

Taylor County's
Only
Legal Weekly
Newspaper

The Merkel Mail

10¢
Per Copy

PRICE 10¢ PER COPY—PUBLISHED WEEKLY

MERKEL, TEXAS, THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 1973—EIGHT PAGES

84TH YEAR

VOL. NO. 84, NO. 1

Telephone Officials Attend Washington Meeting

Four Directors and the Manager of Taylor Telephone Cooperative, Inc., which headquarters in Merkel and operates telephone exchanges in 7 surrounding counties, have recently returned from a meeting of the National Telephone Cooperative Association held in Washington, D. C. Those in attendance were Jack Farmer, President, Frank K. Antilley, Secretary, Arthur Moore, Troy Sloan, and John Hardesty, Manager. The Association membership consists of R.E.A. Telephone Cooperative borrowers throughout the United States.

The keynote address was delivered by Senator William Proxmire of Wisconsin at the first general session Wednesday, February 21. A highlight of the second general session was a Congressional Issues Forum made up of Rep. Thomas P. O'Neill of Massachusetts, House Majority Leader; Rep. Gerald

B. Ford of Michigan, House Minority Leader; Sen. Gale W. McGee, Democrat of Wyoming; and Sen. Howard H. Baker, Republican of Tennessee. Moderators for the panel discussion were Mr. Martin Agronsky, CBS-TV and Public Broadcast Commentator, and Mr. James J. Kilpatrick, Nationally Syndicated Columnist. Topics for discussion ranged from questions and answers dealing with the R.E.A. Telephone Program to all facets of National farm programs and legislation and other current events.

The third general session was highlighted by addresses by Mr. David A. Hamil, R.E.A. Administrator and Governor of the Rural Telephone Bank; Mr. Theodore Brophy, President of General Telephone & Electronics; and Mr. Paul Rodgers, Administrative Director, National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners.

On the final day of the meeting delegates were addressed by Earl L. Butz, Secretary of Agriculture, his subject being the various governmental programs of interest to those engaged in agricultural pursuits.

Rep. Omar Burleson and Mrs. Burleson of the 17th Congressional District, Texas, were guests of the Taylor Telephone Cooperative Delegation during their stay in Washington. "The program topics presented were very educational and informative," Mr. Hardesty said.

Square Dance Lessons Still Available

Anyone still wishing to join up for square dance lessons are still eligible to come and sign up.

Lessons begin at 8 p.m. on Thursday evenings.

Taylor County Farmers Union Banquet March 5

The Taylor County Farmers Union will have their annual banquet on Monday, March 5, at the Merkel School Cafeteria.

Voting on the nominees for the board of directors will take place between 7 and 7:30 p.m. Supper will be served beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Jay Naman, Texas Farmers Union president, will be the guest speaker. There will be entertainment by Larry Toliver and Steve Gentry.

All Farmers Union members are urged to attend, and a special invitation is extended to other farmers in the area.

Billy Bob Toombs is president.



JAY I. NAMAN
... banquet speaker

Woman's Auxiliary Organized

The Merkel Little League met Monday, February 26, at the Asteroid Restaurant to organize a Woman's Auxiliary for the League.

Officers were elected as follows: Chairman, Winona Wolf; Vice Chairman, Joyce Knight; Sec.-Treas., Jocille Brady; Purchasing Agent, Ann Wade.

The next meeting of the Auxiliary will be Monday, March 5, at 7 p.m. It is important for every Little League Mother to attend as plans for Fund Raising projects will be made in order to have a better League for our sons.

Housing Authority Receives Two Proposals

The Housing Authority Board has tentatively chosen one of Helen McMurry's (of Abilene) proposals. The Department of Housing and Urban Development of Dallas has received the Authority's recommendation together with all the proposals and the Authority is awaiting HUD action before the project can continue. The board also received a proposal from Turnkey Developers in Houston.

The Housing Authority anticipates some response from the HUD office in 3 to 4 weeks, more or less.

This project IF IT PROCEEDS (pending HUD approval) will mean a construction program of approximately \$650,000 for the Merkel area. It is the expressed wish of the Authority that a major portion of this

Magic Show Fri., March 7

The Merkel Optimist Club will sponsor a Festival of Magic Friday night March 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the Merkel High School Auditorium. The show will include at least 4 magicians and such acts as stage magic and illusions.

Students tickets will be 50 cents pre-sale and 75 cents at the door. Adult tickets will be \$1.00.

Proceeds from the show will go toward boys work. Max Murrell is president and Bill Button is secretary.

Tickets may be purchased from any optimist club member or at the schoolhouse.

construction budget will be spent in our local area.

The Authority Board members are appointed by the City Council and have been working with the Low Rent Housing since the first project was started. One member of the present board has served continuously since the beginning project, J. W. Hammond. Other members at the present time are W. H. Carson, W. H. Button, E. A. Conley and Tommie Cutler. W. H. Carson is Chairman of the Board and Bill Button is Vice Chairman. The Executive Director (appointed by the Authority Board) is Mrs. Annette Clark and she serves as Secretary to the Board.

Previously announced by Omar Burleson's office, the project will include 40 units, which consist of 26 elderly units and 14 regular units. This projects purpose is to aid low income families with providing low-rent housing.

The Housing Board has been interested and working to obtain approval for this project for 3 years. The application made to the Department of Housing and Urban Development was made in July 1972 and all proposals are well removed from the location of the existing project.

Mamie Steck Hosts Meet

Mrs. Mamie Steck hosted the Xi Nu Chi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi at the Asteroid Restaurant Feb. 20th.

A program on "Service Activities" was presented by Mrs. Weldon McAninch, Mrs. Glen Robertson and Mrs. Almeda Bullock.

Other members present were Mmes. Jack Boone, John Brady, Bobby DuBose, Charles Eager, Bob Garner, Glen Teaff and Edgar Tipton.

10-B Track Committee Met Feb. 21

The Executive Committee of the 10-B Girls Track met February 21, at Merkel High School with Mr. Mack Fisher acting District Chairman.

Dean King, Superintendent of Trent Independent Schools was elected District Chairman. Miss Barbara Franklin, Trent Girls Coach, was elected secretary and Mr. Paul Woodfin, Athletic Director of Merkel School was elected as Director of the Girls District Track and Field meet.

Open House

There will be a house warming for Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Wade Sunday, March 4 from 2-4 in the afternoon.

The Wades live off FM 277 on Old Anson Rd.

Hosting the housewarming will be friends and relatives.

Merkel Cub Scout Pack 20 Feted Blue and Gold Banquet February 22

Merkel Cub Scouts Pack 20 held their annual Blue and Gold Banquet, Thursday Feb. 22, at the Scout Hut. The menu was a Pot Luck Supper.

Guest speaker was Franklin Myrick of the Scout Council Office in Abilene. "There is a need to direct a boy's energy and activity into an enjoyable and productive channel of life," he said. "Now is the time to register for Scouts and any eight-year-old boy is eligible to join and may do so by having his parents contact a leader," said Myrick.

Cubmaster John Townsend awarded the following Cub Scouts the badges they have earned:

Webelos—Johnny Townsend, scientist, forrester, and craftsman; Brad Wade, scientist, engineer, citizen and scholar;

Joey Arney, naturalist, artist and athlete; Larry Davis was elected Denner and Assistant Denner was Lanny Wiloth. John Townsend is Webelos Leader.

Den 2 elected Mike Hagar to be Denner and Assistant Denner was Kyle Wolf. Den 2 Leaders are Joe and Kathy Arney. Den 2 had 100 per cent attendance by parents.

In Den 3, Gary Eugene Ford received the Wolf Badge with a Gold Arrow and 2 Silver Arrows. The Denner for the month was Kevin Farmer and Assistant Denner was David De la Cruz. Den 3 leaders are Barbara Ford and Linda Kinder.

Pack 20 gained six new cubs this month. They are Tim Brady, Calvin Cooley, Timmy Ellis, Joe Ortega and Ronnie Williams. Rex William Martin joined the Webelos den.

Adult leaders for the coming year were Cubmaster, John Townsend; Assistant Cubmaster, Joseph H. Arney; Inst. Representative, John Batey; Committee Member Treasurer, Edna Batey; Committee Member, Eva Davis; Den Leader Coach, Winona Wolf; Webelos, John Townsend; Den 1, Henrietta Ortega; Den 2, Joseph and Katherine Arney; Den 3, Barbara Ford and Linda Kinder; Committee Member (Awards Chairman), Kathy Arney.

We wish to thank Joyce Knight for her serving as Pack Treasurer. We will miss her.

The cubs, leaders and parents appreciate any help we receive from the Merkel community. If there is anyone who would like to be a leader or help in any capacity call 928-4863 after six.



CUB SCOUTS AND THEIR GUESTS LOOK OVER a beautifully decorated cake at the Blue and Gold Banquet Thursday night.

'Lady of The Year' to Be Named At C-C Banquet

A local woman will be recognized for accomplishments in her special field with the title of 'Lady of The Year' at the Merkel Chamber of Commerce Banquet on Mar. 13. A Certificate of Recognition will be presented to her at that time. In the meantime her name will be kept secret.

The First Lady program is sponsored by the local chapters, Lambda Beta and Xi Nu Chi, of Beta Sigma Phi sorority. It is presented to the woman of the community who has made an

outstanding contribution in her respective field during the past year. Names of local women will be submitted to a joint committee of the sororities by local organizations. The committee will choose the one to be honored with the title of Lady of the Year. Members of the sorority will not be eligible for the title.

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.

DATEBOOK

MONDAY MARCH 5

The Ladies Auxiliary to the Merkel Fire Dept. will hold its monthly meeting March 5 at 7:30 p.m. at the fire station. Election of officers will be held. All wives of volunteer firemen are urged to attend.

SENIOR CITIZENS will have their singing at the Senior Citizens Building at 7:00 p.m. There were 36 in attendance at Game Night Monday Feb. 20th. Johnny Hammond is president for March.

LADIES AUXILIARY of the Merkel Fire Department will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Fire Station meeting room to elect officers.

TUESDAY MARCH 6

XI NU CHI will have their regular meeting in the home of Mrs. Jack Boone at 7:30 p.m.

