

## Scout Troop 18 At Camp Tonkawa Last Week

Scout Troop 18 attended Camp Tonkawa last week. Eleven boys from Merkel went to camp with Scoutmaster Calvin Wolf. Each boy worked very hard on skill awards, merit badges, and rank. The eleven boys earned a total of 37 skill awards and 49 merit badges and 7 boys advanced in rank.

The boys attending camp and the awards they earned are as follows:

BRAD WADE earned Swimming, First Aid, and Citizenship skill awards and Swimming,

Basketry and Mammals merit badges.

CLELL MURRAY earned Swimming and Cooking skill work merit badges. Clell also received the Tenderfoot rank.

LOUIS GOODMAN completed Swimming and Cooking Camping skill awards and Basketry and Leatherwork Merit Badges. Louis received his Tenderfoot rank.

DREW MAWSON earned Swimming, Cooking and Camping skill awards. Also Camping and Basketry Merit Badges, and his Tenderfoot rank.

RUSTY WATTS completed Camping, Hiking and Swimming skill awards and Swimming, Basketry, Camping, Leatherwork, and Mammals merit badges. Rusty received the Second Class Rank.

RONNIE WHISENHUNT earned Family Living, First Aid, Hiking, Physical Fitness, Swimming, Camping, Citizenship Community Living conservation, Cooking and also Basketry, Camping, Leatherwork, Mammals, Art, Painting, Reading and Woodcarving merit badges.

KELLEY WOLF completed Swimming and Hiking skill awards, also Painting, Mammals, Reading, Leatherwork, Basketry, Swimming and a Camping merit badge. He also received the First Class Rank.

CHARLES KNIGHT earned Mammals, Basketry, Painting, and Leatherwork merit badges. Also received the Life Rank.

ALAN MAWSON completed Camping, Citizenship, Cooking, First Aid, Personal Fitness, Swimming and Conservation skill awards. Also Woodcarving, Reading, Mammals, Citizenship in the Nation, Painting, and Art merit badges.

TONY HELMER completed Camping, Citizenship, Cooking, First Aid, Personal Fitness, Swimming and Conservation skill awards. Also Woodcarving, Reading, Mammals, Citizenship in the Nation, Painting, and Art merit badges.

Alan Reed is serving as Provisional Scoutmaster at Camp Tonkawa, and Terry Reed is Quartermaster for the Staff during the five week 1973 camp program.

Alan Mawson was tapped out for The Order of the Arrow Friday night. The Order of the Arrow is a national brotherhood of Scout honor campers.

## Barney Berry Services Held

Barney Clarence Berry, 74, retired farmer of Anson, former resident of the 5th community, died about 12:40 p.m. Friday June 22 in Anson General Hospital. Funeral was held at 2 p.m. Sunday in the Starbuck Funeral Home Chapel.

The Rev. Ausie Watson, pastor of the 5th Baptist Church, officiated, with burial in 5th Cemetery.

Born Nov. 20, 1898, in Arkansas, he moved to Texas as a child. He had lived in 5th until recently moving to Anson.

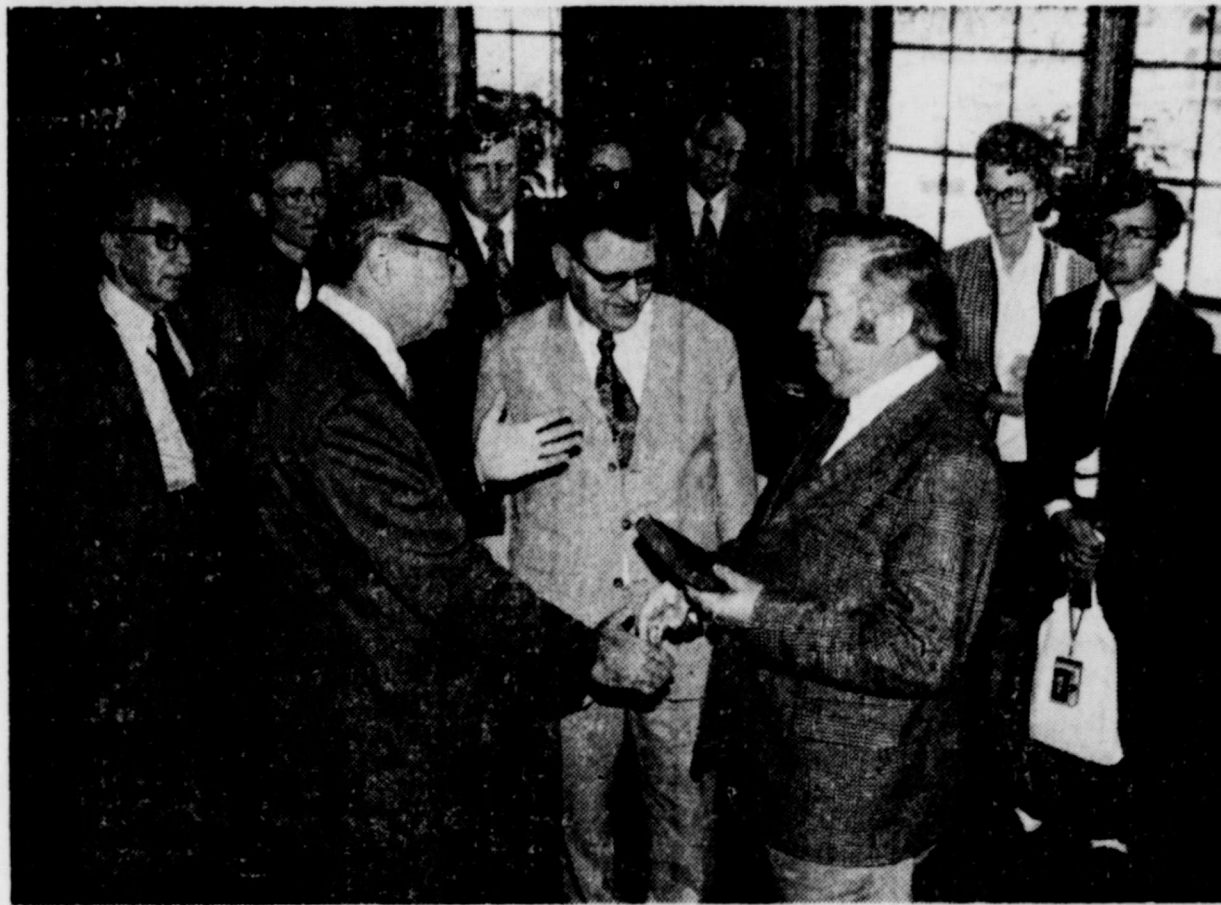
Survivors are three sons, Sam of Los Angeles, Calif., Jerry of Pasadena, Calif., and Michael of 2709 1/2 Russell in Abilene; two daughters, Mrs. Margaret Mason of Pasadena, Calif., and Mrs. Hilda Gaunt of Albuquerque, N.M.; three brothers, M. D. Berry of Weinert, Roy Berry of Philadelphia, Pa., and Henry Berry of Byers; two sisters, Mrs. Lillie Vantrees of Cave Springs, Ark., and Mrs. Dolly Elfers of Clovis, N.M.

