special ranger provided there is no incompatibility between the office and ranger service.

Rep. David Finney of Fort Worth called on Hill or an opinion on constitutionality of a state ethics commission.

APPOINTMENTS — Governor Briscoe appointed Waco newspaper executive Harry Provence as chairman of the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System.

Jack L. Reynolds, former Edinburg city manager, is new associate director of the State Bar of Texas.

Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby has been named to the national energy and natural resources committee of the national conference of lieutenant governors.

House Speaker Price Daniel Jr. announced appointment of Rep. Hawkins Menefee Jr. of Houston to the Texas Advisory Mental Relations.

Hobby named to the Crime and Narcotics Commission Rev. Zan W. Holmes of Dallas, Ted U. Kepple of El Paso and Carol S. Vance, Harris County district attorney. Vance was reappointed.

# ASCS Office Consolidation Halt Aim of Martin Resolution

Representative Elmer Martin introduced a resolution Thursday morning requesting the national administration to change its decision to consolidate offices of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS).

In the resolution Martin said, "that recent decision by the present administration announced that many ASCS offices be consolidated and much consolidation would create undue hardship and expense on landowners and operators."

"The ASC office," Martin said, "needs to be consulted by landowners and operators on the average of once monthly if they are to fully participate in programs." "Such consolidation would create a problem in un-

derstanding local situations as well as possibly causing some people to leave the rural areas of our nation," Martin added.

"The people who must travel to the more urban area to take care of their agricultural business might also carry their other business operations there also, a trend which is generally recognized must be reversed," he said.

"The ASCS offices have provided these people with a convenient and effective means of coordinating their agricultural programs that have government requirements."

"In this resolution we are asking the administration to reconsider the extreme hardship and confusion that a consolidation of ASCS offices will surely produce," Martin said,

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

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 following is a true copy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION  
THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Linda Marie Becker, 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 26th day of March A.D. 1973, to Plaintiff's Petition

filed in said court, on the 19th day of July A.D. 1972, in this cause, numbered 7528 on the docket of said court and styled Jimmy Don Becker, Plaintiff, vs. Linda Marie Becker, 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 make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 7th day of February A.D. 1973.

Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD  
Clerk, Domestic Relations Court, Taylor County, Texas  
By Rilla Mahoney, Deputy 51-4tc

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TO: William Henry Miller, Defendant, GREETINGS:

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filed in said court, on the 5th day of December A.D. 1972, in this cause, numbered 7696 on the docket of said court and styled In Re: Kenneth William Miller and Kim Idell Miller, Minors, Plaintiff.

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

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 make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 23rd day of January A.D. 1973.

Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD  
Clerk, Domestic Relations Court, Taylor County, Texas  
By Rilla Mahoney, Deputy 50 4tc

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TO: William Paul Leftwich, Defendant, Greeting:

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styled Carol Diane Leftwich, Plaintiff, vs. William Paul Leftwich, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows: to-wit: Petitioner and Respondent were duly and legally married on November 28, 1965, and continued to live together as husband and wife until on or about June 1, 1971, at which time they became permanently separated. There are no children born of this marriage and none are expected. Petitioner prays for an equitable division of their community property, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, 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 12th day of Feb. A.D. 1973.

(Seal)  
Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD  
Clerk, Domestic Relations Court, Taylor County, Texas  
By Myrna Laurence, Deputy 51 4tc

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# THE GORILLA GROWL

Well, basketball season is over for the "Fightin' Gorillas" for another year. It's now time for volleyball, tennis, golf and track. The students appear anxious for the weather to warm up so they can get outside and get ready for all the spring events. I have noticed in the afternoons after school, several of the boys are out on the tennis court. It is obvious they are ready for spring to arrive and too, they are being industrious in preparing for all the spring contests. With the energy and inspiration they have, they may do extremely well.

There is one person in the Trent High School who should be commended for her many hours of work she puts in the office and all the work and trouble she goes to writing articles for the Sweetwater Reporter and various other newspapers. This person is Mrs. Dean King. She is most industrious in all her work and I think she should be appreciated by all the students and faculty of the school and all the citizens of the community. Thank you, Mrs. King for all your thoughts and hard tedious work!

Mr. Allen O. Cox, a Scout

Master from Tye has started a new Boy Scout program here in the Trent School. This is an "in school" scouting program and it is the first of its kind to be tried in this area. There are 22 boys in this new program and will possibly be more. There are two patrols of scouts and their names are the Roadrunners and the Wildacts. This program was established during the Christmas and New Year's holidays. Boys from the sixth grade up are involved in the program.

On February 24-25, the scouts, along with Mr. Cox, are planning a camporee in Scarborough Park in Abilene.

The High School "All Sports Banquet" has been postponed until a later date. The banquet was postponed on account of the 1964 State Champion girls basketball team is scheduled to be at the 1973 State Tournament. These girls are going to be honored because of their winning state. It has been ten years since they won and every state champion team is honored after ten years. A new date for the banquet will be announced sometime in the near future. The original date was Feb. 24, 1973.



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## WTU to Sponsor Student, Teacher At Austin Meet

An outstanding Merkel High School student will attend the 13th Texas Nuclear Science Symposium for High Schools to be held in Austin June 4-7, Bill Button, local manager of West Texas Utilities Company announced.

Held on the campus of the University of Texas at Austin, the four-day symposium is co-sponsored by the university and the Texas Atomic Energy Research Foundation. The foundation is supporting research at the university in seeking a future source of energy supply for generation of electric power by controlling nuclear fusion reactions. West Texas Utilities Company and nine other investor-owned electric utility companies in Texas make up the foundation.

A number of outstanding authorities in the field of science, education and industry will address the symposium delegates. Science laboratories at the university will be open to the students for conducted tours.