LAMBDA BETA will meet at the Asteroid Restaurant at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be hosted by Mrs. Gene Amerine.

VOLUNTEER FIREMEN will meet for fire practice at 7:30 at the fire station.

FRIDAY MARCH 2

MISSIONETTES will meet at the Assembly of God Church at 3:30 p.m.



TWO MERKEL FARMERS TRAVELED TO WASHINGTON for two days of talks with state and national leaders over the weekend. Eddie Glenn Sandusky, left, and Tony Malone board a plane chartered by Farmer's Union members participating in the fly-in.

Vincent Price To Perform At Cisco

Mr. Vincent Price, celebrated star of stage, screen, radio, and television, will be presented in person at Cisco Junior College on Thursday evening March 1, in the college's final program of the 1972-73 Arts and Humanities Series. His presentation will be a dramatic one entitled "The Villains Still Pursue Me," and is set to begin at 8:00 p.m. in the Harrell Fine Arts Auditorium on the CJC campus.

Price's appearance at Cisco Junior College is supported in part by the Texas Commission on the Arts and Humanities.

Mr. Price, who is of course very well known to movie and television audiences, is equally well known to lovers of art, collectors of cook books, readers of his books and newspaper columns, as well as the thousands who have seen his one-man shows and listened to his lectures.

Born in St. Louis, Vincent

Price's initial aim in life was to become a teacher and collector of art, an aim stimulated by his purchase of a Rembrandt etching when he was only twelve years old. He attended the Country Day School in St. Louis and went on to Yale University to major in art. He continued his studies at London University while working for a Master's Degree.

New Way to Measure Views About Women

AUSTIN, Texas (apl.) — Two University of Texas psychologists — Drs. Janet Spence and Robert Helmreich — have devised a new scale for measuring a person's attitudes about women.

A 55-item questionnaire, the Attitudes toward Women Scale (AWS), measures whether a person's over-all views about women are traditional, profeminist or somewhere in between.

Answers given on the AWS can provide insight into some of the "shifting patterns" in contemporary society that are having profound effects on family structures and the status of women.

While in London he satisfied another artistic interest — the theatre, and obtained his first theatrical role as a lark when he applied for a role and got it. From that point on, his thoughts turned to the theatre and his first role was in the London production of "Victoria Regina," which was brought to New York by Gilbert Miller. Vincent Price was brought along to play Price Consort Albert opposite Heleu Hayes and this American debut made him a star overnight.

Since that time he has been a leading film, television, and stage star, and it was as a guest on the late Edward R. Murrow's "Person to Person" program that a nationwide audience became aware of his extensive art collection in his home in Beverly Hills. He has attained renown as a major collector and critic. He is a patron of several contemporary American artists and does a weekly column in the Sunday Chicago Tribune. He has received an honorary doctor's degree from the California College of Arts and Crafts and an LL.D. from Ohio Wesleyan University. He is on the Board of Archives of American Art, on the National Committee of Whitney Museum of American Art, a member of the Royal Academy of Arts in England and on the Art Council of the University of California.

Vincent Price and his wife Mary have established a reputation as gourmet cooks, and their "Treasury of Great Recipes," published in 1965, was re-issued in 1968. He is also the author of "I Like What I Know," "The Book of Joe," and other publications.

Mr. Price has starred in more than one hundred films, among the best known of which are "Song of Bernadette," "Laura," "Dragonwyck," "House of the Seven Gables," "The Ten Commandments," "The Story of Mankind," and numerous "horror" movies.

Tickets for the performance at Cisco Junior College are available through the CJC Business Office or may be purchased at the door Thursday evening.

15.1 million retirees and 1.1 million dependents and survivors were paid \$34.5 billion in 1972 by social security.

Farmers Union Mailing Petitions to White House

Texas Farmers Union President, Jay Naman of Waco, has announced that petitions bearing the signatures of thousands of Texas farmers, ranchers, and rural community leaders are being mailed to the White House and key members of Congress.

The petitions request the co-operation of the Congress and the Administration to reinstate the Rural Environmental Assistance Program (REAP), the two per cent REA loan funds, the emergency loan program of the Farmers Home Administration, and other rural program cuts.

Those receiving the petitions are Senators Lloyd Benson and John Tower of Texas, Senator Herman Talmadge of Georgia, Senate Agriculture Committee Chairman, Congressman W. R. "Bob" Poage, Chairman of the House Agriculture Committee,

other key congressmen; and the White House.

The farm organization spokesman emphasized that in a democracy many avenues of action are open for constructive change. Farmers Union is exploring all avenues of action to secure the reinstatement of these vital rural programs which have been eliminated. We are joining other Farmers Union states in circulating petitions and will be participating with them on fly-ins to Washington to allow our members to express their own viewpoints to the Congress and Administration relating to recent program cuts.

Positive Guidance Is Key to Guiding Children

Typically parents punish children more than praise them, according to one authority.

Jane Fleischer, specialist in family life education at Texas A&M, stressed that punishment isn't the sole method for guiding behavior.

"There's also the positive approach — which encourages a child's good behavior through rewards.

"Nevertheless, positive guidance isn't simply rewarding good behavior instead of punishing the undesirable — it involves guiding by reward.

"When using this approach, parents should remember three basics involving rewards," Miss Fleischer continued.

"First, when a child behaves in a desirable way reward him immediately. Thus, he learns what things or actions will gain a reward.

"Second, rewards should apply to a child — such as something special or something he enjoys. This varies with children, depending on their interests and personal likes and dislikes.

Miss Fleischer pointed out that the strongest rewards are those which "make a child feel 'good inside.'"

Examples are "Thank you for helping with the dishes — they're sparkling clean" and "Pick up your toys, then find a story and we'll read."

"Third, don't wait until the ultimate goal is achieved. Reward progress — encouragement is needed along the way."

"After receiving a reward, a child is likely to repeat the act to get another 'good feeling.' Children learn through repetition, since behavior changes slowly.

Turning to punishment, the specialist emphasized that be-

havior taught through punishment is usually difficult change.

"For example, a child guided by punishment into being quiet and subdued may not easily become outgoing and aggressive later."

At this point, Miss Fleischer requested that parents take a close look at their own situations — by answering the following questions.

"What are your children doing that meets your approval? What words are used in rewarding children? What others could be used more effectively?"

"Remember, the goal of guidance is to change the desire — not just the behavior," the specialist concluded.

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: Yolanda Almaguer, 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 9th day of April A.D. 1973, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 18th day of September A.D. 1972, in this cause, numbered 7490 on the docket of said court and styled Joe Almaguer, Plaintiff, vs. Yolanda Almaguer, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Divorce. Married about March 8, 1964 and separated about January 28, 1972. Child born - Sammy Almaguer now about 2 years old. No community property 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 is the 23rd day of February A.D. 1973.

Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD Clerk, Domestic Relations Court, Taylor County, Texas
By Marie Adkins, Deputy.
14c

The VA has doubled its daily payments to State homes for hospital care of eligible veterans and expanded its grants to remodel existing State facilities.

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

\$250⁰⁰

REWARD

FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO THE IDENTIFICATION, ARREST AND CONVICTION OF THE PERSON OR PERSONS WHO THREW THE QUART SCHLITZ BEER BOTTLE INTO OUR PLATE GLASS WINDOW ON THURS. NIGHT, Feb. 22, 1973

or

EARLY FRIDAY MORNING Feb. 23, 1973

THIS SORT OF VANDALISM IS A DISGRACE TO OUR COMMUNITY... THE OLD RELIABLE

Farmers And Merchants National Bank

MERKEL, TEXAS

Full Service Bank Member FDIC

50 New '73 Pontiacs in Stock Come Out and Buy One Today

69 DODGE 1/2 ton pickup, long wheel base, wide bed, V-8, automatic, power steering, 6 ply white tires, factory air, only	1495
66 PONTIAC Catalina 6 passenger wagon, V-8, automatic, air & power, solid beige color, white tires, real nice for only	895
70 CATALINA 4 door sedan, automatic, power & air, 400 engine, full decor group, silver color, blue interior	1995
69 PONTIAC Bonneville 4 door hardtop, air & Power, electric windows, black vinyl roof, real nice for only	1795
72 PONTIAC Bonneville 4 door hardtop, "demo," air and power, power windows, 6 way power seats, cruise control, stereo tape player, blue color with white vinyl top. List price, \$5936, selling now for only	4295
70 PONTIAC Catalina with Ventura option, 4 door hardtop, air & power, electric windows, wire wheel covers, turquoise with black vinyl roof, real nice for only	2195
66 FORD Galaxie 500 2 door hardtop, air and power, white with blue interior, only	695
65 PONTIAC Tempest 4 door sedan, air & power, V-8, automatic, turquoise with matching interior, white tires, extra nice	695
71 PONTIAC Bonneville 2 door hardtop, air & power, AM-FM radio, rally 11 wheels, vinyl interior, light green with green vinyl roof, nice one owner car, only	3195
68 CHEVROLET 1/2 ton pickup, 6 cylinder, standard transmission with nice camper shell. Going this weekend for only	995

PALMER PONTIAC & GMC

GE APPLIANCES & TV

Merkel, Texas 928-5113 Abilene 673-1182

DR. ED DRESSEN
OPTOMETRIST
504 CEDAR PHONE 477-4331 ABILENE, TEXAS

WATCH FOR OPENING
SYBLE'S
Beauty Nook
215 Edwards—Next To Carson's
Syble Riney Owner/Operator 928-4858

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: 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 7328 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 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 7th day of February A.D. 1973.

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

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: William Henry Miller, 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 12th day of March A.D. 1973, to Plaintiff's Petition 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 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 29th day of January A.D. 1973.

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

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: William Paul Leftwich, 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 8th day of Jan. A.D. 1973, in this cause, numbered 7761 on the docket of said court and 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 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 12th day of Feb. A.D. 1973.

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

GO TOGETHER *Food Savings*



Prices Good Thurs.-Fri.-Sat., March 1-2-3

VALUABLE COUPON
TOP JOB
 28 oz. Giant Size **52¢**
 WITHOUT COUPON... GOOD ONLY AT... THIS OFFER GOOD THRU... 3-10-73
 WITH THIS COUPON **69¢**
WILSON'S FOOD
 Limit One Coupon Per Purchase. Cash Value 1/20 of 1 cent. Gov't Regulations apply.

