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# **All-Stars Play At** Hamlin Tuesday

The Merkel Little League All-Stars will play their first game against Hamlin at the Hamlin Tournament Tuesday, July 17th at 8 P.M.

Louis Deavers, Jay Boyd, Bill Ray Higgans, Greg Hutchings, Craig Bowen, Santos Pena Jr., Weldon Day, Craig Land, Ellis Williams, Mike Sims, David Clyburn, and Bendy Beaver. Alternates are Wendy Beaver, David nett as assistant coach.

Barcuch, and Rusty Watts.

The team has been accident prone this past week. Craig Land cut his foot and had to have 14 stitches in it, and Da-Members of the All-Stars are vid Barcuch, an alternate, Mike Brady, Bill Mashburn, broke his arm in three places. Craig Land had the stitches taken out Wednesday, but doesn't know yet whether he will get to play or not.

Coach for the All-Stars is John Brady with Finley Bar-

# **West Texas Fair** Offering Bargain Tickets

The West Texas Fair Advance rodeo ticket \$3.00. Bargain Tickets officially went on sale following the kickoff meeting Thursday, July 5. The meeting was designed to explain the advance tickets and the bargains available. The meeting was held at 9:30 a.m. in the west conference room of Taylor County Coliseum.

The advance bargain tickets were instituted at the 1972 Fun-Fair, and again offer fairgoers an alternate ticket program for general admission, midway rides and rodeo tickets. As previously announced there will be no coliseum shows; instead the live entertainment will be on the midway througout the evenings.

The advance bargain tickets will sell for \$1.00 each, and one bargain ticket is redeemable for the \$1.50 gate admission. Additional savings may be had by trading the bargain tickets as follows:

4 bargain tickets (\$4.00) & 1 rodeo ticket \$5.00.

3 bargain tickets (3.00) - 1 rodeo ticket \$4.00.

2 bargain tickets (\$2.00) - 1

## Mrs. Allen On Honor Roll

Mrs. Rhoda Allen, 1111 S. 10th, has been named to the dean's honor roll for the 1973 spring semester at Abilene Christian

Mrs. Allen is a junior communications major and a 1961 graduate of Galena Park High School, Galena Park.

She was one of 465 students who enrolled in at least 12 semester hours and had at least a 3.45 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Her husband is Lou David Allen, Mayor of Merkel. They have two daughters.

1 bargin ticket (\$1.00) - any three midway rides. There is no limit on the number of bargain tickets an individual may purchase. These

may be bought at Luskey's, Thornton's, and all Super Duper grocery stores - Abilene and Sweetwater, as well as the Coliseum box office. Tickets will be sold beginning July 5 through September 7, 1973.

### Merkelites Visit Pageant

A group of local ladies drove to Canyon Saturday for the pur pose of seeing the Texas pageant in the Palo Dura Canyon. After getting settled at the motel and a swim in the pool, they \$100,000 in a record production caught the bus for the Canyon where they enjoyed a barbecue supper and the pageant which told the story of the early history of that section of the coun-

Sunday morning the group continued their week-end trip by way of Odessa where they attended the Shakespearian play, "The Comedy of Errors." After a steak dinner at the Ranch Steak House in Sweetwater, they returned home; all declared that they had spent a most enjoyable week-end together.

Those who made the trip were: Ruth Pangle, Vivian Davis, Lena Dunagin, and Anna Belle Shouse.

#### Shep Singing Planned for July 14

The Shep Gospel Singing will be back in action Saturday, July 14th at 8 p.m. at the Shep Community Center.

"Refreshments will be served and everyone is cordially invited," said J. D. Taylor, director.



-CHAMBER PRESIDENT and Mrs. Don Hart are shown here talking over the Trades Day and Flea Market (Photo by Connie Harris)



FLEA MARKET AND TRADES DAY might be termed a success by those who set up tables of items to be sold. Pictured here is Mrs. Yates Sipe (in the hat) (Photo by Connie Harris) making a sale.

# **Taylor County Played Significant Role** In Supplying Oil and Gas Demands

satisfy the unprecedented demand for Texas' crude oil and natural gas.

Taylor was one of 190 of Texas' 254 counties which produced oil and gas valued in excess of year for the state's No. 1 industry, according to figures compiled by the Texas Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association.

The county ranked 96th in the state in the value of petroleum produced, \$11.7 million. The sale of crude oil brought \$11.1 million; natural gas, \$580,000.

But despite this record year, due in large part to nine months of production at 100 per cent

enough to satisfy demand.

"To further stimulate produc- The State of Texas received tion, we need a restoration of \$555,000 in production taxes from the open market force," said Robert A. Buschman of San Antonio, president of the Aassoci-

"This would produce two much-needed effects: First, it would channel the state's petroeum products to the most efficient and highest priority uses; second, it would help provide part of the capital needed so desperately to build refineries and superports and to carry on expensive exploration and production activities," Buschman

added. This study by the Association

The petroleum industry in of the maximum efficient rate, also shows that production last Taylor County played a signifi- the nation's largest producer of year in Taylor County resulted cant role in 1972 in helping to petroleum could not produce in the payment of \$1.5 million to royalty owners.

> county wells; \$510,000 on crude oil output and \$45,000 from natural gas production. Oil and gas producers and de-

> velopers spent \$2.2 million drilling 92 wells in the county last year, with \$710,000 of that figure lost in 42 dry holes.

According to the Texas Employment Commission, 1614 oil and gas industry employes worked in the county in 1972 and shared a payroll of \$10.9 mil-

Various processing plants also added to the county's economy. The "Oil and Gas Journal" lists one refinery with a total daily capacity of 8500 barrels and one natural gas processing plant with a total daily capacity of 8 million cubic feet.

# Sr. Citizens Luncheon

The Senior Citizens All-Day Luncheon was held Tuesday. There were 65 attending. Mrs. Don Dudley gave the

devotional on "Happiness." Miss Gloria Moore sang three solos accompanied by Mrs. Jun-

A good meal was served and enjoyed by all.

The beautiful quilt the ladies recently completed quilting was on display.

Games of Dominos and 42, along with visiting was enjoyed by everyone before and after the noon meal.

Clarence Newton is president for this month.

#### **WWI Veterans** Meeting July 17th

The Veterans of World War I and Ladies Auxiliary will meet Tuesday, July 17th at the Taylor Electric-Co-Op Building.

Plans for attending the department convention at Antonio will be discussed.

A salad supper will be served at 7:30 p.m.

# **First Food Stamps** Set for October

lor County will be issued October 1st. But before the statewide food stamp program is implemented here, there is much work to be done.

Commodities is the food assistance program currently operating in this county. The 62nd Texas Legislature appropriated \$7.7 million for a statewide food stamp program to replace all county food stamp programs and commodity food distributions. By November 1973 the 254 counties in Texas will be operating the statewide program admisitered by the State Department of Public Welfare.