The company will also sponsor a teacher to accompany the student. The student and teacher chosen for the symposium will be selected by the high school.

Some 550 students and teachers from throughout Texas will attend.

"This is a real honor and an unusual opportunity for those attending to participate in a most educational, interesting and enjoyable experience," Button said. "We are pleased that we can, with the cooperation of the high school, make it available to each of them."

## M. Holloway Rites Friday

Funeral Services for Marvin Holloway of Cedar Hill will be at 10 a.m. Friday in the Merkel Church of Christ. The body will lie in state at Elliott's Funeral Home in Abilene.

## Brush Stoppers To Have Supper

There will be a pot luck supper March 3rd at the Taylor Electric Co-Op building at 7:00 p.m.

There will be two new directors selected. Everyone is invited to attend.

President is Jerry Russell.

## Girl Scout

### Brownie News

By LOYCE BAKER

Twelve second year Brownies met last Tuesday, February 13 at the Scout Hut with their troop leader, Mrs. Don Glasscock.

Judy Glasscock served refreshments to the following: Rene Aiken, Kristi Alves, Debbie Williams, Oleta Walters, Loyce Baker, Stacy Seymore, Janice Jacobs, Maria Moreno, Roberta Duran, Susan Allgair, and Deneen Patton.

### Junior Scouts

By JAN MELTON  
Sheila Adair and Sheri Wil-

### Election

for the city terms which have expired.

Absentee voting will begin 19 with April 3 being the last day. All absentee voting will be held at City Hall between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Trent School Board terms expiring are Yates Sipes and Ronnie Freeman. No one has filed for these terms yet.

City Councilmen terms expiring at Trent are J. M. Heatly and Jerry Patterson. There has been no one to file for councilmen at this time.

Persons wishing to file for school board terms should file with Dean King Supt at the high school and city councilman terms should be filed with Mrs. Ronnie Freeman, City Secretary.

### Legal Notice

**NOTICE OF CITY OFFICERS' ELECTION**  
The City of Merkel

Notice is hereby given that a City Officers' Election will be held on the 7th day of April, 1973 in the above named city for the purpose of electing the following officers for said city: Mayor and two Aldermen. Said election will be held at the following polling place in said city: In Election Precinct No. 24, at High School Gym Building.

The polls at each of the above designated polling places shall on said election day be open from 7:00 o'clock a.m. to 7:00 o'clock p.m.

The absentee voting for the above designated election shall be held at City Hall Building, in said city, and said place of absentee voting shall remain open for at least 8 hours on each day of absentee voting which is not a Saturday, Sunday or an official State Holiday, beginning on the 20th day and continuing through the 4th day preceding the date of said election. Said place of voting shall remain open between the hours of 8:00 o'clock a.m. and 5:00 o'clock p.m.

Dated this 5th day of February, 1973.

Leon Walker  
Mayor  
52-2tc

## Anita Jo Reed Named BC Homemaker At Trent



ANITA JO REED  
... homemaker

Trent High School's 1973 Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow is Anita Jo Reed, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Reed. Selected by score in a written knowledge and attitude examination taken by both senior boys and girls on December 5, Miss Reed will receive a specially designed award from General Mills, sponsor of the annual Betty Crocker Search for American Homemakers of Tomorrow. In addition, Anita Jo remains eligible for state and national honors.

Anita Jo Reed is a Senior at Trent High School and is 17 years old. She was born in Littlefield, Texas. She received Honorable Mention from the National Merit Scholarship; is secretary of Senior class; played basketball Senior year; and is a typist on the annual staff. She plans to attend the University of Texas Austin next fall.

The State Homemaker of Tomorrow, to be chosen from all school winners in the state in judging centering on perform-

ance in the Dec. 5 test, will receive a \$1,500 college scholarship. A 20-volume reference work, "The Annals of America," will also be presented to the state winner's school by Encyclopaedia Britannica Educational Corporation. The second-ranking student in the state will receive a \$500 scholarship.

In late April, the 51 Betty Crocker Homemakers of Tomorrow representing every state and the District of Columbia—each accompanied by a faculty advisor—will gather in Washington, D.C., for an expense-paid tour of the capital city and Colonial Williamsburg, Va. Culminating the tour will be announcement of the 1973 Betty Crocker All-American Homemaker of Tomorrow and three runners-up. To be selected through personal observation and interviews during the tour plus state-level judging results, they will be awarded increases in their scholarships to \$5,000, \$4,000, \$3,000 and \$2,000.

Instituted in last year's Betty Crocker Search, a \$1,000 Nutrition Scholarship is included in the program again this year. Recipient of this grant will be the participating student who is planning a college major in nutrition or a related field, ranks among the highest in his or her state on the overall examination and, from those meeting these two criteria, achieves the top score on the test's nutrition questions.

A total of 665,600 seniors were enrolled in this year's Search, the first in which boys were eligible to participate. Since the program began in the 1954-55 school year, approximately nine million students have taken part and, with this year's grants, scholarship awards will exceed \$2 million.

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Father's Signature ..... Mother's Signature .....  
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DEBORAH CORDER  
... to wed March 24th

### Corder-Clark Engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis D. Corder have announced the engagement of their daughter, Deborah, to James Martin Clark, son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin L. Clark of Dallas.

The bride elect, a graduate of Merkel High School and Abilene Christian College, is employed by the Lubbock Public Schools.

Clark is a graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School in Dallas and is a senior at Texas Tech University where he is majoring in mechanical engineering technology. He is employed by Therm-Mech Sales of Lubbock.

Wedding will be March 24th in the Church of Christ in Merkel.