WILSON FOOD
 Save 35¢
 When You Buy A 2 LB. CAN OF **FULGER'S COFFEE**
SPECIAL PRICE WITH THIS COUPON
1.57
 W-out Coupon \$1.92
 Good Thru 3-24-73

Shortening SWIFT'S JEWEL With Purchase Of \$5.00 Or More Excluding Cig. **49¢**

GREEN Beans DEL MONTE CUT 303 CAN 2 For **49¢**

SPINACH HUNT'S 303 SIZE 2 For **35¢**

PEARS HUNT'S 300 SIZE 2 For **49¢**

YAMS JACK-O-LANTERN NO. 2 1/2 CAN **29¢**

CATSUP HEINZ 26-OZ. BOTTLE **49¢**

FLOUR GOLD MEDAL 5 LB. BAG **63¢**

Coffemate 11-OZ. JAR **59¢**

WISHBONE ITALIAN DRESSING 8-OZ. BOTTLE **29¢**

BETTY CROCKER Brownie Mix 23-OZ. BOX **59¢**

WAGNER Orange Drink 32-OZ. BOTTLE 2 FOR **49¢**

PARD DOG FOOD 2 FOR **39¢**

HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSE NOW AVAILABLE — ALSO AMMUNITION



BEEF RIBS Lb. **49¢**

PORK LIVER Lb. **49¢**

PORK ROAST Lb. **98¢**

BACON GOOCH'S.. Lb. **98¢**

FRANKS GOOCH'S... Pkg. **59¢**

STEAK PORK Lb. **98¢**

STEAK CLUB Lb. **1.29**

MILK 1 GAL. MARIGOLD 2% HOMO Plus Dep. **89¢** Homo Gal. **99¢**

BISCUITS MEADS 3 for **29¢**

OLEO KRAFT'S PARKAY 2 for **59¢**

KLEENEX 200 SIZE 2 For **49¢**

NABISCO **CRACKERS** 1 Lb. Box **39¢**

KRAFT'S **GRAPE JELLY** 18-Oz. Jar **35¢**

GEBHART **TAMALES** No. 2 1/2 Can **49¢**

CLOROX Half Gal. **35¢**

FREE COOKIE SHEET With Purchase Of **SPIC & SPAN** Giant Size **89¢**

GAIN DETERGENT King Size **\$1.19**



PATIO MEXICAN FOODS

MEXICAN DINNER
COMBINATION DINNER
ENCHILADA DINNER

Your Choice **39¢**



DOLE **BANANAS** Lb. **10¢**

DELICIOUS **APPLES** 3 LB. BAG **69¢**

TXEAS **ORANGES** 5 LB. BAG **49¢**

RUBY RED **GRAPEFRUIT** 5 LB. BAG **59¢**

RUSSET **SPUDS** 10 Lb. bag. **69¢**



Double Premiums
On WEDNESDAY On
Purchase of \$2.50
OR MORE IN MERCHANDISE
Save Valuable
Cash Register Tapes
For Premiums

Big SAVINGS

on Things you need

WANT ADS WITH **MERKEL MAIL**

\$1.00 minimum for the first four lines. Excess of 4 lines will be charged at the rate of 5 cents per word. If no results obtained on the first insertion, we will run it at half price the second time.

Cards of Thanks \$2.00 for the first 50 words. 5c per word for each additional word.

TERMS: Cash in advance, unless account is already established.

NOTICE of typographical or other errors must be given before the second insertion or claims for refunds or extensions will not be recognized.

- Miscellaneous -

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

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. 8 tfc

BLUE LUSTRE not only rids carpets of soil, but leaves pile soft and lofty. Rent electric shampooer \$1. minimum at BULLOCK HARDWARE & GIFTS. 928-5310.

CUSTOM PICTURE FRAMING - Starbuck Furniture Co. 49 tfc

SEMI-DRIVERS NEEDED - Local companies need Certified Semi-Drivers. Earn \$300-\$400 per week. No experience necessary, will train. For application call 317-637-2675, or write Coastway American Systems, P. O. Box 11125, Indianapolis, Indiana 46201. 49 30tc

CUSTOM PLOWING and hay baling Hay for sale. Paul Hudman, Rt. 3, Merkel. Phone 537-2348. 52 tfc

SPRUCE UP FOR SPRING with Mary Kay cosmetics. Call Nig Herron at Noodle, 736-6435. 52 2tp

- For Sale -

FOR SALE - PEANUT, CANDY, GUM VENDING Business in Merkel. Good income 6 to 8 hours weekly. Total price \$1,238.00 cash. Write Texas Kandy Kompany, Inc., 1327 Basse Rd., San Antonio, Texas 78212, include your phone number. 1 4tp

FOR SALE - 1968 Delta 88 Olds, power equipped, one owner, \$1,000.00. Call 928-5678 or see at 1212 So. 10th, Merkel. 1 ttc

Member **1970 TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION**

The Merkel Mail

PUBLISHER'S STATEMENT
Established 1889

Published weekly at 916 N. Second St., Merkel, Texas
Entered at the Post Office at Merkel, Texas, 79536 as second class mail.

Any erroneous reflection upon the character, standing or reputation of any person, firm or corporation, which may appear in the columns of the newspaper will be corrected, gladly, upon being brought to the attention of the publisher.

For Classified Rates: See WANT AD Section

SUBSCRIPTION RATE: \$3.50 Per Year Taylor and adjoining counties. \$4.00 Per Year outside of Taylor and adjoining counties

Member of the Texas Press Association and West Texas Press Association.

STEVE LANHAM and CECIL PLYLER Publishers
KAYE LANHAM Editor
CONNIE HARRIS Advertising Sales

For Sale

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

FOR SALE - Duroc weaning pigs. Call 928-5885 52 2tp

FOR SALE - Good 336 1-4 acre farm, 2 miles southwest of Noodle, 255 in cultivation, 81 1-4 in pasture. Good allotment. Mrs. J. M. Winters, Merkel, Texas. Phone 928-5838 or write Box 522. 52 4tc

FOR SALE - Large China Cabinet with closed in glass doors, \$135.00. Mrs. Homer Freeman, phone 928-5008. 1 ttp

- For Rent -

FOR RENT - Reasonable - 3-one bedroom apartments, linens furnished, also rooms with refrigerator. 928-5669 or 928-6771 17 tfc

FOR RENT - Furnished nice large three bedroom house. Phone 928-5669. 49 tfc

FOR RENT - House - 2 bedrooms and bath. Near school. Call 928-5445. 49 tfc

FOR RENT - 3 bedroom apt. bills paid, no pets. Call after 6 p.m. 928-5901. 50 tfc

FOR SALE - 3 bedroom brick home, 2 bath, living room and den, chain link fenced back yard, double garage, 9 fruit trees, corner lot. Across the street from school. Night call Trent 862-2402, Day call Riney Gulf in Trent, 862-9161. 51-tfc

CARD OF THANKS

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK all my friends for the cards, visits, flowers, and prayers received while I was in the hospital.
Everett Williams

I WILL PAY 35% OVER FACE VALUE FOR SILVER COINS!

Hardy's Grocery

1414 N. 1st, Merkel
928-4912

Paying Cash

For Silver or Gold I Will Pay 35% Over Face Value for Silver Coins.
PRATT'S COIN SHOP
2155 So. 1st, Abilene
672-6991

LOOK - The car you've been waiting for. Compare at \$2,995.00 RE-PO one owner 1972 Dodge Polara 2-door hardtop, 360 cubic motor, auto. trans. PB and PS and air conditioned. See Ted Smith, F&M National Bank, Merkel, Texas.

Need Any Type ELECTRICAL WORK Call

Harris Electric
128 Kent St.
Merkel, Texas
Phone 928-5300 or Night Number 928-5143

Wanted

Back Hoe and Loader Work
Cellars, Septic Tank, and Ditching
DON DICKERSON
928-5952

JUST ARRIVED NO-IRON LAMBSKIN Body Shirts \$2.99 SMALL MED. AND LG.
A Good Selection Of Colors
You Can Buy Several At This Low Price.
Ben Franklin

NEED

A New Water Well Drilled? Also Install Meyers Subs & Jacuzzi Jets
Call **ROBERT HIGGINS**
928-5998

CARD OF THANKS

MAY I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY to thank all who were so thoughtful during my stay in the hospital. For the prayers, cards, flowers, food and calls again I say thank you.
Mrs. Vincent Barnett

For Sale - Reduced - 147 1/2 acres 2 Miles North of Merkel
Tye - 5 lots adjoining School. Almost infinite number varied trees.
Prestige Homes, Prestige Properties

PAULINE BUTMAN, Realtor
317 N. Willis, Suite 20
Abilene, Texas 79603
OFFICE 673-6444 Steve 692-2222



LEONA DISHMAN
... 98 years young

Mrs. Dishman Celebrates Birthday

Celebrating her birthday Monday at the Starr Nursing Home was Leona Dovie (Matheny) Dishman who was 98 years young.
Mrs. Dishman was born Feb. 26, 1875 at Hutcheson, Kansas. She married W. A. Dishman in Sipe Springs Texas on Jan. 2, 1895. In 1928, she moved to the Merkel vicinity.
Mrs. Dishman has three children now living in Merkel. They are Mrs. Lois Melton, Mrs. Inez Bradley and Wright Dishman.

Mrs. Dishman came to the Nursing Home April 21, 1965. She has eight grandchildren and 13 grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. She sits in the wheel chair and feeds herself and looks for her children to come visit her.

Election Report

Filing for the Trent School Board recently was Ronnie Freeman incumbent and Rex Beck, and Betty Mitchell.
Yates Sipes, president of the board, has not filed.
The election will be April 7 with filing deadline March 7.