Before the first stamps are issued here, extensive preparation must be completed. Current commodity recipients will be notified that food stamps will replace the present food assistance program. Most commodity recipients should be eligible for food stamps also as well as others who might not receive commodity foods.

Certification for food stamp eligibility will begin at a later date. All persons who don't make much money or who are unemployed are encouraged to apply at that time. Welfare recipients aren't the only ones who can qualify for food stamps.

Local issuance offices will sell the food stamps to all who are certified eligible to receive them. Participating households will be able to buy their stamps at the issuance office nearest them and at their own convenience. The long waiting lines which are now a problem at commodity distribution centers should be eliminated.

Food stamps, which can be used for the purchase of most food products, will be accepted by many of the local grocers. Payment is made by tearing the necessary amount of food

The first food stamps in Tay- stamps from the coupon book at the time of purchase. Tobacco, alcoholic beverages and imported items can not be purchased with food stamps.

Grocers can deposit food stamps just as they do money. Local bankers then send the stamps to the United States Department of Agriculture for re-

Food stamps are good for everyone. The community enjoys increased economic activity, new jobs are created and low-income households are able to eat more and better food.

For more information about food stamps, contact the local welfare office at 317 Pecan. Abilene, Texas 79602.

### Joe Largent Rites Held

Joe S. Largent, 62, of 3101 S. 15th, died at 6 p.m. Monday at the East Texas Chest Hospital in Tyler after a long illness. Funeral was held Wednesday at 3 p.m. at Starbuck Chapel.

The Rev. N. S. Daniels and the Rev. Russell McAnally, both of the Methodist Church, will

Mr. Largent was born April 19, 1911, in Merkel, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Largent. He attended Merkel schools and was a rancher in Oklahoma and California. He moved to Abilene from Oklahoma in

Survivors are his wife of the home; a son, Robert of Dallas; a daughter, Mrs. C. L. Strickland Jr. of Cleburne: three grandchildren and his mother, Mrs. Tom Largent, of Abilene.

Persons that ordered Baseball Picture may pick them up now at the Merkel Mail.

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### Mary Collins Honored With 'Bon Voyage' Party by Friends

Mary Collins is on an eight day tour of Hawaii with members of her family after which she will spend the remainder of her two weeks vacation in Wilcox, Arizona visiting her gaiety of the evening. brother, Paul Collins and his

To wish her Bon Voyage, a the home of Vivian Davis for a covered dish dinner shortly before her departure. The food depicted the Hawaiian theme. Mary Collins.

Guests were met at the door with a hearty "Aloha," and a lai was placed around each person's neck to enhance the

Those enjoying the festivity were: Mmes. Lola Cox, Anna Belle Shouse, Ailene Knight. group of her friends met in Ruth Pangle, Margaret Mc-Aninch, Val Patterson, Lucille Crick Kelly, and Misses Maurine White, Vivian Davis, and



TRENT HIGH SCHOOL TWIRLERS SELL their wares at the Trades Day held Saturday. Pictured here are from left to right, Pam King and Cindy Beasley. (Photo by Connie Harris)

# Merkelite's Grandson In U.S. Honor Band

Jeffery McWilliams, a memof the Jal Panther Band at Jal, N.M., has been selected to perform with the United States Bank which will tour Europe this summer.

In a performing tour that emphasizes musical excellance and educational opportunity through travel and cultural exchange, the Honor Band and Honor Choir provide musically superior students the opportunity to perform under the direction of outstanding musical conductors in Scandinavia and Western Europe's most spectacular cities and shrines.

The 28-day tour began June 28 and will end July 25, includes visits to nine European countries and culminates with participation in the week-long "Geneva Youth musical," musicians from all over the

world. Scheduled tour activities include two concerts per week, a recording session, and and radio and television performances. Special excursions and shopping jaunts allow students and faculty additional opportunity to see and enjoy the cultural points of interest and the "must" stops in each country. Countries to be visited include Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Holland, Belgium, Luxembourg,



JEFFERY McWILLIAMS ... U. S. honor band

France, Germany, and Switzer-

Earlier this year, Jeff was selected to perform with the New Mexico All-State Band in Albuquerque.

A Jal High School junior, Jeff plays the cornet and has been a member of the Panther Band for three years. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Durwood Mc-Williams and the grandson of Mrs. J. A. McWilliams of Mer-

# John C. White, Commissioner

Texas, which is currently 14th in the nation in hog production, is showing a 19 per cent decline in numbers of hogs on farms as of June 1. Nationwide, the number is also down, but by only one per cent.

Hogs kept for breeding purposes on Texas farms totaled 150,000 head, down 18 per cent from a year ago. Market hogs and pigs totaled 810,000 head, down 19 per cent from last year.

Hog farmers in Texas intend to farrow 102,000 sows from now through November; this will be 11 per cent less than farrowings for this period last year. Feasons for the decline include the increased costs of feed and the fact that retail prices are frozen.

The December - May pig crop totaled 729,000 in Texas. This is December - May pig crop. Pigs per litter averaged 7.29 ccmpared to 7.50 last year.

Nationwide, hogs and pigs on farms as of June 1 is down one per cent from a year ago. The December-May 1973 pig crop is

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as well as sheep and goats at auction markets in Texas show an increase compared to a year ago. Hog sales are down from year ago levels, the Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Ser-

Cattle and calves marketed through auctions during May numbered 731,000 head, 26 per cent above a year ago, and 70 per cent above a month ago.

Sheep sales at livestock auctions during May at 230,000 head were 37 per cent above a year ago and 191 per cent above a month ago. Goats sold during May at 36,000 head were 24 per cent above last year and 20 per cent above last month.

tions over most of Texas are maintaining ranges and pastures in above normal grazing conditions. Livestock condition is good to excellent. Horn flies and ticks have been bothering livestock but weight losses have not been severe. Rains have ruined some curing hay in Eest Texas but prospects for third and fourth cuttings are outstanding.

Screwworm outbreaks over the state are minimal compared to a year ago when the screwworm situation was completely out of control. Livestock producers are reminded to continue to submit suspected screwworm samples

Moderate shipments of potatoes and onions are now underway with heavier supplies expected during the latter half of

MANUFACTURED dairy products utilized 23 per cent of the 1972 Texas milk production: nationwide, manufacturer dairy products utilized 52 per cent of

The best-selling greeting card of all time is a 5-cent number called "Pansies for Thoughts." More than 13 million of the cards have been sold since it was introduced by Hallmark in 1941. It shows a cart of bright purple pansies and has a warm

estimated at two per cent less than the same period in 1972. Pigs per litter averaged 7.16 Riney

Reunion

**Held July 8** 

Descendants of the late Mr.

and Mrs. B. H. Riney held their

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All of the living children of

Mr. and Mrs. Riney attended.