### Rites Held For Andrew Baker

Andrew A. Baker, 74, lifetime Merkel resident, died at 1:20 a.m. Wednesday Feb. 14 after an illness of three weeks in Hendrick Memorial Hospital. Funeral was held Friday in the

Grace Presbyterian Church at Merkel.

Officiating was Rev. Don Gordon, pastor, with burial following in Rose Hill Cemetery in Merkel under direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

He was born March 27, 1898, in Merkel, and married Letha Brookreson Oct. 9, 1927, at Buffalo Gap. A stock farmer, he was a member and elder of the Grace Presbyterian Church.

Survivors are his wife; two sons, Douglas of Chicago, Ill., and Hugh of Merkel; a daughter, Mrs. Tommie Cutler of Merkel; a brother, Lee of Lowell, Ark.; and five grandchildren.

### MULBERRY CANYON 4-H

By TARESA ENGLISH  
Kay Manning, Taylor County Extension Agent, presented a program on project Record Books at the February meeting of the Mulberry Canyon 4-H Club. She explained the various projects that could be used for records and distributed information and instructions for the preparation of books.

President, Johnny Gray, presided at the meeting. Lesa Swinney led the 4-H Club Motto and Pledge and Cindy Whisenhunt led the American Pledge. Two new members, Patricia Boyd and Bill Holtzapfle, were introduced to club members.

Other members present include Mark and Teresa Clemmer, Taresa English, Beverly Gilmore, Lisa Hughes, Ann Marie, Jess and Dale Rankin, Eart Whisenhunt, Mike Brown, Tommy Swinney and Lloyd Williams, Jr.

### Senior Class To Sponsor Tournament

The Senior Class of Merkel High School is sponsoring a volleyball tournament March 5, 6, and 8th. There will be a girls' bracket and boys' bracket. The cost will be 50 cents per person on each team. Teams and money must be turned in to Tommy Law, Danny Higgins, Sharla Dean, or Patsy Button by noon of Friday, March 2nd.



DAVID DICKERSON  
... completes basic

### World War I Veterans Had Box Supper

The Merkel-Trent Barrack of World War I veterans Auxiliary met Feb. 13 at Taylor Electric Co-Op building for a box supper. Box suppers were auctioned to the highest bidder.

Proceeds were donated to the March of Dimes.

Guest were Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Jones of Merkel and Mr. and Mrs. Reed of Dudley. Rev. Jones spoke on Patriotism and honoring all veterans.

### Garden Club Has Luncheon

A luncheon meeting of members of the Merkel Garden Club was held in the home of Mrs. Albert Criswell Thursday February 15th. The regular program followed on "History of Arbor Day," a report on Arbor Day Observation was an open discussion. "This Month in the Garden" was given by Christine Collins.

Those present were Mrs. Tom Allday, a new member and Mmes. W. L. Brown, Oda Clark, Johnny Cox, Albert Criswell, Lottie Everett, Mack Fisher, Lucy Ford, S. D. Gamble, Odis Griffin, Ora C. Griggs, Dee Grimes, Allen King, H. N. Odum, W. T. Sadler, Herbert Patterson, John Shannon, Charlie Sherill, Aaron Sudderth, Jarrett Williams and Christine Collins.

### School Menu

**MONDAY**  
Salmon Croquettes with cat sup, macaroni and cheese, black eye peas, corn muffins, butter, milk, peach half with cherry.

**TUESDAY**  
Chili Beans and onions, oven baked potatoes, celery, carrot curls, radishes, hot rolls, butter milk, peanut butter coconuts squares.

**WEDNESDAY**  
Oven fried chicken, cream gravy, English peas, buttered rice, hot rolls, butter, fruit jello, milk

**THURSDAY**  
Beef Cheese pizza, pinto beans, vegetable salad, whole wheat bread, butter, milk, apple cheese crisp.

**FRIDAY**  
Hamburgers, oven french fries, pickles, tomatoes, lettuce, catsup, milk, vanilla banana pudding.

### Trent Man Finishes Basic

Airman David Dickerson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Odell Dickerson of Trent has just finished basic training at Lackland Air Force Base at San Antonio.

He was visiting at in Trent over the weekend. He is a 1972 graduate of Trent.

He will be stationed at Chanute, Illinois for 32 weeks schooling in basic electronics, navigation and bombing.



Stith News

By MRS. FRITZ HALE

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Hobbs of Grand Prairie spent the weekend with Mrs. John Hobbs and the Benny Hobbs family.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Perry and Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McDonald made a business trip Tuesday to Lubbock and Plainview.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry visited Mrs. Hubert Craig at Hendrick Memorial Hospital Sunday. Mr. Perry attended graveside rites at Tye Cemetery Saturday for Stephen Mike Wood, six-week-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Wood of Lubbock.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wood of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Weir Joiner of Tye.

David Glover and son of San Marcos and Sam Burns of Abilene visited Mr. and Mrs. Jim Burns and Mamie Hardin Sunday.

Those attending the John Deere dinner at Underwoods in Abilene Tuesday night were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Perry, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. Orval Ely and the Curtis Clyburn family.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Shaw of Gainsville and M. J. Shaw of Abilene spent several days with Mrs. Mattie Shaw last week.

Mrs. Roy Mashburn had supper with her mother, Mrs. Shaw Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Clyburn attended the supper for the No. 2 Adult Sunday School Class at the Merkel First Baptist Church Thursday night.

### BADGER TRACKS

The FHA mother - daughter banquet will be Thursday, February 22. This years new members will be recognized. The new members will also present the program which will honor the mothers. Mrs. Mary Caton and Mrs. Johnnie Beasley are sponsors of the Home Economics and Home and Family Living classes.

### Stith HD Met Feb. 14

Mrs. Paul Bradley was hostess when the Stith Home Demonstration Club met Wednesday Feb. 14.