CARD OF THANKS

WE WANT TO EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION to the many fine people of Merkel and the surrounding communities for your many acts of kindness during the illness and passing of our mother. Your prayers, cards, visits during her stay in the hospital and nursing home meant so much. Especially do we thank each one who brought food to the home and those who helped with the memorial service. The flowers, the memorials and words of comfort made our sorrow easier to bear. May God bless each of you in our prayer.
The Children of Mrs. Nora A. Tiner

CARD OF THANKS

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK everyone for the cards, flowers and visits during my stay in the hospital.
Dee Moore

WELDER WANTED

Contact **R. L. BLAND JR.**
915-862-2951
CAL-TEX FEED YARD
TRENT, TEXAS

CLASSIFIEDS GET RESULTS

Starr Nursing Home News

By MARY OUTLAW

We were busy last week, sorry we had no news.

Mrs. Jo Ann Reed, Teacher at Merkel Elementary School brought her students and they visited each patient and gave them a Valentine. We appreciated this and invite them back again.

Persons visiting Mrs. Cleo Douglas last week were Mrs. Fats Henderson, Mrs. Ross Salamon of Odessa; Mrs. Florine Weed, Gertrude Fagan, Ella Murlene Cheek, J. D. Fagan, Ella Murlene Cheek, J. D. Fagan all of Abilene.

The Hodges Baptist Church filled their appointment Feb. 18th. They brought a good service and surprised each patient with a pair of house shoes which they had made. They were real nice and we wish to thank them for their kindness.

Mr. and Mrs. McDonald had visitors last week. They were Mr. and Mrs. Ray Martin of Sapula Okla.; Mrs. Mary Cagle of Dallas and Mr. and Mrs. Roys of Odessa.

Bernice Martin of Brownwood, who was previously employed here as a nurses aide, visited the employees last Friday. At the present she is employed at the Cross Country Care Center in Brownwood where Rev. Hershell Smith is a patient. She reports that he is still improving. He was pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church here before he had a severe heart attack. We miss Bernice very much. She reads the Merkel Mail each week and they pass it around and let each one read it and I think that is grand. We wish to thank the 3rd and 4th graders for the peppermint candy sticks and the Valentines they brought the patients.

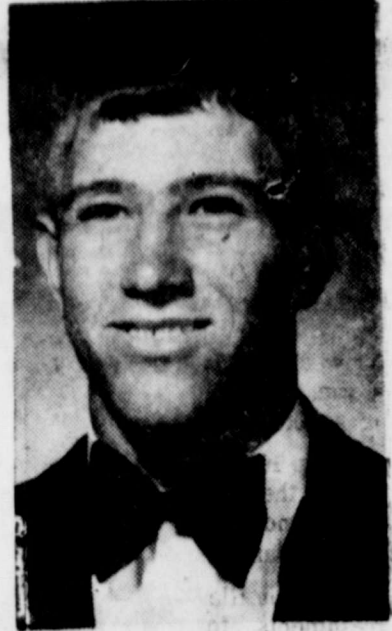
The Grace Presbyterian Church of Merkel filled their appointment here Sunday Feb. 25th. A group of children came and sang. It was a good service. Thank you for coming. Your next appointment will be July 8th. So we will look for you then.
Dr. Worthy and Mrs. Florey, R. N. from the State Dept. of time Wednesday Feb. 21 in our home classifying our welfare patients. We always enjoy Mrs. Florey's visits but this was the first time we had the pleasure of meeting Dr. Worthy. He was very nice.

Mrs. Pauline Haynes of Brownwood visited our home week before last. She is our Medical Advisor of Welfare Division and is a real nice person and it is a pleasure to have her check our home.
Mr. Charles Anglin of Wichita Falls is our Social Consultant and he visited our home Thursday afternoon Feb. 22. He visited the patients to see what some could do for others. He seemed well pleased that we had a library, a movie on Wednesday afternoon for the patients, and church services with

participating.
The Health Department checked up last month and found everything up to par.
Miss Ila Mae Hughes visited her home in the country Sunday afternoon. We were glad she could visit. She enjoys seeing her cattle.
Mrs. J. H. Clark moved into an apartment. We were glad she could but we will miss her. She has been a good patient and we will miss her. She is welcome back anytime. She said she enjoyed her stay here.
We have a new patient Bartie Reynolds Jr. We hope his stay here will be pleasant and that he will improve as time goes by.
Our sympathy to Mrs. Brookerson over the loss of her son-in-law Andy Baker. We were grateful for the relatives and friends who visited her and for their words of sympathy.
Ed Blackley has been on the sick list but is better at this writing.
Our sympathy to Mrs. Cleo Douglas over the loss of her sister, Mrs. Odessa (Weed) Barber of Midland.
Imogene Williams has a new great nephew. Shirley (Beard) Snyder from Snyder is the proud mother. Shirley grew up in Merkel and congratulations go to the Snyder's.
We have a new nurses aide, Mrs. Laverne Gray, who lives at 203 Marion. She is a very pleasant person and we hope she likes us as well as we like her.

News Man Among Spring Speaks At UT
AUSTIN, Texas (Spl.) - Well-known speakers due at The University of Texas this spring are CBS News White House correspondent Dan Rather and former United Nations Ambassador George Bush.
Mr. Rather will be principal speaker March 17 at the awards banquet of the Interscholastic League Press Conference, expected to attract 4,000 Texas high school students and teachers.
Mr. Bush, who recently became chairman of the Republican National Committee, will deliver UT Austin's commencement address May 26 before an estimated crowd of 10,000.

surrounding communities participating.
The Health Department checked up last month and found everything up to par.
Miss Ila Mae Hughes visited her home in the country Sunday afternoon. We were glad she could visit. She enjoys seeing her cattle.
Mrs. J. H. Clark moved into an apartment. We were glad she could but we will miss her. She has been a good patient and we will miss her. She is welcome back anytime. She said she enjoyed her stay here.
We have a new patient Bartie Reynolds Jr. We hope his stay here will be pleasant and that he will improve as time goes by.
Our sympathy to Mrs. Brookerson over the loss of her son-in-law Andy Baker. We were grateful for the relatives and friends who visited her and for their words of sympathy.
Ed Blackley has been on the sick list but is better at this writing.
Our sympathy to Mrs. Cleo Douglas over the loss of her sister, Mrs. Odessa (Weed) Barber of Midland.
Imogene Williams has a new great nephew. Shirley (Beard) Snyder from Snyder is the proud mother. Shirley grew up in Merkel and congratulations go to the Snyder's.
We have a new nurses aide, Mrs. Laverne Gray, who lives at 203 Marion. She is a very pleasant person and we hope she likes us as well as we like her.



TOM ANDERSON
... on golf team

Anderson On ENMU Team

Golfers from Eastern New Mexico University opened their 1973 season last Saturday, Feb. 24, in a dual meet with Sul Ross University.

The Greyhound-Sul Ross match was played in Kermit, Texas, with the cities of Kermit and Wink serving as hosts.

Rounding out the Hound golf team, but not participating in the Sul Ross match was Tommy Anderson, son of Mrs. Buddy Hunter of Merkel. Currently Anderson has been playing spring football.

The Eastern New Mexico University golf team will be in Abilene March 15-16 to play against Hardin-Simmons, McMurtry and Abilene Christian College.

WESTERN HOUSE
IS MOVING
TO A NEW LOCATION
JUST ONE DOOR WEST TO OUR

NEW WESTERN BARN
WE HOPE TO GET MOVED THIS WEEKEND, MARCH 3 & 4 AND WILL TRY TO GET THINGS STRAIGHT THE FOLLOWING WEEK.

Watch for Fantastic BARGAINS!

924 North 2nd
JOHNNIE AND WAYMON ADCOCK
Owners



THE **MERKEL OPTIMIST CLUB**
Presents

The Great FAKIR
March 3

7:30 P.M.

at **MERKEL HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**
PRE-SALE TICKETS
50c Students
75c at Door
\$1.00 Adults

REAL ESTATE

INTERESTED IN SELLING YOUR FARM OR RANCH OR POSSIBLY INTERESTED IN BUYING A FARM OR RANCH? THEN contact the people who deal exclusively in farm and ranch properties:

TERRY TOUCHSTONE at VARNER REAL ESTATE
ABILENE TEXAS 79304 Write P.O. Box 1999 or Call: Office 672-5558, Residence 677-5800

Little League Registration

Name Birth Date Date Age
Address Phone No. League Age
Boy's Weight Height Throws Left or Right

We, the parents of the above boy, give our approval for his participation in the activities of the Little League for the current season. We release the sponsors, officials, and the Little League Organization from responsibility in case of injury or accident. All boys are covered with insurance for practice, games, and travel by the League.

Father's Signature Mother's Signature
*LEAGUE AGE * Any boy who will attain the age of 7 years before Aug. 1st and who will not attain the age of 13 years before Aug. 1st shall be eligible to play the year in question.

Girl Scout

Brownie News

Glasscock, Maria Moreno, Roberta Duran, Kristi Alves, Debbie Williams, Oleta Walters, Loyce Baker, Nancy Click and Susan Allgier.

By LOYCE BAKER

Last Tuesday, February 20, the second year Brownies viewed a film about Juliet Lowe, founder of the Girl Scouts of America.

Troop 103 Brownies did a good job on their sale of cookies and made enough money to have a skating party in the near future.

Mrs. Don Glasscock served refreshments to the following members: Deneen Patton, Rene Aiken, Janice Jacobs, Judy

Junior Scouts

By JAN MELTON

Thursday, the Junior Scouts went to the Elementary School to watch a film about Girl Scouts all around the world. We all enjoyed it.

Refreshments of kool-ade and chocolate cookies were served by Mrs. Glasscock.

Badgers Tracks

By STEVE WALKER

For All Seniors: Devey School of Electrical Technology Institute will have a representative here March 8th to talk with any Senior who is interested in computer programming. The session will begin at 3:45 p.m. and last about an hour.

"Merkel High School will not be the scene," said one student this week after learning that our principals secretary, Glenda Byrd, is leaving Merkel. Her last day at MHS was Wednesday. She is now preparing to leave for her new home at Ganada, Texas. We will miss her daughter, Audy, too. What a shame that the MHS band must lose a twirler with such talent. All in all, the students and the faculty will miss them both. I want Mrs. Byrd to know, it sure is going to be quiet in the office from now on! GOOD LUCK

Don Clyburn and Tonya Crenshaw worked for the honor of the Badgers at a spelling meet in Stamford Saturday. Competing against Lubbock High, Abilene High, etc., Don came in third and Tonya fifth. Great going.