A daughter Euline died in 1921.

## 4-H Club Tour Sat.

The Mulberry Canyon 4-H Club tour will be Saturday, June 30th starting at the John Boyd home at Trent at 1:00 p.m.

There will be a supper and meeting at the Taylor Electric Coop Building in Merkel at approximately 6:30 p.m., according to Johnny Gray, president of the Mulberry Canyon 4-H Club.



MERKEL BAPTIST GROUP IN GERMANY  
... presenting Bible

## Baptist Return From Week-Long Evangelistic Crusade in Germany

Pictured above is Rev. Kenneth F. Jones, pastor of Merkel's First Baptist Church, presenting a bi-lingual English-Ger-

man Bible to Alfred Trebchin, Lord Mayor of the city of Luneburg, West Germany, in the city's town hall.

## Fred Starbuck Reappointed Civil Defense Director

Fred Starbuck has been reappointed Civil Defense Director for the City of Merkel by Mayor Lou David Allen. His term of office will coincide with

that of the mayor's.

Starbuck has named Waymon Adcock as Chief of the Fire and Rescue Unit of the Civil Defense unit. Adcock will be using the officers of the fire department in the same capacity they hold in that organization in the Civil Defense organization. Starbuck said that Adcock and his men are in the process of assembling equipment for the Civil Defense truck. He pointed out that the truck had been called out on several occasions. It's full potential and use is just now being fully realized he said.

## Sr. Citizens Will Hold Bake Sale

Senior Citizens Game night was held Monday night. Twenty were present. Next meeting will be Thursday night.

There will be a bake sale at the Senior Citizens Building Saturday July 7th, which is Trades Day.

Each lady is asked to bring a cake, pie, cookies and etc. for the sale.

## Post Office To Close Wednesday

The Merkel Post Office will be closed Wednesday, July 4th, in observance of Independence Day.

Postmaster Truett Thompson said there will be no city or rural deliveries, but there will be normal lock box and special delivery services.

## Rusty Stine In Dallas Hospital

The Merkel Mail received a letter Tuesday morning from Burl M. Graham III, Chaplain Intern at Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas. He asked if we could pass on the following information to friends of Rusty Stine, whose family resided in Merkel until recently.

Mr. Graham writes that Rusty is in room 673 at Parkland Memorial Hospital, 5201 Harry Hines Boulevard, Dallas, Texas 75235. He has an undiagnosed illness at the present time. "Letters from friends in Merkel would help cheer Rusty up," said Graham.

The Stine family has just recently moved to Keller, a suburb of Dallas.

## 2nd 'Trades Day' Planned July 7th

Saturday, July 7th will be the second 'First Saturday Trades Day and Flea Market' in Merkel. The event is a project of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce's Retail Development and Promotions Committee.

Local merchants will have special prices on some merchandise for the event. Fred Starbuck, chairman of the committee urged all merchants to be giving some thought to what they would be advertising for the event.

Last month's 'Trades Day' was termed a success by merchants and participants. A large crowd of area people attended the event.

The Committee urges anyone interested to participate in the event. "Sidewalk space is free, on a first come, first serve basis," Starbuck said. "There is also plenty of buildings available for rent to persons wanting or needing a building. Private arrangements can be made

for the buildings," he said. Persons wanting to trade livestock or farm equipment are requested to use the railroad rightaway.

Advertising will be placed in the classified section of the Reporter-News promoting the Flea Market.

Clubs, organizations, or individuals having any questions about the procedures of participating in the 'Trades Day' are invited to contact any member of the Committee.

Serving on the Retail Development and Promotions Committee are Johnny Hammonds, Oni Crawford, Dave Gamble, Duane Shugart, and Starbuck.

The Senior Citizens will have a Bake Sale at the Senior Citizens building on Trades Day.

Any other organization or group planning to participate in 'Trades Day' is urged to call The Merkel Mail by Tuesday of this coming week so it may be reported in next weeks edition

## Merkelite Elected To Office at TPA Meeting

At the 94th Annual Meeting of the Texas Pharmaceutical Association last Saturday in San Antonio, officers for 1973-74 were installed. John Batey of Merkel was among the officers.

There were two awards bestowed also. They are the 1973 "Pharmacist of the Year," which was presented to Dr. Noel M. Ferguson, Dean of the College of Pharmacy, The University of Houston, and the 1973 recipient of the Distinguished Service Award, Bob Wampler, Vice-President of BEDCO Data Processing Co. of Waco.

Officers for 1973-74 are: President, Hazel M. Pipkin, Bryan; President-Elect, Paul F. Trantham, Fort Worth; Vice-President, Lonnie F. Hollingsworth, Lubbock; Secretary, John L. Batey, Merkel; Treasurer, Lonnie J. Yarbrough, Denton; Directors: (3-year terms) Ron Gieser, Burleson; George Miller, San Antonio; and Charles Perkes, Jr., Weslaco.

John L. Batey, a native of Brady is a practicing pharmacist in Abilene. Married and the father of two, he was born September 4, 1936. He has received B.A., B.S. and Ph.D. degrees



JOHN L. BATEY  
... secretary

from The University of Texas. He has served as the president of the Concho Area Pharmaceutical Association, a director of the Texas Society of Hospital Pharmacists (TSHIP), president of the Abilene Area Hospital Pharmacy Society, and chairman of the TSHIP Legislative Committee.