Mrs. O. R. Dickerson, the club president, called the meeting to order. Mrs. Bradley gave the devotion with Mrs. Fletcher leading in prayer. Mrs. Ray Perry led the group in singing America, and also directed games.

Roll call was answered with "When was the last time I cleaned my closet." Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved as corrected. The program on "Closet Cutler, And What To Do About It," was given by members.

There was a display of hand made articles, and was enjoyed by all.

The club discussed ways of raising money.

The hostess gift went to Mrs. Lela Mitchell.

Refreshments were served to eight members.

The next meeting of the Stith Home Demonstration Club will be Feb. 28 with Mrs. Ray Perry as hostess.

Reporter is Louise Hudson.

### Missionette News

By SUSAN WHEELER  
Last Friday there were fourteen in attendance at Missionettes.

We had a wiener roast in Mrs. Wheelers back yard. We made and fixed our own wieners and had a good time.

Members attending were Susie Davis, Susan Allgaier, Benny Allgaier, Pam Wheeler, Judy Glasscock, Janet Wade, Ray Walters, Oleta Walters, Betty Lindsey, William Martin, Billie Walters, Marie Wheeler, Judy Glasscock, Janet Wade and Mrs. Thomas.

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lar deposit. Don't you be the one to hold the class up. Drama students will begin working this week on the contest play which will be presented April 3. The play which has been chosen for contest is 'Androcles and the Lion,' by George Bernard Shaw. MHS is planning this years Spring Production which will be presented sometime in May. So far, the play has not been selected. MHS track team (boys) is taking their first trip to a track meet for this season. This one will be at Rotan Saturday beginning at 9:00 a.m. See ya there!

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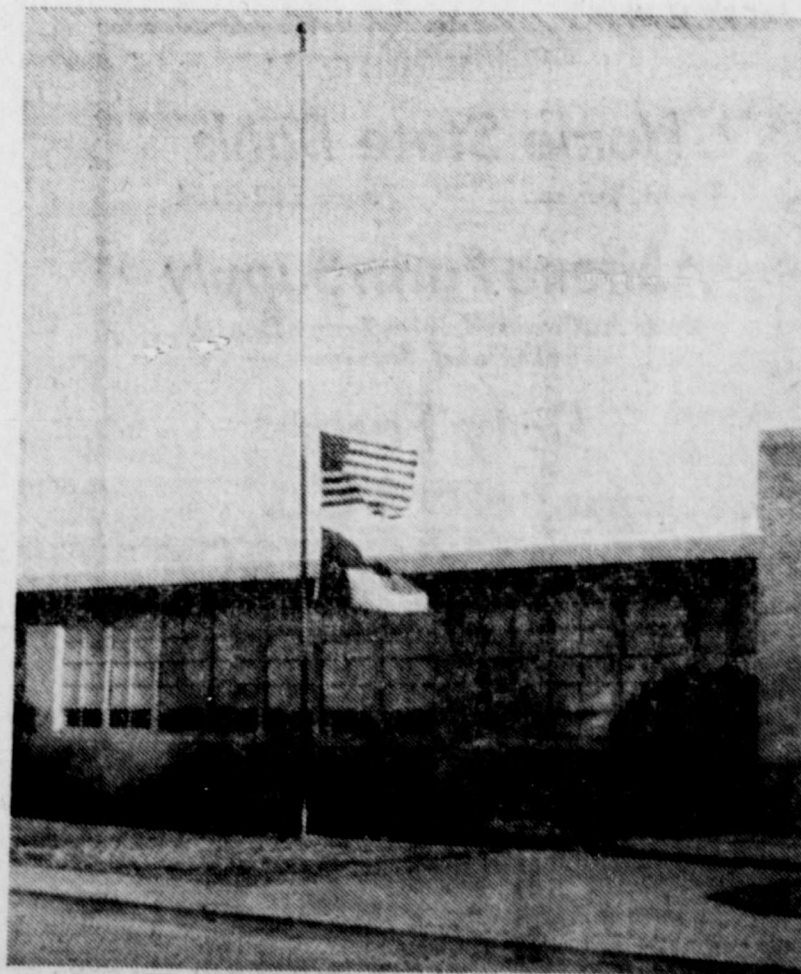
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HOW HIGH IS HALF? — Merkel and the nation are yet expressing sorrow at the death of Harry Truman and Lyndon Johnson. The flag is flown at half-staff to indicate mourning. Fourth graders Dorio Pena and Randy Martin find it difficult to situate the Primary School flag at exactly half-staff.



## Future Farmers of America Week Is February 17-24

By DANNY SENA  
Area II State  
State Vice-President

Opportunity is the key word in this year's National FFA Theme: FFA Unites Youth With Opportunity. Today's FFA has endless amounts of opportunities for the FFA member who is both an individual and a leader. Many times we have seen how the FFA unites youth with its opportunities. We, the ten members of the State officer team, know that the 1973 theme is a reality in our State. FFA has united us in the opportunities to serve you on a chapter, district, area, and statewide basis. Even though we are scattered throughout the State as individuals, we come together to share our ideas to form a stronger, more unified chapter. We challenge you to take the initiative to accomplish your goals and ideas which will greatly help and inform your community, your friends, your family, and yourself.