ATTENDING THE BLUE AND GOLD Banquet held Thursday, Feb. 22 were, from left to right, Leighton Batey, Willie Townsend, Larry Davis and Joey Arney. Standing from left to right is Cubmaster John Townsend and Assistant Cubmaster Joe Arney.

Missionette News

By SUSAN WHEELER

The weekly meeting of the Missionettes of the Assembly of God Church was held Friday at 3:30 p.m. at the church.

Gwen Taff presented a nice story and songs were sung by the group. The girls voted on parts for the presentation of the program "Stairway to the Stars." The group also voted on whether to have covered dishes or cookies and drinks for a banquet. The group decided on cookies and drinks.

Billie Walters and Mrs. Wheeler served refreshments to the 16 attending.



Seven-year-old Jimmy Kline, the son of Sp 6 David L. Kline, can thank another American soldier for saving his life.

Jimmy's dad had rescued his wife and two other children when flames roared through their apartment house in Zweibruecken, Germany. But the heat became so intense he was unable to get to Jimmy. Firemen also failed to find the boy in the dense smoke.

But MP Terry Riley, a resident of the building, felt he could locate the youngster because apartments in the house shared the same floor plans. Without any protection from the blaze, he felt his way to Jimmy's bed and rescued him.

Doctors said that if Jimmy had remained in the building three more minutes he would have died.

Riley suffered minor burns. For Jimmy, who's now "A-OK," it's a new lease on life.

Twenty coeds are attending college this year on full-tuition, four-year Army ROTC scholarships. The 20 college girls are among more than 200 who jumped at the chance to join the program on 10 campuses.

Gorilla Growl

By ALLEN GERGORY

It has been formally announced that the Senior class is going to sponsor a Senior play this year. The name of the play is "HER KISSIN' COUSIN". And it is written by Patricia Clapp. There are eight characters in this play, four boys and four girls. Participating in the play as its characters are Bill Hamner portraying Randolph Fitzhugh, Roy Sharp with the lead boy's role as Tom Jackson, Tom McLeod as Bruce Barlett, and Kris James as Harry Ames. Portraying for the girls in the play are Becky Bryan in the lead girl's role as Lucy Lee Saunders, Diana Bishop as Mollie Farrell, Anita Jo Reed as Jennifer Desmond and Judy Brnovak as Jodie Armstrong.

Tickets for the play are now \$1.00 for adults and .75 for students. However at the gate the tickets will be \$1.25 for adults and \$1.00 for students, so buy your tickets early.

Round-Up

EVERETT WILLIAMS has been in the Hendricks Hospital recently. He is going good and is home after a recent heart attack.

REX MARTIN has returned home recently from West Texas Medical Center after having surgery.

LENA REEDER and Eda Neeb and nephew, Benny Hobbs of Stith went to Seymore Friday to visit a brother, Bill Hobbs, who is sick. Wednesday, the two were notified of the death of a sister-in-law, Mrs. Charles Hobbs who passed away with a heart attack. Funeral was in Dallas Friday.

Three Trent Students Outstanding Teenagers

Three Trent High School students have been selected as Outstanding Teenagers of America for 1973, according to Mr. Sam Frazier, principal.

Selection for the Outstanding Teenagers awards program automatically qualifies these students for further state, regional, and national honors and scholarships totaling \$7,000. Local nominees are Judy Kay Brnovak, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brnovak, Anetia Frazier, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elby Frazier, and Tom McLeod, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. McLeod.

Nominated by their principals, the Outstanding Teenagers of America are chosen from individual schools across the country for excellence in academic achievement and community service. These three students will now vie for the Outstanding Teenager of the Year Trophy to be presented by Governor Dolph Briscoe.

The Outstanding Teenager of America program was created to encourage young people to take full advantage of the opportunities in our country. The awards are presented each spring, and biographies of all those honored are recorded in the annual volume, "Outstanding Teenagers of America."

G. A. NEWS

By YVONNE SWINNEY

The Girls In Action Group of the First Baptist Church met Wednesday Feb. 21 at the home of their leader, Mrs. Betty Allgaier.

We sang songs, heard a story, and made plans for a mission activity. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Allgaier.

Members present were: Sherry Roeder, Taresia English, Susan Allgaier, Nancy Click, Mary Roeder, Yvonne Swinney, Oleta Walters, Sharryl Luckey, Pam Wheeler, and Susan Wheeler.



BILL HARRIS
... service representative

Bill Harris Accepts Position

William A. (Bill) Harris, who started with Lone Star Gas Co. in September 1958 has moved from Abilene to Merkel to replace Frank Breaux as Service Representative.

He and his wife, Karen have bought the Bob Dennis house at 408 Oak. They have three children, Saadia 14, Billy, 12 and Darryl 11.

They attend the Merkel Church of Christ. Bill will be a member of the Lions Club and local country club. He will manage "The Braves", a Little League team sponsored by Bon-y Insurance Co.



GAIL GENTRY
... dean's list

Gail Gentry On Dean's List

1-24 Gail Gentry On Dean's List Gail Gentry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Gentry of Merkel has qualified for the Dean's List at North Texas State at Denton, Texas.

To qualify, a student must be enrolled for 12 hours of courses or more, excluding pass-fall courses; and have a 3.0 average or better on a 4.0 system.

Gail made the Dean's List with a 3.5 average. She is a sophomore and just likes 3 hours being a junior.

She is majoring in Elementary Education and minoring in math.

Nora Tiner Rites Held

Nora Ann Tiner, 89 years old, died Feb. 16, at the Lynn Manor Nursing Home in Abilene after a lengthy illness.

Funeral services were held Saturday Feb. 17 at 2:30 p.m. in the First Baptist Church with Kenneth Jones officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Born March 18, 1883 in Arkansas, she married James W. Tiner, Aug. 4, 1903 in Earth, Texas. Mr. Tiner died July 24, 1963. The couple moved to Jones County in 1906, and moved from the Shiloh community to Merkel in 1959.

She was a member of Eastern Star, First Baptist Church and the Dorcas Sunday School Class.

Survivors are five sons, Houston of Merkel; Joe of Prairie Valley, Kan.; Gerald Abilene, Emitt of Dallas and Louis of Mrs. Floyd Buchanan, Anson, Mrs. E. L. Turner, Fort Worth, and Mrs. John Warren, Odessa; one brother, Volney Calhoun of Big Spring; 11 grandchildren, and 19 great-grandchildren.

CLASSIFIED ADS GET RESULTS

Five Women Attend Meet

Those attending the Taylor Jones Medical Society Tuesday, Feb. 13th from Merkel were Mmes. Ruby Hammonds, Ruth Pangle, Fena Gladden, Ruth Smith and Mary Outlaw. Miss Jody Wall, R.N. on the

3-11 shift in O.R., took the group on a tour of the new Operating Rooms at Hendricks. Each person donned gowns, caps, masks and shoes before the tour. It was very educational and interesting to all attending. The Society appreciated their kindness shown.

new 19" compact
ZENITH
SUPER
CHROMACOLOR
...even richer colors...superior brightness...greater contrast... sharper detail...than the famous original Zenith Chromacolor which set a new standard of excellence in color tv



The AMHERST D4025W
A big 19" diagonal Super-Screen picture in a compact grained Kashmir Walnut color cabinet Titan 101 Chassis—over 90% solid-state Solid-State Super Video Range Tuner Customized Tuning Automatic Tint Guard Control 5" x 3" Speaker

top value!

\$378⁰⁰

over 90% solid-state chassis!

*Distributor suggested retail price

WESTGATE TV MUSIC CENTER



JOHN WILSON, Manager
(Next to Wards)

Westgate Shopping Capitol

Abilene, Texas 79605

WE SERVICE ALL

MADES AND MODELS

"Our Work and Your

Satisfaction Guaranteed"

THIS WEEKS SPECIALS

20-OZ. LAVORIS Antiseptic 99c
Reg. 1.59

Vicks VAPORUB Economy Size \$1.09
Reg. 1.85

Miss Breck HAIR SPRAY 13-OZ. 66c
Reg. 88c

Every Day Low Prices

Nice & Easy Hair Color \$1.59
Reg. 2.29

Vicks NYQUIL Reg 1.59 \$1.19

Johnsons Baby Powder 14-OZ. 95c
Reg. 1.29



MARCH SAVINGS

Mens Shirts 3.99

WAFFEL STOMPER

Shoes 10.99

Boys Jeans 2.99

Boys Track Shoes 4.99

Ladies Shoes 8.99

Blouses 3.99

Smocks BY GRUBBIES 6.99

NO IRON Sheets 3.44

GIRLS Flare Jeans 8.99

Master Charge -- Lay-Away 30 Day Accounts

Crawford's Phone 928-5612 135 Edwards



Stith News

By MRS. FRITZ HALE

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Browning and Mr. and Mrs. Emmitt McCathern, visited Mr. and Mrs. Catchern, Lefors, Texas, visited Mr. and Mrs. John Brown-

Mr. and Mrs. Browning visited Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Rutledge and the Fritz Hales in Merkel Friday.

Visitors in the home of Miss Louise Hudson Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Casey and Jim Sepsar of Levelland; Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Riney of Slaton and Vada Hudson of Merkel.

Also visiting were Mr. and Mrs. Rex Hudson and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hudson of Rising Star.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Fikes and family of Kermit spent the

weekend with his mother, Mrs. O. J. Fikes. Vickie Powell of Odessa is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Fikes this week. Mike Hale, who is attending West Texas University at Canyon Texas and Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Ray and Christi of Odessa visited their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hale Sunday.

The Community was saddened by the death of Marvin Hollaway, 41, of Cedar Hill Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Hollaway moved from their farm here to Cedar Hill in 1971.

Survivors are his wife Datna, one daughter, Mrs. Becky McLean of Beaumont, Texas; two sons, Wayne who is in the service and stationed at Denver, Colo. and Tim of the home; his mother, Mrs. Marvin Hollaway Sr. and a brother, Truman of Stith.