John's memberships include: the Texas Academy of Pharmacy; The University of Texas Dean's Council; Central West, Texas and American Pharmaceutical Associations; Texas and American Societies of Hospital Pharmacists; APHA Academies of General Practice and Pharmaceutical Sciences; American Chemical Society; Phi Delta Chi; Texas Ex-Students Association; and the American College of Apothecaries.

He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Health, pharmacy consultant to the World Health Organization (1969-73), a guest lecturer in pharmacology at UT, and consultant instructor of advanced pharmacology to Abilene State School, 1972.

Other memberships and community activities include membership on the Board of Deacons of the First Central Presbyterian Church, Board of Directors of Greater Abilene Kiwanis Club, Region 14 Educational Center lecturer and consultant on drug abuse; Boy Scouts of America Chisholm Trail drug abuse and career guidance consultant; and contributing author for several articles in Texas Pharmacy.

The Batey's reside at Rt. 2 Merkel.



AT CAMP TONKAWA — Members of Troop 18 attending camp are, from left to right, bottom row, Alan Mawson, Drew Mawson, and Brad Wade, Center row, Louis Goodman, Roger Reed, Clell Murray and Rusty Watts, top row, Ronnie Whisenhunt, Kelley Wolf, Tony Helmer and Calvin Wolf. Members present at camp but not pictured was Alan Reed, Terry Reed and Chuck Knight

July 4, 1973  
Celebrating Our  
Country's 197  
Birthday



## TRENT 4-H NEWS

By JOHN STEVENS

The Trent 4-H'ers left Trent ents attended. at 2:30 p.m. and met out at Next month we will attend Lake Sweetwater at a raft. We Hey Day for the 4-H'ers at Buf-went swimming and carried a falo Gap in July. sack lunch for our supper. And in August, Kay Manning It was enjoyed by everyone. will present a program on Rec-ord Books. Thirty-eight members and par-

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## Boone-Shackelford Vows Solemnized

Jacquelyn Gail Boone became the bride of James Reagan Shackelford Thursday June 21st in the home of the brides parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Boone with the Rev. Kenneth Jones, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Merkel officiating. Bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Shackelford of Putnam.

The bride wore a gown of dotted swiss in victorian style with empire waist, deep yoke, deep ruffle on the skirt and long full sleeves with wide cuffs and tiny covered buttons. The gown was trimmed with lace with velvet ribbon insertion. The bride is a 1972 graduate of Merkel High School, attended Cisco Junior College where she was a member of the Cisco Wrangler Belles. She is employed by Wheeler, Deegan, and Proctor Insurance in Abilene. The bridegroom is a graduate of Putnam High School and attended Cisco Junior College. He is employed by West Texas Utilities in Abilene. The couple will make their home at the 21-21 Apartments in Abilene.



DAVA HAMMOND  
... first recital

## Hammonds Attend Recital

The J. W. Hammonds recently attended the first Ballet and Tap Dancing Recital of their granddaughter, Dava Lynne in Houston. They attended the recital while visiting with their son, David and family.

Dava Lynn, four-years-old, is the only granddaughter of the Hammonds. They have three grandsons.

David is a Medical Physicist at M. D. Anderson in Houston. He will graduate next June.



MRS. JAMES SHACKELFORD  
... formerly Gail Boone



MRS. ARTHUR BARNHART  
... formerly Jan Beasley

## Beasley-Barnhart Exchange Vows

Myra Jan Beasley and Arthur Lee Barnhart exchanged marriage vows Saturday in a ceremony at First Baptist Church.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Teaff and the late Mr. Andy Merle Beasley. Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Barnhart.

Officiating were the Rev. Kenneth Jones of First Baptist and the Rev. Jim Bridges, of Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Organist was Anette Clark and soloist was Steve Walker.

Mrs. Tim Beasley of Lubbock was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Beth Hicks, Cindy Beasley of Trent, Sheila Smith and Mrs. James Shackelford, both of Abilene.

Candlelighters were Stacy Massey of Amarillo and Greg Beasley of Trent.

Best man was Johnny Jones of Trent. Tim Beasley of Lubbock and Lon Beasley, brothers of the bride, and Dale Shields of Lubbock were groomsmen.

Ushers were Kenneth Pursler of Abilene, Gaylon Doan and Lon Beasley. The bride wore a gown of organza featuring a venise lace overlay, empire bodice and high-rise neckline.

Her attendants wore navy dotted swiss gowns with puffed sleeves and empire waists.

Following a wedding trip to Dallas, the couple will live in Abilene.

The bride is a graduate of Merkel High School and is employed by Treanor Equipment of Abilene.

The bridegroom, also a Merkel High graduate, received a BBA degree from Texas Tech

University and is employed by Triangle Cattle Co. in Abilene.

## Biera-Rodriguez Vows Read Saturday

Victoria Biera and Francisco Rodriguez of Abilene were married Saturday at Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church with the Rev. Thomas Diab officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Juan C. Biera Sr. Bridegroom is son of Mr. and Mrs. Gilberto Rodriguez Sr. of 1855 Jefferies.

Organist was Mrs. John Brady.

Maid of honor was Christian Biera, sister of the bride. Another sister, Mrs. Robert Rodriguez of Abilene was matron of honor. There were 13 bridesmaids.

Rosie Biera, sister of the bride, and Brenda Gonzales of Abilene were flower girls.

Best man was Robert Valdez of Abilene. There were 14 groomsmen.

Rudy Biera, brother of the bride, and Carlos Pallerez seated guests.

The bride wore a gown of satepeau and organza with sabrina neckline and sheer bishop sleeves.

Her attendants wore gowns of a floral sheer print in shades of lavender, pink and yellow.

After a wedding trip to Corpus Christi, the couple will live



MRS. RODRIGUEZ  
... formerly Vickie Biera

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A House committee studying the crisis heard a national authority's grim opinion that "there is no way out."

Dr. John McKetta, past chairman of the National Energy Policy Committee, said President Nixon should declare a national emergency, since it's too late for problem studies in the area.

Langdon told the same committee legislative efforts to cope with the problem will be frustrating because solutions must be sought at the national level.