They are J. J. Riney of Slaton,

Harry and Ray Riney, and Mrs.

Others attending were: Mrs.

J. J. Riney and Mr. and Mrs.

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Mrs. Don Murray, San Antonio;

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gins, Seguin; Mr. and Mrs.

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Mrs. Freddie Richie, Kandy

and Gale, Mr. and Mrs. June

Hogan, Sarah and Wendy,

Mrs. Ray Orsborn, Mr. and Mrs.

Don Riney and Larry, Mr. and

Mrs. E. A. Conley and Ricky,

Mrs. Ray Riney, Mrs. Morris

Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Tom

Hogan and Joyce, all of Mer-

Guests were Mike Holmes of

Merkel and Charlie Caldwell

and daughter of Abilene.

and boys of Abilene;

N. C. Bush, all of Merkel.

row 6,000,000 sows now through November, which is virtually unchanged. If intentions are realized and propected pigs per litter are reached, the pig crop will be 43,600,000 head, up one per

SALES of cattle and calves

Hogs sold during May at 41,000 head were 25 per cent below a year ago, but 21 per cent above a month ago.

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Insurance Board Chairman Joe Christie expressed hope that evidence will bring a reduction for insurance buyers in most of Texas' 40 statistical rating territories.

This year's hearing was conducted against a backdrop of new legislation and a price freeze which applied to insurance as well as the usual review of accident frequency, claim cost and inflationary factors.

Laws must be considered are comparative negligence, repeal of the guest statute, personal injury protection and the new deviation or competitive rating

Texas Safety Association will also ask additional credit for persons completing the defensive driving course. Board rules now allow a 10 per cent reduction in auto insurance rates for those certified as having taken the course.

Meanwhile, House Insurance Committee Chairman Rep. Ben Bynum of Amarillo predicted the average premium will drop 10 to 15 per cent when new rates are set this fall.

Competitive rates may mean drops of as much as 20 to 30 per cent for drivers with good safety records, Bynum said.

"Nobody can definitely state what the final rates will be until the statistics and the impact of new insurance laws are weighed in detail after the hearing," said Christie.

REVISION SCHEDULE SET - The Constitutional Revision Commission will meet here July 27-29 to review policy presentations of its seven standing committees on specific areas.

Commission members will hold briefings for the press during the three-day meeting. Mem-

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bers of the Texas Press Associa- ing finance reports by House tion and Texas Association of speakership candidates is clear Broadcasters will meet with commission members on Friday, July 27.

Commission action on the committee reports will be taken September 6-8 and 13-15.

Consideration of the final document is slated for meetings September 20-22 and 27-29, and the presentation, together with supporting reports, November 1, followed by briefing of legislators in December.

Commission members bogged down at a recent meeting here on adoption of basic guidelines for their mission and postponed consideration of a statement of principles until their July 27-29

Instead, they agreed tentatively to write a "revised" constitution - the minimum assignment of voters last November 7 when they directed wheels be set in motion toward overhauling basic state laws. Two members thought even that non-specific commitment was premature.

House and Senate committees, meanwhile, have been named to make preliminary plans for the January-May constitutional convention, draft rules and agree on procedures.

14 MORE GAS SUITS FILED Atty. Gen. John Hill has filed 14 more suits to recover full market value of royalty gas produced from state lands. The first such suit was filed May 18 against Exxon Corporation.

The state contends it is not limited by long term contracts, nor to any regulated ceiling prices promulgated by the Federal Power Commission.

Defendants, according to state allegations, are selling gas at about 20 cents per 1,000 cubic feet, or less, while the market value is around 45 cents per 1,000 cubic feet.

Suit now filed cover about 80 per cent of all lease contracts involving gas royalties, Hill

COURTS SPEAK - A fouryear prison term assessed Amarillo former State Rep. Walter Knapp for using \$1,200 worth of state-issued postage stamps to buy a used pickup truck was affirmed by the Court of Criminal Appeals, on a three-to-two split vote.

The same court reversed and remanded conviction and 20year sentence of a Mineral Wells man for alleged delivery of heroin because of testimony concerning beating by police of-

AGOPINIONS - Law requir-



DONALD DAVIS . . . at Chanute AFB

### **Donald Davis Finishes Basic**

SAN ANTONIO - Airman Donald R. Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alton M. Davis of Tye, has been assigned to Chanute AFB, Ill., after completing Air Force basic training.

During his six weeks at the Air Command's Lackland AFB, he studied the Air Force mission, organization and custmos and received special instruction in human relations.

The airman has been assigned to the Technical Training Center at Chanute for specialized training in aircraft maintenance. Airman Davis attended Merkel High School. His wife, Patricia, is the daughter of Mrs. Louise Brazell of Tye.

To fool burglars every home should have cylinder deadlocks on all entry doors, advise most police departments. Things to look for, says the Kwikset division of Emhart Corp., a leading lock maker, include steel and brass construction and a heavy duty % or 1-inch deadbolt.

as to who may and may not contribute, the amounts, extent of expenditures allowed and other matter, Attorney General Hill held.

Department of Public Safety, Hill said in another opinion, is governed by statute which requires certification of accuracy of seller's invoice in purchases through the State Board of Control. Other purchases requiring disbursement by the comptroller from the operator's and chauffer's license fund must be accompanied by the vendor's certification of the invoice's accuracy in the usual manner, Hill continued.

APPOINTMENTS - In amajor reshuffling, Gov. Dolph Briscoe appointed William T. Keenan of Houston executive director of the Governor's Committee On Aging, replacing Mrs. Carter Clopton of Austin.

named Alton O. Bower of Austin chairman of the Committee on

Other recent appointments by the Governor include:

J. R. Taylor of Amarillo and John Biggs of Vernon to the Animal Health Commission.

Dr. Margaret Cigarroa of Laredo to the Board of Mental Health and Mental Retardation. Dr. Richard Hooker of Austin as gubernatorial school finance advisor

J. R. Porter of Dallas to Texas Mass Transportation Commission.

ROAD CONTRACT LETTING OFF - Monthly state highway contract lettings scheduled July 24-25 for 18 projects costing about \$22 million were cancelled due to failure of Congress to approve a federal aid bill.

Texas Highway Engineer B. L. DeBerry said the state had no alternative. Highway aid bills have been tied up in conference committee after the U.S. Senate and House passed different versions. Dispute is largely over diversion of highway trust fund

revenues to urban mass transit.

The Highway Department in recent months has been financing all highway construction with state funds under an interim congressional action calling for reimbursement at a later date when the congressional bill is passed.