In order to accomplish your goals we must take action. You can talk all you want about leadership, citizenship, and devotion, but it will not get you anywhere until you actually perform and take an active part. In order to take an active part you must have a plan or a framework on which to build. The FFA has a framework of recognizing those who work and helping them find opportunities which will lead to success. Even our body has a framework which enables our body to function properly. From observing our skeleton, we can see that there are certain bones which help us to be better leaders and FFA members. One bone which we should not use is our tailbone. We have to stop sitting down. We must get up and be the ones who make things happen and not the ones who sit back and watch things happen. We exhibit ourselves best as individuals when we are standing...not sitting... Then another bone comes into view this is our backbone. We must use our backbone which is vital to our framework. The backbone is sometimes referred to as the meat of a subject. The meat of the FFA is its youth which are united in all their functions, and opportunities. The proper use of our backbone will help us to stand tall, brave, and firm. In fact, we better exhibit ourselves as leaders and individuals when we are standing up. We are also in a better position to lead, walk, and explore. If we walk together, united as individual leaders, we will find these opportunities include judging contests and public speaking contests. There is Working Experience Abroad. This involves FFA youth who have agricultural experience and are willing to get off their tailbone and use their backbone when working and learning in foreign countries. We also have programs for chapters such as the Safety Program and Building Our American Communities Program. Each of these involve leaders and chapters who want to help each other. Of course, there are awards which can help you like our Proficiency Awards, Foundation Awards, and our scholarships. All these are for those members who want to be tops in their field of learning. This is just to mention a few of the opportunities which unite FFA youth in the National FFA Week. Find out more details on these and other opportunities if you use your State officer team, chapter officers, and chapter advisors. When I was a Greenhand in El Paso, I felt that I could never find or achieve any opportunities because I failed a few times in some FFA activities. I soon learned that I had to get up time after time, after time. Each time I got up, I learned that we must laugh at our mistakes but also learn from them. This way I learned of another useful and helpful bone called a "Funnybone." Any successful individual will tell you that you will fall down even though you use your backbone and stand straight. A leader always has a good sense of humor and will laugh at his mistakes. Also, a leader will take this opportunity to learn from his mistakes.

We, the members of the State officer team look at this week and its theme, realizing our responsibilities to serve and help you. We are disbursed throughout the State. Jack and Brian realize that even in the Panhandle of Texas, there are questions to be answered. Even though Gerald and Kelly are different in their lives, they still have the same interest, that interest is to serve you. In East Texas, Ronald and Frederick know that they want to work for you. In South Texas near Houston and San Antonio, we find Dennis, Pete, and Dan. These three will help you find the opportunity which will help you succeed in your FFA career. In West Texas and El Paso, I will help and answer your questions with honesty and sincerity just as the other nine officers intend to do this year. We plan to do this when we see you during the National FFA Week, during your meetings, and contests, and especially during July at the State Convention at Fort Worth; FFA does unite its youth with many opportunities for an individual and his chapter. You elected the State officer team last summer into their offices, therefore, you gave us the opportunity to not only unite our members but also to serve them.

### Johnsongrass Cure Looks Good in Tests

COLLEGE STATION — A chemical called glyphosate has shown much promise in tests for the control of Johnsongrass, one of the stubbornest field pests in Texas agriculture.

Glyphosate, said F. H. Fell of shown much promise in tests for the control of Johnsongrass, one chemical called glyphosate has the Texas A&M University Soil and Crop Sciences Department, showed up best of six materials tried for controlling the grass in fields just after harvest of such crops as grain sorghum and cotton. The other chemicals were terbacil, asulox, dalapon, and DSMA plus MH.

Fell emphasized that glyphosate is aimed at fallow fields. It is not intended for Johnsongrass control while the cash crop is still growing.

He also emphasized that glyphosate is strictly experimental so far. It has not been cleared by the Environmental Protection Agency and so is not for sale.

Glyphosate starred in the tests because it killed both the tops and roots (rhizomes) of Johnsongrass. The other herbicides either would kill one but not both, or were erratic or too slow. Glyphosate's major shortcoming was lack of effect on grass seed.

Terbacil, Fell said, was found to leave a residue in the soil that might harm a following cash crop. However, the chemical could be a good one for fence rows and roadsides.

All the materials were applied in water at the rate of 15 gallons per acre with a tractor sprayer equipped with a 10-foot rear-mounted boom.

Fell's co-workers in the tests were C. W. Helms and M. G. McNeil, also with the A&M Soil and Crop Sciences Department. Merkle also conducts weed research for the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

### Pest Resistance Object of Research

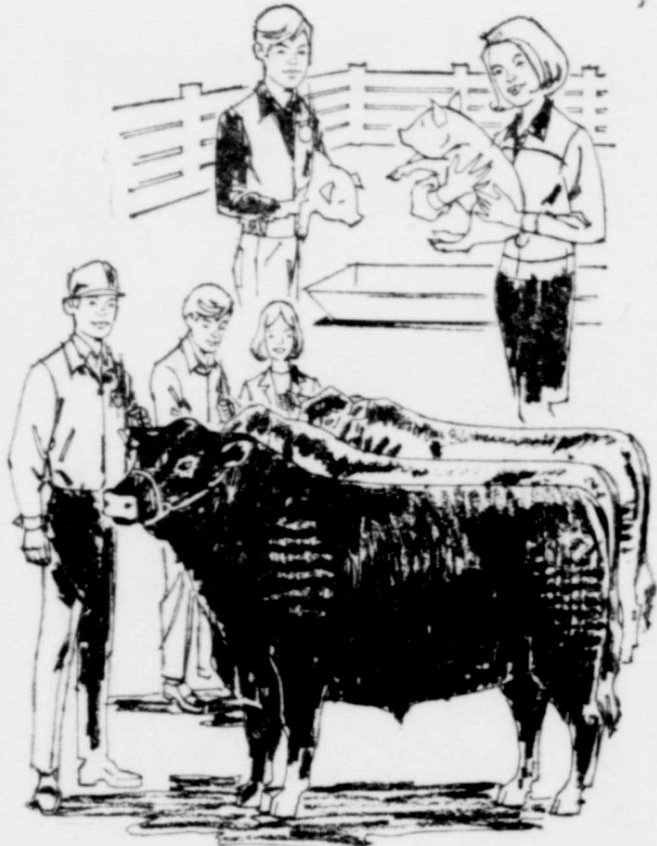
AUSTIN, Texas (spl.) — Understanding the interplay between the environment and genetic changes is the focus of research on population genetics at The University of Texas.