Although the state regulatory agency has been permitting 100 per cent production for more than a year, Langdon said Texas producers are still falling short of demand for oil by 400,000 barrels a day, or roughly 10 per cent.

Atty. Gen. John Hill termed the situation "extremely critical," and said no other matter should receive more attention today.

As the commission set the July oil allowance at 100 per

cent for the 16th straight month (with buyers seeking a record 3.8 million barrels a day), Langdon issued a new warning that only nine million barrels of oil a month are being added to Texas supplies while 165 million barrels are consumed in the same period.

"Unless this trend is reversed, the Texas oil and gas industry is in the process of self-liquidation," said Langdon.

Texas crude oil stocks as of June 8 were 94.7 million barrels, a decline of 7.2 million from 1972.

Langdon asked for reports at the July commission meeting on the amount of oil companies discovered in 1972, and "somewhere along the line," he said, he will want to know "what it will take to find more" — and whether the industry will really be "able to stay in business."

DISASTER AID SOUGHT — Extensive property damage due to floods in eight Southeast Texas counties led Governor Briscoe to ask that they be designated as disaster areas.

Counties were Harris, Galveston, Brazoria, Jasper, Hardin, Liberty, Montgomery and San Jacinto.

Briscoe's request to President Nixon was backed by U.S. Sen. John Tower. Designation would make the flood victims eligible for long-term loans from the Small Business Administration.

APPOINTMENTS — House Speaker Price Daniel Jr., leaving on a Caribbean vacation, named Rep. Carl Parker of Port Arthur as speaker pro tempore to preside over the House during his absence.

Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby appointed Sen. Nelson W. Wolff of San Antonio chairman of the Senate planning committee for the 1974 constitutional convention.

Governor Briscoe selected Sam Callan of El Paso as judge of the new 210th district court effective September 1.

Briscoe picked as judges of new Dallas courts Oswin Chrisman, Thomas B. Thorpe and Richard D. Mays. Chrisman, named to a domestic relations court, took office immediately. Mays and Thorpe's appointments to district benches are effective September 1.

Roy Mays Jr. of Port Arthur is new special assistant to the executive director for public affairs of the Texas Criminal Justice Council.

AG OPINIONS — University

### CARD OF THANKS

I WOULD LIKE to express my appreciation and thanks to everyone in Merkel, Tye and to my neighbors for the kind deeds, cards, prayers, and thoughts during my illness in the hospital and at home.  
With Appreciation,  
Frances Hudman 18-1t/c

### CARD OF THANKS

WE WISH TO EXPRESS our appreciation for every act of kindness shown us during the illness and loss of our loved one. We want to thank everyone for the visits, food, flowers and cards.

We would like to thank all the members and the pastor and his family of the Calvary Baptist Church for their concern.

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Mrs. Edna Goadwin and Family  
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### CARD OF THANKS

WE WISH to express our thanks to everyone for the visits, cards, flowers, and especially the prayers on behalf of Mr. Payne during his stay in the hospital.

We especially want to thank the nurses at Hendrick Hospital and Dr. Ailts and Dr. Pruet for their untiring efforts.

May God Bless You.  
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authorities and courts must determine if student service fees are used properly to benefit students, Attorney General Hill held.

In other recent opinions, Hill concluded:

—A new law designed to prevent conflicts of interest among water control district directors is probably unconstitutional, but part of it is valid and will stand court test.

—The legislature may add as a condition to tax exemption that a corporation have a current exemption from the federal income tax.

—A proposal to grant the 43rd district court of Parker County overall supervision of the dockets of the Parker County court and allow it to assign to the county bench a suit filed in district court would be unconstitutional.

COURTS SPEAK — The State Supreme Court upheld lower courts that owners of 73.7 acres in Wylie School district should have their land annexed to the Abilene district.

High court also agreed a Lubbock metal shop owner should

get a jury trial to determine the amount of insurance he was entitled to collect for repairs of tornado damage.

The Court of Criminal Appeals reversed a Dallas County conviction for flag desecration due to improper prosecution arguments and use of inflammatory words.

The Supreme Court upheld lower court findings that a Carrizo Springs store clerk was entitled to no punitive damages due to being slapped by retired Texas Ranger Capt. A. Y. Alee.

RIGHTS BILL SIGNED — Young Texans 18-20 will get full majority rights under new legislation which takes effect August 27.

Governor Briscoe signed the bill, in spite of speculation he would veto it.

It permits the 18-20-year-olds to "enjoy all the privileges and responsibilities of adult citizenship," according to Briscoe's statement.

Among adult privileges which the new youth group will be able to indulge in is purchase, consumption and sale of alcoholic beverages.

### Crossword Puzzle

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## Accent On Health

It's vacation time, the time of the year when Americans take to the highways.

It's the time of the year when people spend a lot of their time in automobiles. As a result, traffic accidents are more frequent.

On an annual average, someone dies in a traffic accident every ten minutes — 159 every day — and thousands more are

injured.

Many of these accidents are avoidable, say traffic safety officials at the Texas State Department of Health, and many serious accidents could be reduced to minor collisions if drivers learned and practiced "defensive driving." Here are a few tips taken from the National Safety Council's Defensive Driving Course.

In order to improve your driving ability you must first value your driving skills, using "perfect" driving as a standard.

Perfect driving simply means that you complete every trip without accidents, without traffic violations, without vehicle abuse, and without discourtesy.

Perfect driving means always avoiding "preventable" accidents. Most accidents are preventable by one or both of the drivers involved, even though this sometimes involves letting the driver in the wrong have the right-of-way. To do this you must learn to give a little, to drive defensively and not as if you were on the offense. You must tailor your driving behavior to the unexpected actions of others and to other unpredictable factors such as light, weather and road conditions.

To do this, you'll need to know and apply the standard accident prevention formula, which involves three interrelated steps:

(1) See the Hazard: Think about what is going to happen as far ahead of encountering the situation as possible. Never assume everything will be "all right."

(2) Understand the Defense! Learn the appropriate defensive reaction so you can apply it when the need arises.

(3) Act in time: Never take a "wait and see" attitude. Included in these steps are other ways of preventing an accident:

Stay Alert: Watch for signs from other drivers as to what they intend to do. Is his turn signal on? Are his brake lights lit? Has he been gradually drifting to the right or the left as if to prepare for a turn?