CITIES HONORED - San Antonio, San Marcos, Temple and Lubbock have been designated as national bicentennial communities.

The cities are to be recognized nationally during the Bicentennial observance of the American revolution in 1976. Thirteen other communities in Texas will also have bicentennial programs submitted for consideration. SHORT SNORTS

Harry Hubbard, AFL-CIO state secretary-treasurer, is challenging Roy R. Evans for the organization's presidency here in convention this week.

Governor Briscoe has asked Briscoe, at the same time, designation of Newton County as a major disaster area due to June gloods.

Hearing by the Railroad Commission on Coastal States Gas Corporation's request for rate increases has been postponed until July 23.

A House sub-committee's investigation of Artesia Hall continued here this week.

Thomas M. Phillips of Houston has been selected as the 1973 recipient of the Outstanding Alumnus Award of The University of Texas School of Law.

Rep. L. DeWitt Hale of Corpus Christi will head the House planning committee for the 1974 state constitutional convention.

The Governor promised to begin operating a new mobile field office in county seats over the state this month.

A new digest of hunting and fishing regulations has been printed for distribution by the Parks and Wildlife Department. Shell Oil, now headquartered

in Houston, heads the list of Texas' Top 100 corporations as rated by Texas Parade maga-



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# Girl Scouts Are Invited To Enter West Texas Fair Woman's Division

ter the West Texas Fair un- belts, head bands, etc. der the auspices of the Woage level.

tries in Memories from Summer, the first category. This includes collages, twig crea- YOUR OWN THING in woodtures, wood prints, and rock critters.

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ter their string sculptures, string pictures and God's Eyes

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Girl Scouts are invited to en- tures hanging candles, lights, ing, West Texas Fair, Abilene

The fourth category suggests men's Division. The Scouts are Collections for Brownies of to enter by categories for each rocks, stamps, coins, small dolls, and pictures. Juniors enter Brownies, Juniors, Cadettes Needlecraft: any crewel, emand Seniors may all submit en- broidery hanging, or personal

> Cadettes and Seniors may DO craft, needlework, leather work, weather station, flowers, or any original idea.

All art should measure with-Suggestions are: leaf prints, in 20"x10" and should express originality and creativity.

Scouts from any of the six-Brownies, and Juniors may en- teen counties of the West Texas Council may fill out entry blanks (published daily in The Abilene in the third category, String Reporter-News during the month of August.)

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on September 5 between 1 p.m.

and 6:30 p.m. or on September

6 between 8:30 and 12 noon.

# **Banking Law** Help Economy

COLLEGE STATION - A recent lending change in the Federal Reserve System could be a boon to the rural economy of Texas. The change could make an estimated additional \$1 billion in loanable funds available to Texas residents from the state's rural banks.

Called "Seasonal Borrowing Privilege," the change is designed to help rural banks expand loan fund sources where the local econciny has a sesonal loan need, such as with grain sorghum, cotton, wheat or rice production, points out Dr. Wayne Hayenga, economist for Texas A&M.

Rural banks experience wide fluctuations in loan demand from area farmers, and when such loans reach a seasonal high, other legitimate community loan needs must often be denied," notes the Texas A&M University specialist.

Hayenga contends that the additional loanable funds could be used for consumer credit purposes as well as local and area economic development.

The "Seasonal Borrowing Privilege" could affect an estimated 334 rural banks in Texas, more than one-fourth of all the banks in the state. To be eligible to use the borrowing privilege, banks must be members of the Federal Reserve System.

In addition to rural areas, the change may also increase loanable funds to banks serving communities with other types of seasonal needs for funds, such as resort areas.

Additional information can be obtained form the Federal Reserve Bank or from the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, D.C. adds Hayenga.

Grouping all clothing in one area by size instead of by type - suits, slacks, sports jackets and so on - will be introduced this fall when the new Halls Crown Center specialty store opens in Kansas City, Mo. A man will be able to select most of his clothing in one of five size areas: small, medium, medium-large, large and extra large.

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# Two Three Week Program Offerered To Youthfull Drug Abusers At Hunt

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youthful drug abusers will be offered by La Hacienda, a private licensed hospital and residential treatment center in Hunt, Texas, July 14 thru August 4 and July 28 thru August

THE FIZZLE FAMILY

NO! IT'S

TURN!

THE FIZZLE FAMILY

IT'S MY

PAY TODAY,

ITE WONDERFUL HERE IN GOOD OLD NEW ENGLAND!

WHAT CUTE

The announcement was made by Fred Kotzen, executive director of La Hacienda which opened in 1972 to provide specialized therapeutic modalities required by individuals as they undertake their personal recovery programs from dependence on alcohol and-or drugs.

"Heretofore we have worked primarily with problem drinkers," said Kotzen. "But due to growing inquiries and requests by parents, physicians, courts and clergy, we have decided to undertake this pilot program for youthful drug abusers."

"Fifteen clients will be acabuse program," continued Kotzen. "The first week will consist of medical detoxification and treatment as well as full psychiatric and psychological evaluations. The second and third weeks will be tailored to the individual's needs including personalized educational and therapeutic programs.

"Appropriate after-care services also will be arranged in the client's home community. The program is designed to attain and maintain a drug-free state. Full family involvement is encouraged and family facilities are provided," Kotzen added.

Approximate cost for the three-week program is \$75 per day, according to Kotzen. Charges for families will be

Two three-week programs for prorated and deferred payment a full-time staff of physicians, plans can be arranged.

"However," Kotzen emphasized, "La Hacienda is fully approved by Champus Insurance, as well as other major insurance companies. Since inception, we have provided services to active duty military personnel and their dependents as well as retired military personnel and their dependents.

Coverage by Champus and other major insurance companies includes in-patient hospitalization, in-residence psychiatric and psychological treatment modalities and out-patient follow-up services. These services are provided at La Hacienda by Hacienda, Hunt, Texas 78024.

nurses, psychologists and other professional and paraprofessional persons.

AND I FORGOT I PAID A BILL... ALL I HAVE LEFT IS

YOU HAD IT

BUS FARE HOME!

Located 10 miles west of Kerville, La Hacienda is a division of Mational Living Centers, Inc., a Houston-based proprietary health care firm which is the largest operator of nursing homes and children's day-care centers in the South and South-

Additional information about La Hacienda and thehup-coming drug abuse programs may be obtained by calling Fred Kotzen, Executive Director, or Larry Taylor, M.D., Medical Director at (512) 238-4222, or writing La 10 days. Hope she does better

By H. T. ELMO

WE AVERAGED FOUR ANTIQUE SHOPS TO

By H. T. Elmo

DON'T LOOK AT ME IT'S NOT MY TURN!