We extend our sympathy to the family.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Peterson, Dona and Victor of Abilene visited Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley Sunday.

CEMETERY FUND

Bessie T. Merritt in memory of Lee R. Stanley
Mr. and Mrs. Billy C. Young in memory of H. W. Hester
Mrs. F. R. Demere in memory of E. J. Patterson
Mrs. John Oliver and Jimmy Oliver in memory of Elmer Patterson
Mrs. Eva Faye Denton in memory of Mrs. Alva McLean
Mrs. M. G. Bryan
Children of Mr. and Mrs. Selma Russell
Mrs. L. M. Touchstone in memory of The Sears Family
Mrs. Lola Stockbridge
Mrs. Trula V. Cox
Mary E. Jones
Mrs. George Cooper
Mr. and Mrs. R. N. O'Rear
G. D. McConnell
Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Howard
Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Sadler in memory of Mr. J. B. Wade
Sam Mashburn
Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Reid in memory of Andrew Baker
Mrs. W. C. Cowger

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Howard in memory of Andrew Baker
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. R. Cypert in memory of Andrew Baker
Mr. and Mrs. Don Hart in memory of Andrew Baker
Lottie B. Everett in memory of Elmer Patterson
Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Gardner
Warren C. Smith
L. R. Stanley Est.
Mr. and Mrs. Earl Baze in memory of Andrew Baker and Nora Tiner
Mrs. Carlton King and Ray in memory of Andy Baker and Nora Tiner
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cole
W. C. Harris
Mrs. L. M. Touchstone in memory of Andrew Baker
Mr. and Mrs. Weldon McAninch in memory of Andrew Baker
Mrs. C. A. Cox in memory of Mrs. Nora Tiner
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ueckert in memory of Mrs. Nora Tiner
Mr. and Mrs. Pat Cypert in memory of Mrs. Nora Tiner
Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Davis in memory of Mrs. Nora Tiner
Mr. and Mrs. Leo Harris in memory of Andrew Baker
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Baccus in memory of Carl Baccus
Mr. and Mrs. Ike D. Turner
Mrs. O. C. Sosebee
Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Cypert in memory of Mrs. Nora Tiner
Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Fox in memory of Mrs. Nora Tiner
Mr. Dee Grimes in memory of Mrs. Nora Tiner
Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Bishop in memory of Mrs. Tiner
Mr. and Mrs. Leon Harris in memory of F. T. Hogan and Mrs. J. W. Tiner
Mr. and Mrs. Ford Smith Jr. in memory of F. T. Hogan
E. J. Orsborn Estate
Mr. and Mrs. Curtis McAninch in memory of F. T. Hogan
Miss Sammie J. Husky
Mrs. Wynona Scoggins and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Scroggins in memory of Andrew Baker
Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Teaff in memory of Andrew Baker
Mr. and Mrs. W. S. J. Brown in memory of Andrew Baker
Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Teaff in memory of J. B. Wade and Mrs. J. W. Tiner
Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Benson in memory of Andy Baker
Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Hester in memory of J. B. Wade and wife, and Carl W. Marsh.
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. R. Cypert in memory of F. T. Hogan
Mrs. Billy Bob Toombs in memory of F. T. Hogan
Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Sadler in memory of Mrs. Nora Tiner and F. T. Hogan
Mr. and Mrs. Irven Thompson in memory of F. T. Hogan
Mr. and Mrs. Stacy Bird and Mr. and Mrs. Finus Cade in memory of F. T. Hogan
Mr. and Mrs. Orin Higgins in memory of F. T. Hogan
Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Reid in memory of F. T. Hogan
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Pee in memory of F. T. Hogan
Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Pee in memory of F. T. Hogan
Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Riney & Family in memory of F. T. Hogan
Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Reid and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Reid in memory of Marvin Hollaway
Nina Sherrell

FARMCAST

Texas cows produced almost five tons of milk each during 1972. Total milk production in Texas this past year was up four per cent from a year ago. Total milk production was 3,381,000,000 pounds.

The milk cow population also increased slightly, from 355,000 in 1971 to 358,000 in 1972. Average production per cow in herd, including dry cows, was 9,444 pounds in 1972, up 320 pounds from 1970.

But the nationwide average per cow production was 10,271 pounds. Total milk production throughout the nation during 1972 amounted to 120 billion pounds; this is 1.5 per cent higher than the previous year.

FERTILIZER use in Texas continues to climb. Total amount of fertilizer applied on Texas farmlands during 1972 was up almost 200,000 tons over 1971.

Types of fertilizer are divided into three categories; mixed fertilizer, primary nutrient fertilizer, and secondary and micronutrient fertilizer.

Mixed fertilizer utilized in Texas totaled 1,312,535 tons; this is up 1 per cent from 1971. Primary nutrient fertilizer amounted to 1,200,733 tons, which is six per cent above the 1971 use. Secondary and micronutrient fertilizer applied amounted to 1,100 tons which was down slightly from the 1971 level.

Amounts of fertilizers used in Texas during 1972 include: nitrogen - 712,135 tons; phosphate - 260,292 tons; potash - 112,943 tons.

Anhydrous ammonia fertilizer accounted for 39 per cent of the nitrogen fertilizer used in 1962; ammonium nitrate accounted for 25 per cent, and ammonium sulfate accounted for 14 per cent while nitrogen solutions accounted for 13 per cent.

Superphosphate made up 29 per cent of the directly applied phosphate materials.

BROILER wholesale prices are jumping at almost unheard of rates. The price recently jumped at almost unheard of rates. The price recently jumped four cents a pound at the wholesale level, which is perhaps the first time that has ever happened.

Reasons for the price increase

MERKEL BRUSH STOMPERS NEWS

A meeting was held Feb. 12, and the directors voted to have a pot-luck supper on the 3rd of March at 7:30 p.m.

All past members and anyone interested in belonging to a Riding Club is invited to attend. Coffee and Ice will be furnished.

The Pot Luck Supper will be at the Taylor Electric Co-Op Building. Two new directors will be elected. Bring your food and come eat with us.

School Menu

MONDAY
Italian Spagetti with Cheese, Whole Kernel Corn, English Peas, Cabbage Salad, Hot Rolls, butter, milk, fruit cup

TUESDAY
Steakettes with gravy, Whipped Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot rolls, butter, milk, Fruit Jel-lo

WEDNESDAY
Chili Beans, Buttered potatoes, vegetable salad, corn muffins, butter, milk, peach crisps.

THURSDAY
Turkey, Giblet Gravy, Corn Bread Dressing, Mixed Vegetables, Spiced Apple Rings, Hot Rolls, Butter, Milk, Pumpkin pie.

FRIDAY
Hamburgers, Pinto Beans, Tomatoes, Lettuce, Pickles, Onions, Milk, Peanut Butter Cookies.

Singing Set At Hodges

The regular first Friday Night Singing will be held at the Hodges Baptist Church at 7 this Friday night, March 2. Everyone is invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.

include:
The high price of red meat is causing consumers to buy more broilers, thus making the law of supply and demand react:
Bad weather in Georgia, a major broiler production area. As a result, prices to consumers for broilers will be at levels of 20 years ago. Until recently, broilers have for the past several years been several cents per

CATTLE on feed in Texas as of Feb. 1 totaled 2,215,000 head. This is 22 per cent above a year ago, but one per cent below a month ago. Nationwide, cattle on feed in the seven major states was one per cent above a month ago and eight per cent above a year ago.

NOW OPEN Fox & Carter T.V. Shop 122 Edwards 928-4721

SALES—SERVICE—RENTALS
SERVICE ON TAPE PLAYERS & STEREOS
REPAIR ON SMALL ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES
COLOR & BLACK-WHITES
HOME CALLS OPEN 9:30 A.M.-6:00 P.M.
Terry Fox Sterling Carter

"IF YOU LOVE ME..." (John 14:15) Part 1
Jesus Christ is the Son of God! He is eternal, omniscient and omnipotent. He is the bread of life from whom we receive our spiritual strength (John 6:35). He is the head of his body, the church (Col. 1:18). He is the ransom for our sins through whom we may obtain salvation (1 Tim. 2:6; Acts 4:12). He is the resurrection and the life through whom we may have immortality (John 11:25). "Though he was a Son, yet learned obedience by the things which he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became unto all them that obey him the author of eternal salvation." Hebrews 5:8, 9.

Our faith in Jesus Christ as the Son of God is not a blind, unreasonable, "leap-in-the-dark" type of faith. It is conviction based on the strongest sort of evidence. He was born of a virgin and vindicated his claim to a divine origin by his perfect character and miraculous signs. The events of his birth, life and death are shown to be at the center of God's purpose of redemption by the fact that over three hundred prophecies of the Old Testament are fulfilled in those events. The tomb in which only defensible explanation for the absence of body is in the disciples' claim that he rose from the dead.

The life and work of Jesus Christ comprise the greatest of all proofs that God does love sinful men and that He desires their salvation. God has therefore made Christ the one and only Savior through whom we may have the remission of our sins. Faithful followers of the Lord in this age acknowledge the absolute authority of Jesus Christ over their lives and, in obedience to His Great Commission (Matt. 28:18, 19, 20), they are constantly striving to carry the Good News of salvation through Christ into every part of the world. They present the evidence of Christ's unique Sonship, urge their hearers to believe on him and to obey His commands relative to their salvation and stress the fact that Christ is coming again to call all men into judgment according to the written word of God.

Can one who seriously investigates the evidence deny the fact that Jesus is the Son of God? Can he call our faith unreasonable? Not if he will be honest and seriously investigate for himself.