Stay ahead of the situation: Look beyond the driver ahead to see situations that may force him to act quickly and thereby become a threat to you.

Stay back: Allow one car length for every ten miles of speed — even more in adverse road conditions. Apply the "two-second rule" to insure a safe distance. As the car ahead of you passes a highway sign or some other marker, count off

## ROUNDUP

VISITORS in the home of the Oscar McLeans over the weekend were their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Russom, Mark and Scott of Midkiff, Texas. The Russoms also visited in the home of his mother, Mrs. Aria Russom. Also visiting with the McLeans were Mr. and Mrs. George Stockstill from Riley, N.C.

MRS. JAMES E. STEWART, formerly Geraldine Lindsey of Merkel, who now lives in Wichita, Kansas was in Merkel Saturday.

Mrs. Stewart stopped at the Dairy Bar and was inquiring about the 20-year homecoming and ask when it would be held. She also ask about former classmates of hers but didn't say what year she graduated.

If anyone remembers the former Geraldine Lindsey or graduated with her, she would enjoy hearing from them about the 20-year homecoming and when it is to be held and so forth. Her address is Mrs. James E. Stewart, 3206 S. St. Clair, Wichita, Kansas 67216.

two full seconds before your car passes the same marker. This applies for in-town driving also.

Start stopping sooner: Apply your brakes the instant you see a hazard developing, but apply them gradually so you don't throw your car in a spin or come to a stop so quickly that you risk a rear-end collision with the car following you.

Do not drive with the attitude that any driver who hits you from the rear is in the wrong. That attitude can literally break your neck.

Keep clear of "tailgaters." Slow down. This will encourage the "tailgater" to pass you. It also increases the distance between you and the car ahead so you won't have to brake suddenly. Forcing the tailgater to slow down also makes it easier for him to stop safely, when you stop.

Of course, always drive with your seat belts and shoulder harness fastened, even for in-

# No fifths this Fourth.

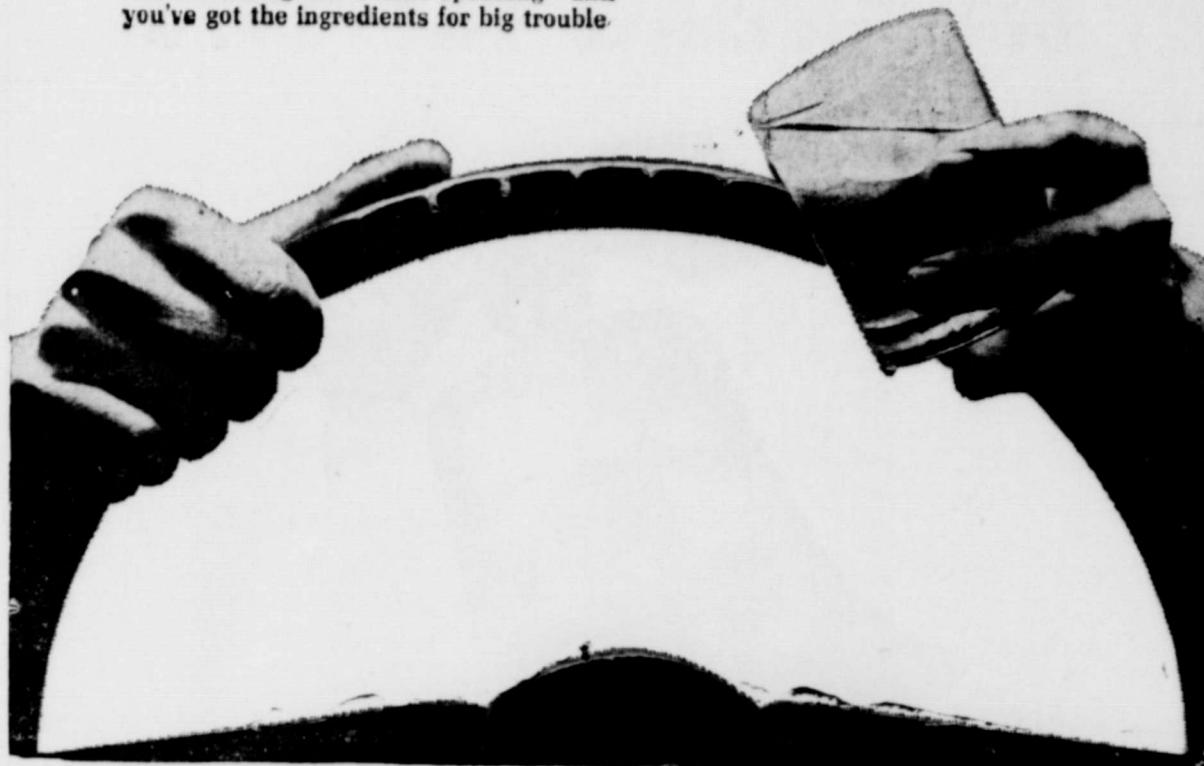
There used to be a saying at Fourth of July picnics that fireworks and fire-water don't mix. Well, neighborhood fireworks are pretty much a thing of the past. So this year let's keep in mind that driving, drinking and speeding don't mix either.

That's what we mean by "No fifths this Fourth." All it takes is a little driving, a little drinking and a little speeding—and you've got the ingredients for big trouble.

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town driving. Insist that all passengers do the same, particularly small children.

These are only a few of the safe driving tips you can implement. State health officials hope these will make you aware that you can prevent accidents.

Defensive Driving Courses are offered in most areas of the state at a very low cost. For the location of these courses contact the Texas State Department of Health in Austin, or the Texas Safety Association, also in Austin. Successful completion of a defensive driving course not only can save you money on your car insurance premium, it may give you a "safe driving awareness" that could save your life.

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## Young Homemakers Will Sponsor Benefit Show

The Taylor County Young Homemakers will hold a benefit show to be held July 2 at 8 p.m. in the Merkel High School Auditorium. All proceeds will go to the Volunteers Council for the Abilene State School's camping fund.