VISITING in the honie of Mr. and Mrs. John Brady Saturday evening for supper were Mr. and Mrs. Irven Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Don Murray, San Antonio; Mr. and Mrs. Warren Higgins, Seguin; and Mr. and Mrs. Murray Tocmbs of Lubbock. They were all down for the Riney Reunion Sunday and had their own immediate reunion Saturday.

MR. AND MRS. ERVIN Massingill and Chester are visiting relatives in Tennessee this

RUBY REDDIN was admitted to the hospital Monday with an infected foot. She is in Room A607 at Hendrick Memorial Hospital and will be there 8 to

# **Vet Questions & Answers Ward Family**

cepted for each three-week drug viceman killed during World married. War II. My VA compensation was discontinued when I remarried in 1955. Since my second husband died recently, I wonder if VA will pay me compensation again based on my first husband's death?

A - Yes. Under a law enacted in 1970, VA may again award compensation to a remarried widow whose remarriage ended in death or divorce

Q - I am receiving a 60 per cent service - connected disability compensation. I have a wife and two children. My 17year-old child was married in January. When will my compensation payments be reduced? A - At the end of the calen-

veterans are still eligible in

some instances. Full information

may be obtained from your near-

Q - I was discharged from the Army in 1963. Do I still have rights under the G.I. Bill A - Yes. Congress has made no shut-off date for such loans. In fact, even World War II

est VA office. Q - I am on active duty with the Army and I plan to study law under the "Excess Leave Program." How do I apply so that I can receive VA

A - Submit to the nearest VA office VA Form 21E-1990, Veterans' Application for Program of Education or Training, and VA Form 21E-199a, Certificate of Availability, together with a copy of your excess leave orders (in lieu of DD 214) and a statement of service from your

commanding officer.

# Q — I was the wife of a ser-viceman killed during World married. Has Reunion

The Ward Reunion was held

Saturday at Mr. and Mrs. John Stouts in Merkel and Sunday at the Mitchell Ingrams in Abilene. Children and grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Ward attending were Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Ward and Family of Irving, Tex.; Mr. and Mrs. Rayford Ward and Family, Eunice. La.; Mr. and Mrs. Gary Jones and Family, Bossier City, La.; Mr. and Mrs. Steve Herring and Family, Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. Deryl Herring and Family, Trent; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Wade and Family, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Gary Church and Family, Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hasty and Family of Abilene.

Also attending was Mr. Ward's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Audie McElyea of Snyder.

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#### Mike Mansfield Says Mexico's Attitude Is Beneficial to Foreign Investors

MEXICO CITY-"Mexico's attitude is beneficial both for Mexicans and for foreign investors," said Senator Mike Mansfield, U. S. Senate Majority Leader, in a recent interview commenting on the Mexican government's policy toward foreign investment.

Senator Mansfield told reporters for the Mexican daily newspaper Excelsior that Mexico has been able to exercise sovereignty in such a way that it has attracted

He feels that foreign cap-ital should be subject to the laws of the host nation and should not intervene in the internal affairs of the country in which it is oper-

rather than discouraged co-

operation from other na-

When asked for his opinion on President Echeverria's economic policy, which has been viewed with surprise in some private circles in the U. S., Mr. Mansfield said, "I am convinced that President Echeverria's pol-icy to redistribute national income is an immense step toward achieving full social and economic development for the country. But it is and nations that allow them only the first step, and, of course, the first step is al-ways the hardest."

The Senator pointed out, "I also believe that the Mexican government has really difficult circum-stances such as the population explosion."

Commenting on the intro-duction into the Cabinet of youthful Ministers, Senator Mansfield said:

"The fact that Echeverria has placed young men in his Cabinet and government has allowed him to achieve a closer unity with his people. Putting young people in the diplomatic service was right on target since these young Mexican ambassadors are better in tune with the times."

One of the most important points of the interview was the American legislator's position on Mexico's right to orient and regulate foreign investment, most of it from the United States.

"I hope adjustments, arrangements and an effort to achieve better understanding among foreign investors access to their economy will be made from now on: although foreigners invest in a country, such as Mex-ico, with certain guarantees and regulations, that inachieved extraordinary re-sults in every area in spite of the fact it is operating in to modify those regulations at any time. The same applies to every other country, since a guarantee for an investor does not imply turning over the right to exercise a nation's sover-

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Dear Editor

I take this opportunity to commend Representative Elmer Martin for the time which he devoted to the Committee on Agriculture and Livestock during the 63rd Texas Legislature. The honor and pleasure I enjoyed

Q - I'm going to coilege under the GI Bill, but my 36 months of education entitlement will end two months before I receive my degree. When will VA discontinue my allowance

A - At the end of the school term in which entitlement runs

Q - If a veteran with a nonservice connected disability dies pay transportation costs to place come.

A - No. VA is permitted to bear these expenses only when death occurs in a VA hospital or domiciliary, or while hospitalized at VA expense.

in serving with Elmer while I It is with great pleasure that was Chairman of this Com-

mittee will always be treasured. You may be assured that his of the accomplishments and hard work that he and the entire com-

I truly hope that the cornmittee has served and will continue to serve agriculture to the best of its ability as we continue into the future in the legis-

It has been a pleasure to work with Elmer and the other members of the committee in the pursuit of good beneficial legislation in the agricultural area this past session of the Legislature. Let us hope that we shall be able to work together toin a private hospital, will VA ward this end for many years to

# TWC Expans **Vet Services**

Western Texas College is planning an expanded program of services to veterans for the 1973-74 school year, according to a schedule of events submitted by Dr. Duane Hood, Dean of Student Services.

Included in the services are pre-registration for veterans (to allow for advance payment of benefits), organization of the student veterans on campus to take advantage of tutorial programs offered through V.A. and to allow for improved communications, and employment of a special veteran's advisor to work with veterans and their problems in line with the requirements of the Cranston Amendment of 1973.

The expansion of services has been precipitated by three new features of the Veterans' educational benefits which allow for increased benefits, advance payment for school attendance, and direct payment to colleges for attendance of veterans. In addition, the 1973-74 school year will be the last opportunity for many veterans to take advantage of their educational benefits. Veterans must complete their educational program within eight year after discharge. Veterans discharged before June 1. 1966, have until June 1, 1974, to complete their programs.

The pre-registration of veterans will be held on Tuesday, July 24, at the Science Lecture Hall on the WTC campus. Sessions are at 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. This registration will allow the veteran to receive his first benefit check during the regular registration period rather than waiting until after a month (or sometimes two) after he begins attendance. WTC personnel will be on hand to assist in scheduling as well as preparation of applications for new veterans who wish to begin their educational programs. Regular registration for the fall term is set for September 4, and

Officials of local Veteran' organizations will also be present to assist the veterans at these meetings. According to Dr. Hood, the pre-registration is not mandatory for drawing VA benefits, but is required before adance payment can be made. New applicants for VA assistance should bring copies of the following documents to the meeting: marriage license, birth cortificates of children, and separation certificate DD214.