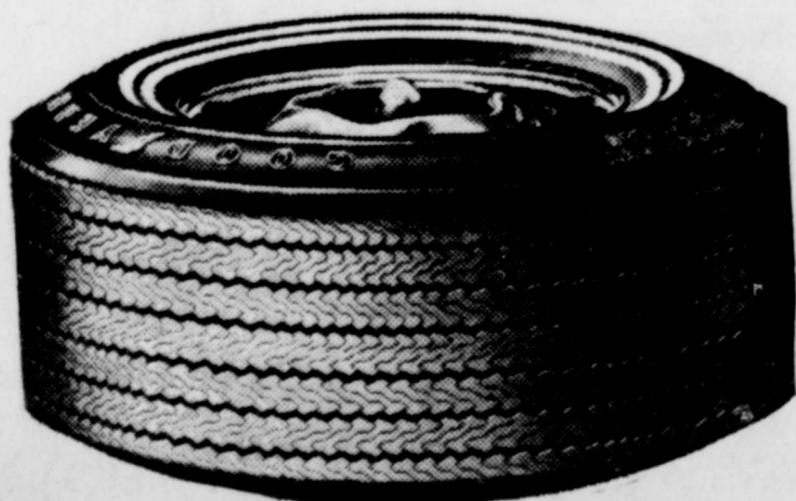
BILLY PATTON
CHURCH OF CHRIST
"COME VISIT WITH US"



SPECTACULAR CARPET SALE!

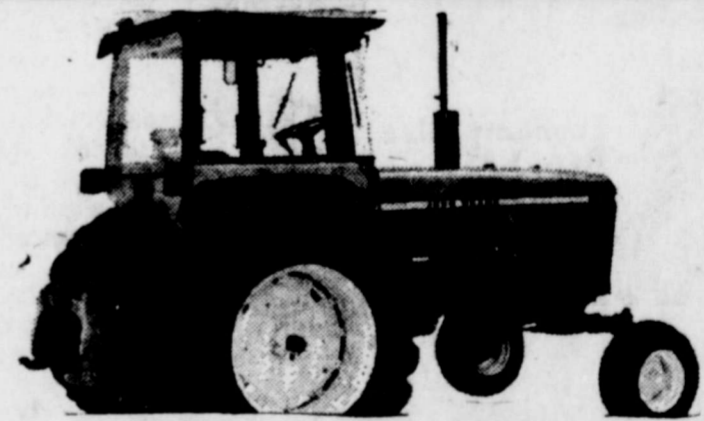
100% Continuous Filament
DuPont '501' Nylon
Meets F.H.A. Standards... ONLY \$6⁹⁵ sq. yd.
INSTALLED ON PAD
STARBUCK FURNITURE CO.
201 Edwards Home 928-4711

Now Stocking GOOD YEAR Tires



MAX MURRELL CHEVROLET

Interstate 20
Merkel 928-4736 Abilene 673-3181



1973 JOHN DEERE 4030 DIESEL

Come by Today and see our complete line of New John Deere Equipment. We carry new Tandems, Grain Drills, Chisel Plows, Hay Equipment, One-ways, and other equipment. We have a complete stock of parts. See us for service on your present tractor.

USED TRACTORS
1—John Deere 4010 Diesel
1—John Deere 3010 LP
1—John Deere 70 LP
1—John Deere 60 LP
1—Farmall 560 LP
1—Farmall 460 LP
1—Ford 6000 LP
1—Ford 6000 Diesel
1—MF 65 LP



With us... service is a profession not a sideline

ABILENE FARM SUPPLY

"Your Authorized John Deere Dealer"
3526 S. Treadaway Abilene, Texas Phone 692-2255

Accent On Health

A sweeping move to make all small children's sleepwear fire resistant moves into its second phase in July, says the State Health Department.

On July 29, all children's sleepwear through six 6X must be flame resistant. Earlier, on June 7, mattresses and mattress pads must meet a flame resistant criteria.

The sleepwear standards are included in the Hazardous Substances Law which was repealed and replaced by the Texas Legislature last year. The law became effective on January 1, 1973, but the July 29 date was selected by state health officials for compliance to keep state regulations compatible with federal flammability standards on sleepwear.

Incident after incident in Texas point up the need for flame resistant fabrics — not only in children but in adults and elderly. When a person's clothing ignites, there's more than a good chance that the person will be burned — sometimes horribly,

sometimes fatally, but always painfully.

The Department of Health, Education and Welfare estimates that the annual toll of fabric ignition fires in this country is between 3,000 and 5,000 deaths, along with 150,000 to 250,000 injuries and directly-related financial losses exceeding a quarter-billion dollars.

In clothing, it is the quick-ignition fabric which causes the greatest human losses, says Harold R. Ray, director of the State Health Department's Bedding and Product Safety Division, which is charged with enforcement of flammability standards.

Usually, this soft, highly-flammable material is put into children's clothing as well as nightgowns and robes worn by adults.

The new Texas law established requirements regarding flammability of liquids, solids, self-pressurized containers (aerosols) and children's clothing in certain size ranges, in addition to any other hazardous household articles accessible to small children.

Texas has a provision in its regulations involving larger sizes, 7 to 14, and children's outer clothing through size 14, which will be implemented at a later date.

"When these go into effect, there will be regulations on all children's clothing through size 14 except diapers and underwear," said Ray.

Compliance dates for larger sizes of sleepwear and outer garments will be announced, and manufacturers will again be given 12 months to comply following the announcement. The dates will be in compliance with the new federal Consumer Product Safety Commission, once that body is appointed and functioning.

The early need for sleepwear standards is apparent. Tests have shown that flimsy, night apparel burns faster, for instance, than the body-fitting knit garments when worn. Thus, the sleepwear may become more of a torch than regular clothing when they catch on fire. And, in many cases, trim on the garments led to quicker ignition than similar garments without trim. It also makes a difference whether a garment is tested on a mannequin or a clothes hanger, which will vary the amount of oxygen circulating freely

around the fabric.

Leading safety and health authorities are aware of burn studies conducted in Texas and other states — including studies made on fabrics and the results of burns on humans caused by clothing ignition.

"The conclusions of all," said Ray, "attest to the severity of burns when clothing is ignited, and point to the need of flame resistant fabrics in clothes, bed-clothing, draperies, and upholstery."

Flammable clothing was involved in 61 per cent of the patients treated at the Shriners Burns Institute in Galveston. The most tragic aspect of this, say Institute officials, is that 75 per cent of these injuries could have been avoided. If flame-retardant clothing had been available, these tragedies might never have occurred.

The long frilly nightgowns that little girls wear, and look very pretty in, are so flammable that if they come in contact with a flame, within 10 seconds the child will be severely burned. Such apparel easily goes up in flames when it comes in contact with an open space heater.

The National Burn Information Exchange, in one of their studies, reports that the injury severity differences between clothing and non-clothing burns are shocking. Clothing ignition victims were four times more likely to die than those spared clothing fire. Their burns covered nearly twice as much body surface, and six times more skin was burned full-thickness (totally demolished, requiring grafting). They spent an average of 21 more days from burn to hospital discharge, and their medical costs were \$5,000 higher than the average no-clothing-ignition patient.

Q—To settle a disagreement in my family, can you tell me if many veterans participate in job and farm training programs under the G.I. Bill?

A—In Fiscal Year 1972 (ending June 30) there were nearly 170,000 veterans in on-job training programs, which is 20,000 more than in FY 1971 and nine times the total in FY 1968.

Q—What is the income limit governing entitlement to non-service-connected disability and death pensions for veterans?

A—The income limit to such pensions for a veteran or widow with no dependents is \$2,600, and \$3,600 for a veteran or widow with dependents.

Q—Is there a limit on the amount of G.I. loan a veteran can get?

A—The amount of the home loan is a matter between the veteran and the lending institution. However, there is a maximum on the portion of the loan that the Veterans Administration can guarantee — 60 per cent of the loan, not to exceed \$12,500.00.

Q—Can a service-disabled veteran who received a VA automobile allowance be reimbursed for the special adaptive equipment more than once?

A—Yes. Payment may be made to the seller of the equipment or reimbursement to the quires repair or replacement.

Vet Questions And Answers

Q—I am amazed at the marvelous spirit of the VA hospital volunteers in my state and how much they do for sick and disabled veterans. Just how important does VA consider its volunteers? How much do they do for patients, nationwide?

A—Volunteers are an essential link in VA medical care and rehabilitation, and VA considers itself blessed with the best voluntary service support in the nation. Volunteers from 440 organizations contribute almost 10 million hours per year to VA patients, plus a large volume of gifts for individual and in-hospital use. More such help in hands are needed! Those interested should contact the director of voluntary service at the nearest VA hospital.

Q—If I purchase a mobile home with a VA guaranteed loan, just what does this guarantee?

A—VA guarantees up to 30 per cent of loans — up to a maximum of \$10,000 for mobile homes and up to \$17,500 if the loan covers a lot as well as the mobile home. The guarantee usually permits eligible veterans and widows to arrange "no down payment" loans with private lending institutions.

Q—To settle a disagreement in my family, can you tell me if many veterans participate in job and farm training programs under the G.I. Bill?

A—In Fiscal Year 1972 (ending June 30) there were nearly 170,000 veterans in on-job training programs, which is 20,000 more than in FY 1971 and nine times the total in FY 1968.

Q—What is the income limit governing entitlement to non-service-connected disability and death pensions for veterans?

A—The income limit to such pensions for a veteran or widow with no dependents is \$2,600, and \$3,600 for a veteran or widow with dependents.

Q—Is there a limit on the amount of G.I. loan a veteran can get?

A—The amount of the home loan is a matter between the veteran and the lending institution. However, there is a maximum on the portion of the loan that the Veterans Administration can guarantee — 60 per cent of the loan, not to exceed \$12,500.00.

Q—Can a service-disabled veteran who received a VA automobile allowance be reimbursed for the special adaptive equipment more than once?

A—Yes. Payment may be made to the seller of the equipment or reimbursement to the quires repair or replacement.

Free G.I. Bill Helps Marginal Students

Free G. I. Bill entitlement for high school dropouts and marginal graduates is bringing more "educationally disadvantaged" back to classrooms, a Veterans Administration report reveals.

Jack Coker, VA Regional Office Director, disclosed today that more than 20,000 veterans were drawing "extra bonus" G. I. educational benefits by attending high school and college preparatory courses.

Veterans who have completed a tour of military service normally earn enough G. I. Bill entitlement to complete four years of college, Coker explained. Those who need extra work to qualify for college can receive extra months of G. I. Bill allowances while taking the preparatory work and still have four years of educational benefits remaining for college, he said.

Enrollment in such courses in November — normally the peak month — was up 36 per cent over the 1971 mark to a total of 21,300. A total of 125,000 have used the program since it was authorized in 1967.