The research is concerned with providing insights into problems caused by man-made or natural changes in the environment — for example, pests developing resistance to insecticides while non-target organisms experience adverse effects.

The UT geneticists hope their research will make it possible in the future to prevent or aid a species at will in adapting to environmental change.

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## Texas Gaining Foothold On Cattle Feeding Title

COLLEGE STATION — "Texas cattle feeders are continuing to gain a tighter foothold on the title of the Number 1 cattle feeding state in the nation," points out Dr. Edward Uvacek, livestock marketing specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

On Jan. 1, the number of cattle on feed in Texas was up 16 per cent over Jan. 1 of last year. The new record high of 2.2 million head was also 16 per cent of all the cattle on feed in the nation.

### Vet Questions And Answers

EDITOR'S NOTE: Veterans and their families are asking thousands of questions concerning the benefits their Government provides for them through the Veterans Administration. Below are some representative queries. Additional information may be obtained at any VA office.

Q—How much of the money VA spends goes to Vietnam Era veterans?

A—About one-fourth of the VA budget, currently \$12.4 billion, goes to direct payments such as compensation and G.I. Bill and for medical care for Vietnam veterans, who now make up about one fifth of the living veteran population.

Q—How many Vietnam veterans is VA hiring? How many have been hired "on the spot" by VA without having to process through the usual time-consuming procedures?

A—More than half the men hired by VA for full-time paying jobs in recent months have been Vietnam Era veterans. More than 12,000 Vietnam Era veterans have been hired "on the spot" by VA under Veterans Readjustment Appointment since these were begun in April 1970.

Nationwide, marketings totaling some 7 million head are expected during the Janua March quarter with 18 per cent coming from Texas feedlots. "This further illustrates the increasing importance of Texas as a cattle feeding state," points out Uvacek.

Texas marketings during the first quarter of 1973 are expected to be up 33 per cent compared to the same period last year.

Total fed cattle marketings in Texas during 1972 reached the 4.3 million mark compared to 2.7 million head in 1971.

As far as the 23 major cattle feeding states are concerned, there were 13.9 million head — 9 per cent more than a year ago — on feed as of Jan. 1, notes the specialist. Expected marketings in the first quarter of 1973 are projected to be up 7 per cent for the 23-state area.

Cattle and calves placed on feed last October, November and December in Texas were up 12 per cent over that period a year ago.

"The Panhandle of Texas continues to be the prime cattle feeding area, boasting two-thirds of all the cattle on feed in the state," adds Uvacek.

### Going-Away Party Planned

All friends of Mr. and Mrs. D. I. Davis are invited to a going-away party in their honor.

A pot-luck supper and games of 42 have been planned for Saturday night, February 24 at 7 p.m. at the Mulberry Canyon Community Center.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis have been residents of Mulberry Canyon for 18 years while living on the Edgar Davis Ranch. They will be moving to Concho County where they have farming operations.

### Averaging May Save \$

COLLEGE STATION — Crop and livestock prices were generally good last year, so farm and ranch income and income by agribusiness firms was higher. The possible result — a higher income tax bracket.

But don't despair at the thought of that extra income going to Uncle Sam. "If you had a few lean years prior to 1972, a technique called 'income averaging' may save the day," points out Dr. Wayne Hayenga, economist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

What it boils down to is this. Income averaging may be used to reduce taxes in situations where taxable income changes measurably from year to year. To use this technique in filing the 1972 income tax return, your taxable income must have been at least \$3,000 more than your yearly average income from 1968 to 1971 — the four years preceding 1972.

Hayenga notes that, in addition to ordinary income, capital gains on the sale of livestock and other assets may also be included in income averaging for 1972.

To use the income averaging method, obtain Schedule G and complete it along with Form 1040. It is not necessary to file amended returns for the four preceding years. However, you must have the tax returns from these years available to record the taxable income you reported.

"Income averaging is easy but it is a tax-saving technique often overlooked," points out Hayenga. "It's not unusual for products to save as much as \$500 in taxes by using this method. Of course, the saving depends on how much difference — beyond the \$3,000 — there is in this year's taxable income and the average of the four preceding years."

If an accountant or tax expert prepares your 1972 income tax return, be sure to ask him about income averaging, if your income was significantly higher in 1972, advises the economist.

### 4-H Contest Set Again

COLLEGE STATION — Interest among Texas 4-H youth in the pasture demonstration contest was so great last year that the contest is being continued in 1973, reports Dr. Neal Pratt, agronomist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University.

The contest is open to all 4-H boys and girls and involves a method demonstration on any subject dealing with introduced grasses. Some of last year's topics included "Pasture Fertilization," "Pasture Development," "Weed Control," "New Grasses" and "Hay Production."

District winners will compete for state honors at the Texas 4-H Roundup, June 5-6, at Texas A&M, notes Pratt.

Winning teams are invited to present their demonstrations at various events, such as the annual meeting of the Texas Plant Food Institute which sponsors the contest.

The Dallas County winning team composed of Angel Biasatti and Shelley Kippenbrock presented their demonstration at the TFFJ meeting Feb. 8 in Fort Worth. Their demonstration lists important factors for planning a pasture improvement program. The team placed second at the 1972 4-H Roundup.

The 4-H pasture demonstration contest can be a worthwhile learning experience for all 4-H members, adds Pratt. County Extension agents can provide additional details of the contest.