Therefore, I have introduced a bill that would exempt the prices of meat, poultry, eggs, dairy products and feed grain ingredients from those commodities under the control of the Economic Stabilization Act.

SEN. TOWER'S WEEKLY REPORT TO TEXANS:

By JOHN TOWER

U. S. Senator, Texas

situations developing in the pro-

duction of food products in re-

ing placed on feed.

some of these staple items.

I have expressed on a num-

ber of occasions that the prob-

lems of insufficient food supplies

are the basic cause for the cur-

rent higher prices. Only by in-

creasing this supply can mar-

ket relief be expected, and the

present rigid controls on food

prices is not the answer to in-

crease supplies at the grocery

When custom cattle feeding

operations must continue to

charge the same rate for feed

items, and at the same time

the price of food ingredients is

increasing daily, it becomes a

business decision whether or not

to continue to feed cattle. The

same decision must be made by

those producing dairy products

poultry and eggs. In the cases

of the cattlemen or the dairy-

men, there is only one decision

he can make. The result is evi-

dent in the decreased numbers

of animals producing meat, eggs

A number of long range pro-

posals to deal with these short-

ages have been advanced, and

some have definite possibilities.

But we are faced with the need

for some immediate solutions in

order to assure that the future

coming up time and time again.

will not see the same problems

It appears to me that the

only way to solves the immed-

iate threat of drastic shortages

ried about soaring feed costs?

Wondering how to get more

from your pastures and hay?

Concerned about protein supple-

ment costs and using urea? Con-

fused about the proper choice of

mineral supplements? Looking

for a way to cut the labor in

Potential solutions to these and

other problems will be present-

ed at the upcoming Beef Cattle

and Pasture Forage Short

Course at Texas A&M Univer-

sity on Aug. 20-21 according

to Dr. Dennis Herd, short

haying?

Soaring Feed Costs

Will Be Topic of Seminar

COLLEGE STATION - Wor- course chairman and beef cat-

and dairy products.

store.

There are several very serious

lation to the President's recent Undoubtedly, such an action price freeze. The number of rewould have some effect on the ports of possible food shortages price of food. But we simply continue to grow. Recent news cannot expect those producers dispatches told of many thouwho are losing money to cinsands of baby chicks being tinue producing. Basically, I am slaughtered, of much lower prointerested in assuring that those who we are depending upon to duction of several agricultural give us this needed increase commodities, and of substantialin food supplies can do so withly smaller numbers of cattle beout having to lose money in the process. Continued drops in the Within a few weeks, when this production of food supplies will production would have normally have a damaging effect on the been processed for ultimate consupply of food in the immedisumer use, there is the possiate future. It can only result in bility of marked shortages of more shortages and even higher

> We are only a few weeks away from probably the largest grain harvest in this country's history. As this grain becomes available for domestic feed consumption and for export requirements, the strain of short supplies will be relieved and this in turn should bring down the price of feed.

> The price levels of several varieties of grain are at the point where it is worthwhile to produce them. Although some grain prices fluctuate rather sharply, rigid price controls are not the answer to the need of maintaining an adequate supply.

It takes several weeks after a reduction of the number of meat producing animals on feed before the shortage hits the meat market in the grocery. Several months are needed to fatten an animal for slaughter. Presently, in addition to the decreasing number of animals at feed lots, we find that the available supply of those being kept for additional production also is de-

Thus we find that the present prices freeze is restricting efforts to increase the production of food supplies, which in turn would bring about lower but still profitable prices at the superin food supplies is to remove the price controls from them. market.

tle specialist for the Texas Ag-

Past short courses have em-

phasized the importance of pro-

per nutrition in improving re-

production and performance in

beef cattle. This year's program

is concerned with the most eco-

nomic methods of supplying the

nutrition required to maxibize

reproduction and income from

the beef herd. Much of the in-

formation presented will also

be of interest to cattlemen run-

The program, which will be

ning stocker cattle programs.

held at the Ramada Inn accross

from the A&M campus, will fea-

ture talks by prominent authori-

ricultural Extension Service.

In our economic system, the profit-motive is the best means for increasing the supply of any commodity that is in great demand. These incentives must be real, and in the case of beef and other foods, they must remain for extended periods due to the time required to increase food supplies. In the present price freeze squeeze, the incentives are simply not present to bring about the desired sup-

Freeze Developing Serious Food Production Situation

The problems we face now in higher prices and growing short ages are real, and have been brought on by a world-wide supply - demand situation. They could get even worse unless we act. Every day that passes further adds to the problem. Perhaps the immediate solution

would be to remove the price ceillings on food supplies. If there is another solution, we need to find it now, and we need to act now.

### LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING CITY OF MERKEL, TEXAS

The Board of Equalization will be in session at the Merkel City Hall on Tuesday, July 17, 1973, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. for the purpose of equalizing all taxable property situated the City of Merkel, Texas. Any persons having business with said Board, are hereby notified to be present.

20-1tc

#### NOTICE LEGAL

THE STATE OF TEXAS To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas -**GREETINGS:** 

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for four consecutive weeks the first publication to be at least twenty-eight days before the return day thereof, in a newspaper printed in Taylor County, Texas, the accompanying citation, of which the herein below following is a true copy. CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: John H. Bleth, Defend-

ant. GREETINGS: YOU ARE HEREBY COM-MANDED to appear before the Honorable Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock 5th day of July A.D. 1973. a.m. of the first Monday next (SEAL) after the expiration of fortytwo days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 20th day of August A.D. 1973, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 28th

day of June A.D. 1973, in this cause, numbered 8250 on the docket of said court and styled In. Re.: Janice Lee Bleth and Jerry Lamuel Bleth, minors.

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

> Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD Clerk, Domestic Relations Court, Taylor County, Texas By Myrna Lawrence, Deputy 20-4tc

#### THE STATE OF TEXAS June A.D. 1973, in this cause, To any Sheriff or any Constable numbered 12,342-B on the docket

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of said court and styled Ex Parte, Plaintiff, vs. Jonathan You are hereby commanded to Eugene Penn & Veta Holly Recause to be published once each nay Penn, both minors, Defend-A brief statement of the na-

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> 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. Honorable 104 th. District 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 25th day of June A.D. 1973.

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

vs. Larry D. Larson, Defendant.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS

within the State of Texas-GREETING:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for four consecutive ing citation, of which the herin below following is a true copy.

THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: Larry D. Larson, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COM-MANDED to appear before the Honorable Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 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,

A brief statement of the na-To any Sheriff or any Constable ture 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 weeks, the first publication to be Don Larson, age 8 years. Petiat least twenty-eight days before tioner asking for care, custody the return day thereof, in a and control of minor child. Marnewspaper printed in Taylor riage become insupportable be-County, Texas, the accompany- cause of discord or conflict of personalities. 1966 Rambler, Automobile community property., CITATION BY PUBLICATION 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

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 13th day of June A.D. 1973. (SEAL)

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

### Vet Questions And Answers

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of burial?

hard work and dedication will be written into the history of good government as it concerns this past session of the Legislature. I only hope that people throughout the state will be appreciative mittee have achieved.

JOE A. HUBENAK,

Chairman, Committee on Agriculture and Livestock, House of Representatives, Aus-CONTRACTOR OF THE PROPERTY OF

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THE STATE OF TEXAS County of Taylor

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That by virtue of a certain Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County, of the 20th day of June 1973, by Irene Crawford District Clerk of said Taylor County for the sum of Three Thousand Five Hundred Thirty Seven 51-100 Dollars and costs of suit, under a, Order of Sale, in favor of Southwest Savings & Loan Association in a certain cause in said Court, No. 34,086-A and styled Southwest Savings & Loan Association vs. Jerry L. Plemons, Administrator of the Estate of Marguerite Plemons Merryman, placed in my hand for service, I, Jack Landrum as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did on the 21st day of June 1973, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: West 1/2 of Lots No. 15 and No. 16, Block No. 4 O. P. Thomas Subdivision of Lot No. 1 Block No. 206, City of

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, and levied upon as the property of Marguerite Plemons Merryman and that on the first Tuesday in August 1973, the same being the 7th day of said month at the Court House door, of Taylor County, in the City of Abilene Texas, between the hours of 10 A.M. and 4 P.M., by virtue of said levy and said Order of Sale, I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for each, to the highest bidder, as the property of said

Marguerite Plemons Merryman. And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceeding said day of sale, in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper published in Taylor County, Tex-

Witness my hand, this 21st day of June 1973. Jack Landrum

Sheriff Taylor County, Texas By R. P. Blackley. Deputy.

## Accent On Health

key to learning, and a child handicapped by vision or bearing suffers a real loss in ability to cope with educational oppor-

The State Health Department is helping children to see and hear by training others to test visual and hearing acuity in the school systems of Texas.

More than two and a quarter million school children were reported as being screened for either hearing or vision problems during the 1971-72 school year. Results of the 1972-73 screening by Texas school systems are still being tabulated.

During the last full year of screening, more than 77,000 youngsters consulted physicians with over 51,000 of them receiving remedial attention for problems found in the school - based screening.

Of 842,630 children given hearing screening tests, 19,649 were referred for further tests. Of this number, 17,196 actually consulted a physician and 7,807 received help.

Vision screening was given 1,-410,708 students, and 103,897 were urged to seek medical help. Almost 60,000 actually consulted a physician, with 43,658 getting remedial attention.

Early detection of hearing and vision loss can be the difference in good hearing and eyesight among the young, says the State Health Department.

One expert estimates that each year, for lack of a simple children pass the point at which they could be rescued from possible vision impairments. Approximately one out of four school-age children needs professional eye care, according to reliable estimates. There visual difficulties vary from minor refractive errors to severe abnormalities were the child sees so poorly that he needs special help in the classroom.

Many problems have been traced to poor vision and or poor hearing - including school dropouts, deliquency and lack of attainment in life.

Hearing loss has been defined Mrs. Bob Compton.

Communication skills are the as a hidden handicap by one national authority. "It does not elicit sympathy from others, "he writes, "but evokes impatience when the person repeatedly fails to respond as expected. A child with a hearing impairment is frequently regarded as slow, in-



Stith News By MRS.

FRITZ HALE

Crops are looking good in in Stith Community.

Mrs. Cleo Liles of St. Lewis and Mrs. Poston Jones of Fort Worth and Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Hodges of Big Spring spent the weekend with Mrs. Ira Stanley.

Mrs. Stanley returned home with her daughter, Mrs. Liles and will live in the Liles home until she is able to return to her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kelso of Boonsville, Ark. spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Leon Kelso and Cara Lynn.

Mr. and Mrs. Truett Jones of Gatesville spent several days last week with his mother, Mrs. Fletcher Jones.

Correction. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wayne Berry, Gary and Annette of Schertz, Texas visted their grandparents, Mr. and vision test, 100,000 American Mrs. Paul Bradley recently NOT the Hales.

Rev. James Williams of Anson and Roy Kelso of Arkansas visited Mr. and Mrs. Paul

Bradley Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mashburn and J. R. Mashburn had supper Friday with Mrs. Mattie Shaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hale and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Malone, Monica and Haley attended the Hill Reunion held at the Lions Club building in Anson Sunday.

Visitors attending services at the Stith Baptist Church Sunday were Mrs. Cleo Liles, Mrs. Poston Jones and Mr. and

#### "WHAT WILL MY FRIENDS THINK?" NO. 2

"For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ." Gal. 1:10.

Jesus gave a lesson on occasion recorded in Matthew 10:32-39. The "confess me before men" is more, according to the context, than just verbal recognization of Jesus, it implies a living confession, a living according to the will of Christ and the "deny me before men, is the refusal to live according to His will.

As one studies Gal. 1:10 in connection with Matt. 10:34-38 ("Think not that I am to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword. For am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law. And a man's foes shall be they of his own household. He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And he that taketh not his cross and followeth after me, is not worthy of me. He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it.") you find that the Lord intends that IF His will, the truth of God's word comes in conflict with family or friends we must choose the Lord's will. So again the question has to be ask "do I seek to please men or God?" Jesus is saying "IT DOES MAKE A DIFFERENCE WHAT YOU BELIEVE AND DO ABOUT THAT BELIEF."

We cannot afford to allow the devil to deceive us or win us to his side by such methods. And to say that it really just isn't that vital or important to our acceptance with God is to not gain the truth of verse 38 " he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me." and

When Peter and John were told (Acts 4) not to teach in Jesus name, Peter said, "Whether it be right in the sight of God to harken to you more than to God, you must judge" (Acts 4:19). The point he was making is that they knew full well God's will must come first. We too must realize that truth. As the inspired Paul wrote in Gal. 1:10. When it requires change to comply with Bible truth, we must change and not allow what our friends or relatives or what anyone else may think of us to keep us from that change God requires. Which will not likely be very easy.

**BILLY PATTON** 

### CHURCH OF CHRIST

"COME VISIT WITH US"

attentive, vague; he may be over-aggressive or under-assertive, and is commonly found in the ranks of 'problem children.' The function called hearing involves much more than compre-

of behavior." The State Health Department's training of school personnel in vision and hearing screening techniques is being carried out through its Maternal and Child Health Division, and in a secondary program that operates in co-operation with the Department of Welfare.

hensive of sounds; it is very

much a part of the dynamics

In the school - oriented program, in operation for some 20 years, State Health Department representatives go into the schools to instruct school nurses, teachers, PTA members and others in use of hearing and vision screening equipment. In addition, record keeping procedures are emphasized and some forms provided.