The 125,000 figure includes 70,000 veterans and servicemen who completed up to 11 years of schooling, and 55,000 high school graduates who lacked prerequisites for higher education.

While 125,000 educationally disadvantaged persons trained under free entitlement, another 282,000 trainees who failed to complete high school used VA education benefits to attend vo-

ational and trade schools, or take correspondence courses and on-job training.

Veterans and servicemen are considered educationally disadvantaged, it was explained, if they were high school dropouts, or have not earned a general development equivalency certificate. High school graduates who need remedial or refresher courses to qualify for higher education also are eligible for free entitlement.

G. I. Bill allowances for educationally disadvantaged trainees and college students are the same. The rate is \$220 per month for single full-time trainees, with proportionately higher rates for trainees with depen-

dents. However, free entitlement training is not charged against education benefits earned in military service.

Veterans and servicemen earn education benefits after at least 181 days on active duty, any part of it after January 31, 1955. Veterans discharged because of service-connected injuries are eligible, regardless of length of service.

Veterans should contact the nearest VA office, veterans county service officer, or representatives of local veterans service organizations, Coker said. Servicemen interested in education benefits including the high school entitlement should contact base education officers.

Registered Nurses Serving Nation

About 1,000 registered nurses are currently participating in the Army Reserve program as members of hospital units located throughout the United States.

Through such participation, nurses have an opportunity to not only earn extra money in addition to their regular salaries, but also to continue their professional development by attending seminars at leading Army hospitals, including Walter Reed Army Medical Center. The subject matter of most seminars can be used in their civilian nursing profession.

The Army Reserve nurse holds a full-time civilian job, and spends 16 hours a month with a Reserve unit in his or her hometown. In addition, two weeks each year are spent at an active Army hospital.

Most of the training in the hometown is at local hospitals, or health centers,

where nurses are working with patients; in addition, nurses teach skills to paramedics in the Reserve unit.

For this part-time service, Army Reserve nurses are well paid. The average income for a nurse just starting out in a Reserve unit is \$1,200 and some unit nurses earn almost \$4,000 a year.

According to Col. Garnet Willow, nurse staff advisor for the Army Reserve, there is need for an additional 850 registered nurses in the Reserve program.

"We're interested in men and women, between the ages of 21 and 33 who are U. S. citizens, and graduates of nursing education programs approved by the National League for Nursing."

Further information may be obtained by writing to Col. Willow, Office, Chief Army Reserve, Room 2E 515, The Pentagon, Washington, D. C. 20310.

University of Texas Plans Baseball Stadium

AUSTIN, Texas (Spl.) — Artificial turf and lights for night games are among features planned for a proposed baseball stadium at The University of Texas.

The UT System Board of Regents has approved preliminary plans for the new stadium, to be located at the corner of East 19th and Comal.

Seating capacity in the new structure will be 5,066, which will more than double the current 1,700 seats at UT's old Clark Field. The name of Clark Field will be retained for the new baseball facility.

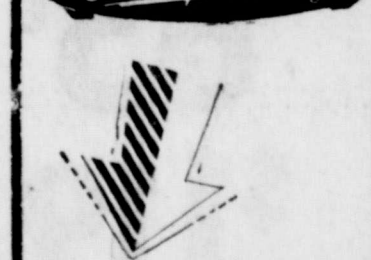
FARMERS UNION INSURANCES

ONE STOP SERVICE FOR ALL YOUR INSURANCE NEEDS



See MACK SEYMOUR
102 Edwards
928-5379
Merkel, Texas

SERVICE Our Specialty



J. L. FISHER
FINA SERVICE

WEST HIGHWAY 80
INTERSTATE 20 &
TWO LOCATIONS

MERKEL
AUTO PARTS
921 N. 2nd

WE WELCOME
YOUR BUSINESS



Why women prefer Frigidaire Laundry Pair

Because it's so easy to use — and adds happy time hours to your day.

- Simple controls
- Dependable performance
- Smart styling

AND, you can buy Frigidaire on Reddy Credit from WTU — ask for details when you come in to make your selection.

FREE WIRING BONUS

Normal FREE 220 volt wiring — in a permanently constructed residence served by WTU — for a new Electric Dryer purchased from a local dealer. Ask for details.

West Texas Utilities Company
An Equal Opportunity Employer

ALL
TYPES
OF
INSURANCE
BONEY
INS. AGENCY
Phone 8-5151

SWEETWATER LIVESTOCK AUCTION, INC.

LET US HANDLE YOUR CATTLE NEEDS

CECIL SELLERS, Owner

Sale Every Wed. 11:00

WHETHER BUYING OR SELLING

Hamlin 576-2560 Sweetwater 236-6378

Knits are always news

Come see our New Shipment of
MERIT Double Knit Sport Coats
Merit Fashions, fashions for Men
Featured at Braggs and
Advertised in Playboy



Double Knit Pants to Match Up With
VAN HEUSEN the Vanknit Dress Shirts and Wembley Ties

Gold Toe Socks

We have the Newest in Fashion.
CUFFER Keep-A-Press Pants for the young at heart.

Machine Washable — Sizes 28-36 Waist

Braggs

213 Edwards

Phone 928-5711

"Exclusive But Not Expensive"

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: Ronald Leslie Threlfall, 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 9 day of April A.D. 1973, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 10 day of Jan. A.D. 1973, in this cause, numbered 7769 on the docket of said court and styled Ex Parte Deborah Anne Hughes and Suzanne Marie Hughes.

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 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 22 day of Feb. A.D. 1973.

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

Don't Just
GO SHOPPING-

GO SAVING



PRICES GOOD
Thursday—Friday—Saturday
MARCH 1—2—3

GRAPEFRUIT
Tang 18 oz. **79¢**
AMERICAN BEAUTY 10 OZ.
Macaroni 2 FOR **33¢**

LIP TONS
INSTANT
TEA 3 oz. **99¢**

KIMBIES
30 COUNT
Diapers box **1.29**

SAVE 10¢

on next purchase of
Aunt Jemima Complete
Pancake Mix



2 Lb.
Box
39¢

Offer Expires 3-6-73
Without Coupon 49¢
CARSON SUPER
C484 Dal.

WITH THIS
COUPON

CARSON SUPER MARKET



SAVE 20¢
MAXWELL HOUSE COFFEE
1 LB. ONLY **73¢** with
this coupon

Limit One Per Family Expires Mar. 31

CARSON SUPER

save 40¢

With This Coupon When
You Buy a 10-OZ. JAR of

INSTANT
MAXWELL HOUSE COFFEE
AT CARSON
10 OZ. JAR
ONLY **1.09** WITH
COUPON



One Coupon Per Family Offer Expires March 31

"DOGS" and 'BURGERS



DECKERS
HOT DOG
TREATS

PKG.
59¢

Beef Fresh Ground Lb. **65¢**

STEAK CHOICE BEEF CLUB Lb. **\$1.19**

BACON Deckers Lb. **89¢**

HAM Decker Boneless Sliced lb. 1.49 .. lb **\$1.39**

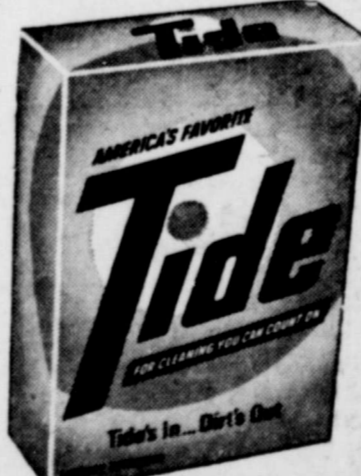
CHEESE Wisconsin Cheddar Lb. **98¢**

CHOICE BEEF T-BONE STEAK....lb. **1.65** | TURBOT WEIGHT WATCHERS FISH lb. **89¢**

Frozen Foods

PATIO MEXICAN DINNER Asst. Each **39¢**
CHEF BOY DEE Little PIZZAS.....box **59¢**
MORTONS TV DINNERS.... Asst. **39¢**

JOY KING SIZE **69¢** DASH HOME LAUNDRY **3.99**



WE GIVE GIFT BOND STAMPS
DOUBLE ON WEDS.

DELSEY TISSUE 2 Rolls **25¢**
HUNTS 300 Fruit Cocktail 2 for **59¢**
SUNSHINE CRACKERS Lb. **35¢**

RUBY RED Grapefruit Lb..... **12¢**

FRESH TOMATOES Lb. **29¢**

WASHINGTON DELICIOUS Red APPLES Lb. **25¢**

FRESH RADISHES 2 Cellos **19¢**

DOLE BANANASLb. **10¢**

RUSSET SPUDS 10 Lb. Bag **69¢**

WEST BEND
Stainless Steel
SKILLET
11 In. Each **5⁷³**

CREAMY
CRISCO
3 Lb. Can **63¢**
WITH \$7.50 IN TRADE OR MORE EXCLUSIVE OF CIGARETTES

SWIFT 4 OZ. Vienna Sausage 2 for **43¢**

HUNTS SKILLET ASSORTED DINNERS Ea. **69¢**

PARKAY SOFT OLEOLb. **39¢**

HORMEL 300 CHILI No Beans Can **43¢**

POST ASSORTED TOAST-EM 2 for **69¢**

DEL MONTE 26 OZ. CATSUP Ea. **43¢**

DEL MONTE NO. 2 CAN PINEAPPLE 2 for **69¢**

DEL MONTE CUT 303 Green Beans 2 for **49¢**

DEL MONTE 303 C.S. Golden Corn 2 for **39¢**

DEL MONTE 303 Garden Peas 2 for **49¢**

DEL MONTE TUNA Flat Can **39¢**

Miracle Whip Krafts (1 Limit) Qt. **59¢**

JELLO Assorted (6 Limit) 3 Oz. 3 for **29¢**

BISCUITS Pillsbury (6 Limit) 3 for **25¢**

FLOUR Gold Medal (1 Limit) 5 Lb. Bag **59¢**

CARSON'S
SUPER MARKET
MERKEL, TEXAS
FRESH VEGETABLES
FREE DELIVERY
MON - WED - FRI
BEST MEATS IN TOWN