### 457 Enrolled In Premed Studies

AUSTIN, Texas (Spl.) — The University of Texas currently has 457 premedical students enrolled — 396 men and 61 women.

Prof. Donald Larson, who directs the office of education for health professions, says more than 500 freshmen enter UT Austin each year with a career in medicine as their goal. Only half that number complete the program and apply to medical school. Of those who do apply, only half are accepted.

### Accent On Health

If you're the gambling type, consider this...

On second thought, you don't have to be a gambler to mull it over.

Accept this as a fact: If you're an American, chances are greater than 50 per cent that you will die of a circulatory disease, a disease of the heart or blood vessels.

These are statistics to back this up. Diseases of the heart and blood vessels kill more Americans and more Texans each year than accidents and other diseases combined, say state health officials.

Heading the 10 leading killers in Texas in 1970 and 1971 was heart disease, almost doubling the second biggest killer — cancer. Cerebrovascular disease was third and arteriosclerosis ninth, according to the State Health Department's Bureau of Vital Statistics.

The cardiovascular disease (diseases of the heart and circulation) afflict more than 27 million children and adults and kill more than one million Americans annually.

Some diseases primarily affect the blood vessels, others only the heart itself. Among the major diseases are those which cause the blood vessels to corrode and deteriorate, with resultant damage to the heart, brain, kidneys or other parts of the body.

The major ailments which injure the cardiovascular system are atherosclerosis, hypertension, and rheumatic heart disease. They may produce congestive heart failure, heart attack and stroke. Also of major concern are congenital affects of the heart and great vessels which are discovered primarily in infants and children.

Great advances are being made in the treatment of those with cardiovascular problems, yet the deaths continue.

Circulatory diseases, with autopsy studies showing increased disease of the coronary arteries in young men, is holding down the life expectancy of men in the United States. Autopsy studies in all age groups of the adult male have shown that fatty deposits are more frequent

and severe now than 25 years ago.

Although heart attacks are less common in men under 30 years of age, they become more of a hazard as a man grows older — reaching a peak for those between 50 and 60.

The artery-clogging process begins early in life, but isn't until it suddenly blocks the supply of blood to an area of the heart muscle that a heart attack occurs. Such an occlusion can occur at any time in a diseased artery.

Statistics show that men have more heart attacks than women in the same age group — up to 13 times more in the 30 to 45-year age group — but only twice as many in the age span between 45 and 62. After 65 the rate is about the same between Caucasian men and women.

The heart disease picture is a grim one, but there are a number of practical things which can be done to thwart heart attacks, prevent heart disease and prevent strokes.

Primarily, these preventive measures are related to physical activity, proper diet and proper living habits.

Unfortunately for those in the dangerous years, some of the arterial damage from built-up and hardened fatty deposits can't be reversed. But, through exercise, diet and the change in life style — such as quitting smoking — your chances of having a heart attack can be improved a bit.

### Brnovak Student Teaching

Gaylon Brnovak, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brnovak of Trent, is doing his practice teaching this semester at Lincoln Junior High School in San Angelo Public Schools.

Gaylon has been on the dean's list and maintained above a 3.35 average the past 2 semesters at Angelo State at San Angelo.

He will be graduating in May with a major in Biology and minor in Chemistry.

Gaylon is a 1969 graduate of Trent High School. He is married to the former Donna Dilz of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Brnovak reside in Concho Village Apts. in San Angelo.

### Artist's Work Hangs In Lt. Governors Office

AUSTIN — The work of an Abilene artist is now hanging in the office of Lieutenant Governor Bill Hobby.

The landscape oil painting was loaned to the lieutenant governor by Robert Dennis, who, when he isn't painting, is assistant cashier at the Citizens National Bank of Abilene.

Dennis met Hobby last year at a campaign coffee in Abilene.

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## FARMCAST

By JOHN C. WHITE  
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Texas sheep numbers continue to decline. A nine per cent drop in numbers of sheep and lambs is reported compared to last year. Sheep and lambs totaled 3,214,000 head. Stock sheep are eight per cent below the previous year. Sheep on feed at 339,000 head were 15 per cent below last year.

The number of sheep farms also declined 500 from last year to now total 14,000.

Nationwide, the downward trend in sheep production continues. The Jan. 1 inventory of all sheep and lambs at 17,726,000 head declined five per cent during 1972.

STOCKS of wheat, rye and oats in Texas are above a year earlier while stocks of sorghum, corn, barley and soybeans are below last year's levels.

Wheat stocks in the state are estimated at 87,000,000 bushels, compared with 6,000,000 bushels in 1972.

Grain sorghum stocks at 233,000,000 bushels are down 43,000,000 bushels from a year ago.

Corn stocks at 25,800,000 bushels compares with 28,900,000 bushels a year ago.

Nationwide, stocks of the four feed grains—corn, oats, barley, and grain sorghum — are three per cent less than totals of last year.

DECEMBER red meat production in Texas is down nine per cent from the previous month but still 21 per cent above the December, 1971 figure. Cat-

tle slaughtered during December totaled 260,000 head, or 47,000 head more than December, 1971.

Hog slaughter during December numbered 162,000, which is 14,000 below last month and 32,000 head less than December, 1971.

Sheep and lambs killed during December numbered 97,000 head which is 9,000 less than last month but 23,000 more than last year.

ONLY three commodities were above effective parity as of January 15, the Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service notes.

Oats, calves and sheep are above parity. Oat prices in Texas averaged \$1.05 per bushel; effective parity is \$1.02 per bushel. Calf prices at \$52.10 per hundredweight compared with the parity ratio of \$48.12. Sheep prices at \$13.50 per hundredweight are up \$2.30 over parity of \$11.20.