The Volunteer Services Council entitles the residents to go on overnite camping trips 2 or 3 nites a week. They also send the Boy Scouts to Camp Tonkawa. Some of the residents attended the Laeders camp and they have numerous other camping trips. The Young Homemakers hope

to raise enough money to help with these camping expenses. The Volunteer Council is a Non-profit organization and all donations are tax deductible.

About 100 residents of the school will attend the program. "The Ray Pack Show" will be a feature of the show. It is a country and pop band. Another feature will be "The Faith Singers," a gospel quartet consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Pack and Mr. and Mrs. Donny Cleppen.

"The Ray Pack Show" consists of four brothers, Ray, lead singer, Duke, lead guitarist, and

Pee Wee, base guitar and Dwayne, drummer. Female vocalist is Miss Beverly Crawford. The Pack brothers were raised in Merkel and attended Merkel schools and now have their homes in Hobbs, N.M.

After leaving Merkel several years ago and performing with different bands, they formed their own group about four years ago. "The Ray Pack Show" has performed as a professional group in several different states.

They have backed up several Country & Western stars. Their

excellent harmony, music, showmanship and comedy routines has made them crowd pleasers all across the country. The group dresses well and performs accordingly.

Each brother left Merkel to pursue their on musical career. Pee Wee, the eldest of the brothers, has been playing the base guitar professionally of 14 years. Duke has perfected his style and any musician will envy him. He has been with Ray over 5 years now. Dwayne has worked with Ray about a year now. His musical ability is usually found in someone much older.

Ray, the manager of the group, has a voice to suit any kind of music. He takes his work very seriously and works hard to see that each performance is one to be remembered by all.

The boys inherited their talents from their dad, the late Duke Pack, and their personality from their mother who still resides in Merkel.

Beverly, a great singer and harmonizer, comes from Bakersfield, California. Her idol is Merle Haggard and she performs accordingly.

They play lots of country and its new and modern country. They also play Rock and Pop from the musical Top 40's. The group has scheduled their vacation to include this Benefit Show. They are donating their time and talents for this worthwhile cause. They promise an evening of entertainment for all. The Faith Singers Quartet is made up of Lewis and Lillian Pack from Merkel (also a brother of Ray's) and Donnie and Linda Clepper from Brownwood. The couples started singing together in their church in Brownwood about four years ago. The group has performed for several area churches or revivals and special occasions.

The Pack's were transferred to Abilene about January 1972 where he is manager of CIT Financial services. He has been with the firm since 1966. He and his wife and three children reside in Merkel. The Cleppers still live in Brownwood where he is professional carpenter. Donnie was a former four year letterman for the Roscoe "Plo-boys."

The group still sings together and has developed a style all their own. Though not a professional group, their songs will be an inspiration to all.

The Taylor County Chapter of Young Homemakers of Texas first organized in Abilene in 1964. The members met in Abilene for their monthly meetings until September, 1967, when the club began meeting in Merkel. The chapter has received area and state awards during its existence and has had numerous members serve as area officers and one as a state officer. Many worthwhile projects have been undertaken and completed during the past nine years.

Young Homemakers of Texas is sponsored by the Texas Edu-



THE RAY PACK SHOW  
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cation Agency under the oversight of the Vocational Home-making Education Department.

Active membership is open to any woman not enrolled in high school and not over 35 years of age with an interest in home-making. There are three other types of membership which are: associate membership, honorary membership and member-at-large.

The Taylor County Chapter hosts a tea each year for the graduating senior girl and their mothers; for a money-raising project they have operated the concession stand at the Merkel Livestock Show for several years. They have helped the State Association of Y.H.T. collect trading stamps to help in the purchasing of a kidney machine for a fellow Y.H.T. member in Three Rivers, Texas. Each month for the past two years the Taylor County chapter has elected a F.H.A. girl at Merkel High School as Little Sister of the Month and honored these girls at their August Installation Tea. One of these girls will represent the Taylor County Chapter at their Area IV convention in the fall and be eligible to become the Area Little Sister.

Some of the programs presented this past year have been

on outdoor cooking, draperies, fire prevention, poisons in the home, blenders, child's art, drugs, attending an A.C.T. production, and Christmas decorations. Members also entertained their husbands at a Christmas dinner and have a family outing planned for July. The chapter also provided funds enabling a girl to attend Camp Roadrunner this summer.

Current officers are Mrs. Mack Seymore, president; Mrs. Roland Pack, vice president; Mrs. Spencer Taylor, secretary; Mrs. Wyman Wilkerson, treasurer; Mrs. Jim Jacobs, reporter-historian. Newly elected officers to be installed in August are: Mrs. Roland Pack, president; you will attend the Benefit Show held for the Abilene State Mrs. Phillip Pursley, vice president; Mrs. Danny Sanford, secretary; Mrs. Bobby Toliver, treasurer; Mrs. Glen Bicknell, reporter-historian. Mrs. Richard Caton and Mrs. John Beasley serve as advisors for the club. The Young Homemakers hope

School. Tickets are \$1.00 for adults and 50 cents for children. A special discount of \$3.00 per family is being offered for persons buying advance tickets. Contact any member of the Club for tickets, or call 928-5253 or 982-5659.

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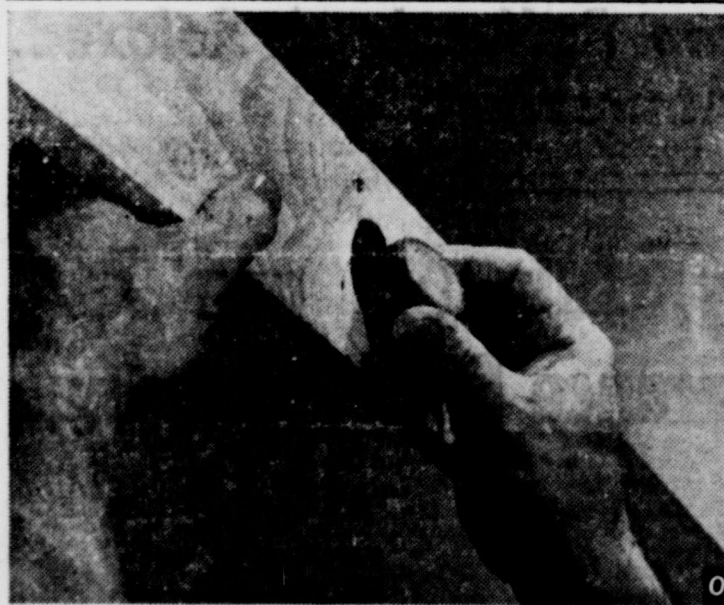
## Ann Swinney Rites Monday

Sherry Ann Swinney, six-month old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert W. Swinney of Merkel, died about 5 p.m. Saturday in Children's Medical Center in Dallas after a long illness. Funeral was held at 2 p.m. Monday at Pioneer Memorial Church.

Burial was in White Church Cemetery, south of Merkel, under direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Survivors are her parents; one brother, Wayne of the home; one half-sister, Lynn of Amarillo, Paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Swinney of Merkel; maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Parker.

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION  
THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Michael Duane Penn Defendant, GREETING:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 104 th. District 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 6th day of August A.D. 1973, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 25th day of

June A.D. 1973, in this cause, numbered 12,342-B on the docket of said court and styled Ex Parte, Plaintiff, vs. Jonathan Eugene Penn & Veta Holly Renay Penn, both minors, Defendant.

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 25th day of June A.D. 1973.

(Seal)  
Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD  
104 District Court  
Taylor County, Texas  
By Marie Adkins, Deputy.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Larry D. Larson, 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 30th day of July A.D. 1973, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 9th day of February A.D. 1973, in this cause, numbered 7838 on the docket of said court and styled Elia Holguin Larson, Plaintiff,

vs. Larry D. Larson, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Divorce. Petitioner and Respondent legally married October 28, 1961. Permanently separated about June, 1968. One child born to this union, Michael Don Larson, age 8 years. Petitioner asking for care, custody and control of minor child. Marriage become insupportable because of discord or conflict of personalities. 1966 Rambler, Automobile community property, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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(SEAL)  
Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD  
Clerk, Domestic Relations  
Court, Taylor County, Texas  
By Rilla Mahoney, Deputy.

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## Joseph Holloway Awarded \$400 Scholarship at OSU

Joseph Holloway, RFD 1, Merkel, recently was awarded the \$400 scholarship given annually by the Oklahoma Feed Manufacturers Association.

The award, for the 1973-74 school year, goes to the OSU graduate student who is selected as most outstanding among those studying for the Ph. D degree in animal nutrition. The selection is made by the OSU teachers of nutrition courses in the department of animal sciences and industry.

Holloway attended Abilene Christian College, Abilene, during 1965-69 and graduated with a B. S. degree with honors in animal husbandry.

He received an M. S. degree in 1971 at Oklahoma State. His research was a study of influence of preweaning plane of nutrition on growth, lactation

and reproduction of the beef female.

Holloway's doctoral study concern the energy efficiency of Holstein, Holstein x Hereford, and Hereford cows receiving different levels of winter protein supplement. The experiment includes 35 cows under drylot conditions at the Fort Reno Research Station at El Reno. His advisor is Dr. Robert Totasek.

He is a member of the American Society of Animal Science, Phi Kappa Phi, and Sigma Xi science research fraternity. He has received two Ralston Purina National Fellowships, received an OSU graduate student excellence award in four semesters, and has served as a member of the OSU graduate student council.

At Abilene Christian College, Holloway served as president of Block and Bridle animal husbandry club and president of the Aggie Club.



## Stith News

By MRS. FRITZ HALE

Mrs. Pauline Row, Katie and David of Bledsoe spent Monday through Friday with their parents and grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley, Rev. and Mrs. M. O. Row and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Lightfoot of Abilene visited in the Bradley home Tuesday night.

Barney Berry died at Anson General Hospital Friday after a lengthy illness. He had lived most of his life in the Stith Community.

Funeral services were held at the Starbuck Funeral Home in Merkel last Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Rev. Ausia Watson, pastor of the Stith Baptist Church, conducted the services.

Burial was in Stith Cemetery. Survivors include two daughters, three sons, two sisters and two brothers.

We extend our sympathy to the family.

Mr. and Mrs. John Browning visited the Billy Ray Browning family in Tuscola Sunday evening.

Mrs. Pat Clearly, Abilene visited in the Browning home Saturday.

Ethel Canida of Abilene visited several days this week with Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hale and the Bob Malone family.

Mr. and Mrs. Paston Jones of Fort Worth spent the weekend with her grandmother, Mrs. Ira Stanley.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Hodges of Big Spring spent Monday night with Mrs. Stanley. She returned home with the Hodges Tuesday morning for a weeks visit.

Mrs. Ollie Fowler and granddaughter, Trama Fowler of California, are visiting Mrs. John Hobbs and Mr. and Mrs. Benny Hobbs and children. Also visiting is a son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Fowler and children of Merkel.

Visiting Mrs. Mattie Shaw last weekend were Mrs. Dollie Effer of Clovis, N.M., Mr. and Mrs. Shaw of Gainsville and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mashburn of Stith.

## FARMLCAST

By JOHN C. WHITE  
Commissioner

If there were any doubts about it at all, a report from the Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service will dispel them regarding cotton and Texas.

During 1972, Texas produced about a third of the nation's cotton crop. Normally, the report on Texas cotton would have been completed much earlier, but the 1972 crop harvest wasn't completed until March of 1973.

The crop of 1972 totaled 4,246,000 bales compared with only 2,579,000 bales produced during 1971.

Yield per harvested acre averaged 408 pounds compared with 263 pounds in 1971. This is the second highest yield on record, being exceeded in 1968 with 410 pounds per acre.

The 1972 upland cotton crop is valued at \$446,000,000, compared with \$329,000,000 in 1971.

Nationwide, a total of 13,702,100 bales was produced, which is 31 per cent above the 1971 crop. The average 1972 price is set at 26.60 cents per pound compared with 23.07 cents per pound in 1971.

WHEAT harvest continues in Texas amid reports of fuel shortages. As of the first of June, harvest was only five per cent complete compared with 25 per cent in 1971.

Fuel shortage reports continue heaviest in the wheat harvest areas. Custom combine operators apparently are having the most trouble in locating fuel supplies.

Farmers who run short or out of fuel should report that fact to their county Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service office or the Texas Department of Agriculture.