Cotton continues to be in the doldrums at 20 per cent per pound average with effective parity at 58.62 cents per pound. Eggs have shown some increase averaging 52 cents per dozen; parity is 56.8 cents per dozen.

SOME improvement in weather conditions have helped to speed up final 1972 harvest operations. Cotton harvest for the state is now more than 90 per cent complete.

Wheat continues to cover from recent freezing weather. Oats are also recovering from the cold weather.

### Feb. Is GS Friendship Month

February is International Friendship Month for Girl Scouts. In February, all Girl Scouts think of their sister Scouts (Girl Guides) around the world. February is attuned to international friendship and concern for neighbors in other countries.

West Texas is home for many girls and leaders who were born in Australia, Austria, England, Germany, Haiti, Labrador; and many who were in T.O.F.S. (Troops on Foreign Soil) in Argentina, Germany, Japan, the Philippines, Turkey, and other countries.

Scouts profit from these associations with the blending of EAST and WEST as notes are compared, and other cultures and customs are explored.

All over the world, Girl Scouts celebrate February 22nd as THINKING DAY. Girls link thoughts around the earth that all people shall be friends.

Thinking Day traditionally starts in New Zealand where the dawn of the new day first touches land. Guides rise before daylight and go to the top of a mountain. As dawn appears they start the chain of thoughts that circle the globe with the sun of Thinking Day.

Scouts celebrate February 22nd in this manner because it is the birthday of both Lord and Lady Baden-Powell. Lord Baden-Powell founded Boy Scouting in 1908 and his wife, Lady Olave, is today known as the World Chief Guide of Girl Scouting.

On her eighty-fourth birthday, Lady Olave earnestly requests that the Girl Scouts of America, rather than send her a birthday card, give the money to the Juliette Low World Friendship Fund to help promote Scouting throughout the world.

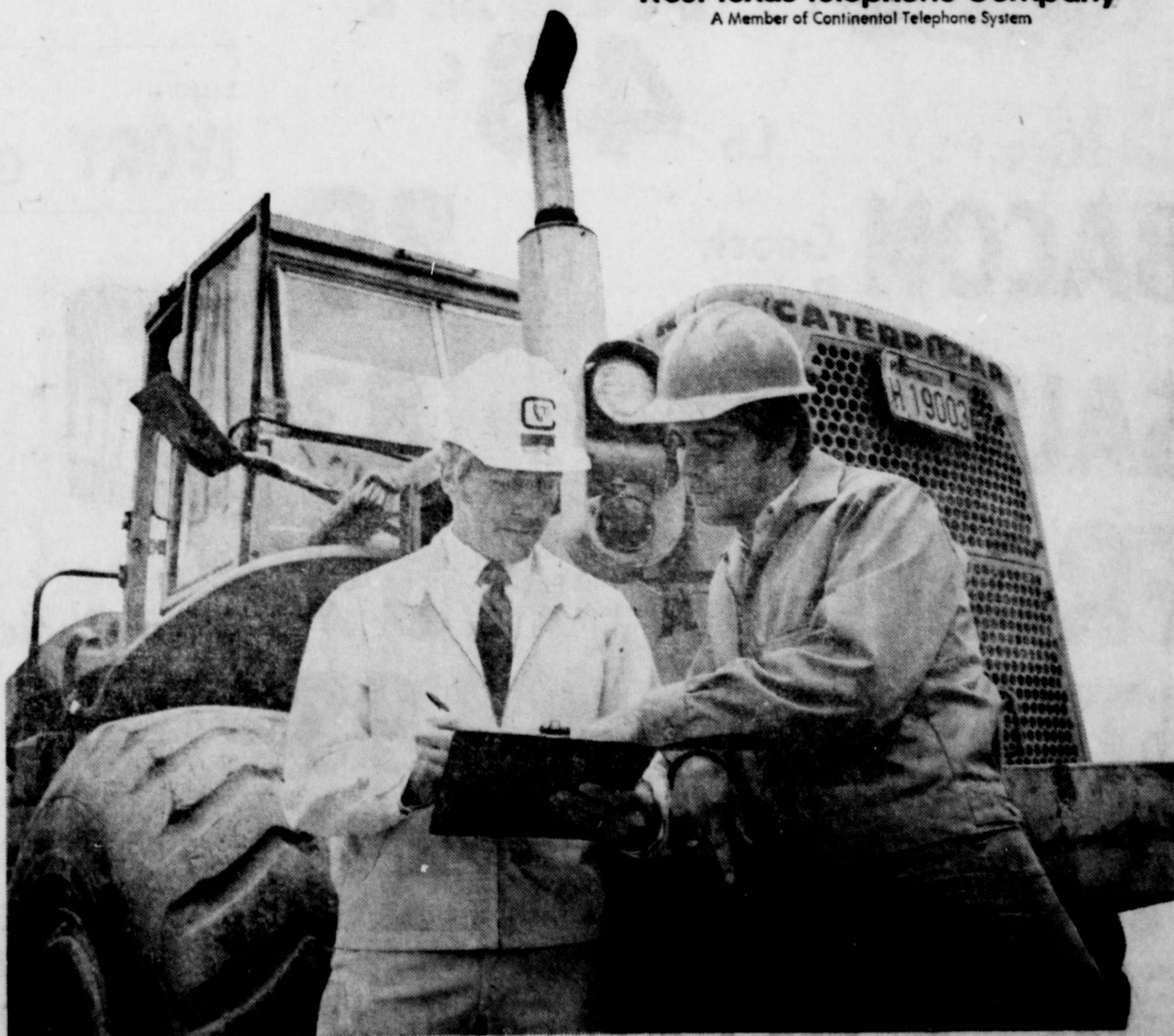
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