PEACH production based on June 1 prospects for Texas is forecast at 271,000 bushels, which is less than half of the 604,000 bushels produced in 1972. Peach harvest is now active and quality is reported good to excellent.

RANGE and non-irrigated pasture conditions are six per cent better now than a month ago. Conditions are generally good to excellent throughout the

northern half of the state with some exceptions.

TEXAS continues its honor as the number one cattle feeding state in the nation. As of June 1, cattle on feed in Texas totaled 2,252,000. This is 10 per cent above a year ago, and four per cent above a month ago.

Number of cattle on feed in the seven major cattle feeding states — Texas, Iowa, Airona California, Colorado, Nebraska and Kansas — totaled 9,455,000. This is a one per cent increase from a month ago and four per cent more than a year ago at this time.

Placements into Texas feedlots during May total 492,000 head. These placements are 12 per cent below May this year but 91 per cent above the previous month.

Marking of fat cattle during May totaled 403,000 head, which is 12 per cent above a year ago and 14 per cent above marketings for April.

Cattle producers are continuing to expand production, contrary to some claims by some consumer groups that the cattlemen is purposely holding back production in order to keep his price high.

MILK production in May in Texas is the same as May of last year, but is one per cent below a month ago. May milk production totaled 305,000,000 pounds in Texas.

Nationwide, milk production is two per cent under a year ago. Production during the first five months of this year is two per cent less than last year.

The May milk-feed ratio at 1.37 is the lowest since 1965. Huge increases in feed costs are the reason for the decline in the ratio. It is 19 per cent below a year ago.

Cook beet greens quickly in just the water that clings to them. Season with butter and serve promptly with thin slices of beets, suggests Mrs. Gwendolyn Clyatt, consumer marketing information specialist, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System.

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## John Webb Rites Held

John P. Webb, 62, of Merkel died at 11:35 p.m. Saturday in Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene after a long illness. Funeral was held at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Calvary Baptist Church in Merkel.

Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery in Merkel under direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born March 15, 1911, in Mulberry Canyon, south of Merkel, he moved with his parents at an early age to Oklahoma. He returned to the Merkel area in 1962.

Survivors are his wife; one daughter, Edna Goadwin of Roswell, N.M.; two sons, Johnny L. and Kenneth, both of Cheyenne, Wyo.; one brother, Calvin of Wichita, Kan.; an aunt, Stella Webb of Apache, Okla.; four grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

Massachusetts is the only state governed under its original constitution.

## Persecuting the Church

Sometimes we oppose very strongly the very thing we later come to accept. This is true of Saul who later was better known as Paul the apostle.

Saul "consented" to the death of Stephen (Acts 8:1) who had been preaching the fulfillment of God's plan to bring Jesus the Christ into the world to save sinners. Saul persecuted the church of this Jesus by "entering into every house, and hauling men and women committing them to prison" (Acts 8:3) for their belief and practice "for to be punished" (Acts 22:5). He was "breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord" (Acts 9:1). And very importantly to note is Acts 23:1 which records his conviction about the matter, "I LIVED IN ALL GOOD CONSCIENCE BEFORE GOD UNTIL THIS DAY." Saul firmly believed in his own mind and conscience he was right. Yet Jesus, through the vision (Acts 9:3-6; 22:6-10) and the teaching of Ananias (Acts 9:10f) and others, showed him the error of his conviction and conscience.

Of course one of the beautiful things about Saul was that upon his belief in Jesus and his baptism "to wash away his sins" (Acts 9:18; 22:16) he began immediately to "preach Christ" (Acts 9:20-22).

When you consider what this required on the part of Saul, its somewhat amazing. The cause he so strongly opposed, persecuted, and worked against was in reality the correct way — which meant for him, to become a part of and preach Christ, required a lot of pride to be swallowed or "eating crow" as we say. Yet he was willing to change when he learned his error.

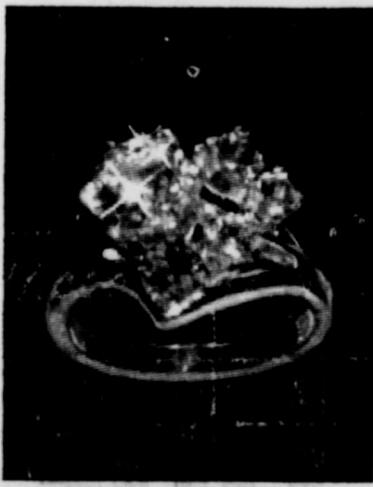
Another point is that his "living in all good conscience" was not sufficient to please God. Even though his conscience said he was right and that it was free from guilt — he still "persecuted Jesus" (Acts 9:5). The conscience cannot always, without fail, be a correct guide if it is not trained and educated according to the correct teaching of God's Word. Saul had been educated to the best of his years and by the law of God (Acts 22:3; Gal. 1:13, 14), yet it had not been sufficient to defend the the correct belief.

It would do us all well to learn this lesson of Saul.

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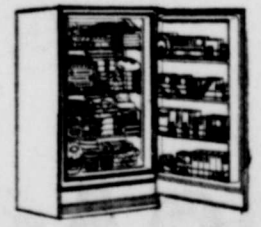
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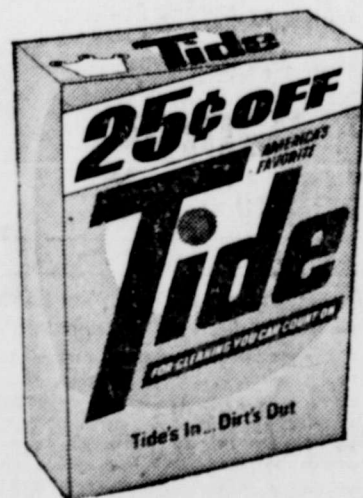
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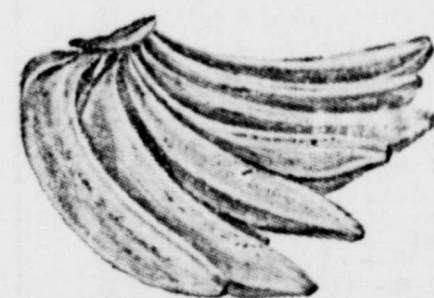
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