Audiometers used in hearing tests may be loaned permanently or temporarily to schools, and Snellen E Charts for vision tests are provided on a limited bases by the Health Department. Most of the larger schools are able to purchase audiometers and different types of vision equipment.

In addition to testing of school children, some school districts request screening of pre-school children, which is done in a similar manner to the children of school age. In either program, consultation of State Health Department personnel is made av-

What happens when a child is found with a hearing or vision problem? Follow - up testing may indicate the need for treatment. In a family with means, there is no problem. In some localities, Lions Clubs have a project of providing glasses for children whose parents can't afford them.

In the Health Departmen's hearing aid program, some 4,-200 children are currently wearing hearing aides furnished through the Department. The Title 19 Aid to Families with Dependent Children program will be able to give further assistance in both hearing and vision to children in families on welfare rolls.

Along with the actual testing is an educational effort. In the dental and medical screening programs under Title 19, nurses aides and others are being taught to recognize those having and vision problems. In school, an alert teacher can spot a child with difficulties. In addition to referring a child for tests, a teacher may be able to position a child in the classroom for the best effects in hearing and seeing.

In a society where human resources need developing to the greatest extent, the Health Department and Texas school systems are joining hands to aid in this development.

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### 7 Bighorn Sheep Freed

SAN ANGELO - One of the last strongholds of the Texas bighorn sheep at the turn of the century welcomed seven members of the species back into

Jack Parsons, Parks and Wildlife Department director of wildlife operations in West Texas, said the seven bighorns were released into the Sierra Diablo mountains from a holding pen on the department's Sierra Diablo Wildlife Management Area.

and one ewe with radio transmitter collars to tract the sheep's movements after re-

Parsons says that the bugged sheep may be monitored by receivers either hand-held or mounted in automobiles or air-

The transmitters were built under an interagency contract with Texas A&M University.

Release of the seven bighorns brings the estimated number of sheep in the wilds of West Texas to 40. There is another estimated 27 sheep held on the Parks and Wildlife Department's Black Gap Wildlife Management Area near Marathon.

From the thousands of bighorns which roamed the mountains of the Trans-Pecos at the end of the 19th century, some 67 animals now remain.

Texas bighorns were all but wiped out in the early 20th century by market hunters and bluetongue disease carried by domestic sheep.

# AS IT LOOKS FROM HERE A Change of Scenery Is Good . .

By OMAR BURLESON, M. C. along. 17th District, Texts

WASHINGTON, D. C. - A few years ago - standing at the foot of a mountain in rugged Northwestern Norway, a native was asked what was on the other side. Without a sign of anything except stating a fact he replied, "Another mountain." And so it was - another and another and another. The desire to see the other side of the last one and then the sea - and the Biologists equipped two rams Arctic Circle - only there was no circle - only a marker.

A change of scenery is good and that's what summer vacations are for - to see the other

On the other hand, to return to familiar scenes - life-long familiar scenes - is refreshing, relaxing, inspirational, and if such a thing - a sort of a reincarnation in the original form. In other words - home.

This is written from down behind the "back forty" - where the mesquites began. There's a lot to do here. With a little quiet and patience you can see a lot of wild things come to the tank for water and then one can stay busy keeping the thunderheads in order. There's all sorts of changes taking place up there and near sundown can be the greatest show on Earth. In the course of this action, or inaction, depending on how viewed, great flights of fancy are taken and vast realms of speculation explored. Walt Whitman wrote, "I loaf and invite my soul

Call No. 486

Charter No. 7481 National Bank Region No. 11 REPORT OF CONDITION, CONSOLIDATING DOMESTIC SUBSIDIARIES, OF THE

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of Merkel, Texas In the State of Texas, at the close of business on June 30, 1973 published in response to call made by Comptroller of the Currency, under Title 12, United States Code, Section 161.

**ASSETS** 

| Cash and due from banks (including                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                      |
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| \$none unposted debits)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | \$1,819,399.47                                       |
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| subdivisions Other securities (including \$9,000.00                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 1,158,221.31                                         |
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| corporate stock)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 9,000.00                                             |
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RESERVES ON LOANS AND SECURITIES Other reserves on loans ...... \$ 100,000.00 Reserves on securities 100,000.00 **TOTAL RESERVES ON LOANS** AND SECURITIES \$ 200,000.00 CAPITAL ACCOUNTS Equity capital-total ...... \$ 552,480.91 Common Stock-total par value . . . . 150,000.00 No. shares authorized 3,000 No. shares outstanding 3,000 150,000.00 Surplus ...... 252,480.91 Undivided profits ..... 552,480.91 TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS ..... TOTAL LIABILITIES, RESERVES, AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS \$6,875,227.11 **MEMORANDA** Average of total deposits for the 15 calendar days ending with call date . \$5,999,155.64 Average of total loans for the 15 cal-.. 1,338,909.12 endar days ending with call date Interest collected not earned on installment loans included in

I, Betty Jane Tittle, Cashier, of the above-named bank do hereby declare that this report of condition is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
BETTY JANE TITTLE

total capital accounts ...... 10,251.00

We, the undersigned directors attest the correctness of this report of condition and declare that it has been examined by us and to the best of our knowledge and belief is true and correct.

W. S. J. BROWN DONALD W. WARREN, M.D. Directors

Loafing can be a full-time job, if really worked at. After considerable experience it has been found that the position for loafing is either lying on one's back or stomach, depending on whether the imagination and reflections are directed skyward or if attention is on the ground. Either way, a level spot is best to Choose. (If it's in grass or weeds, you will be reminded at night that you had company -

There's usually a buzzard up there, and though he glides gracefully, it seems he is waiting for tragedy to happen that's the way he makes his living. A hawk appears to be on patrol and he isn't loafing and a group of chatty cows are holding a committee meeting as usual, all talking at the same time and nobody listening.

Turning over on the stomach there's activity on the ground. The famed Swedish botanist Carolus Linnaeus, said that he messing around."

could spend a lifetime studying as much of the Earth as he could cover with one of his hands. That would seem too much like work for genuine loafing but a place to start for some appreciation is to watch an ant preferably one which seems to have a purpose in mind. He is carrying half of a worm, thrice or more his size, in an obvious direction. Where is he going with that prize along a trail in his jungle? Who will tgy to help him or who may try to take it away? When does the feast begin and is he working for himself alone or feeding a growing family?

Well, anyway, there's just a lot to do around here but for those who find it hard to take a long, hot summer day lying down, there's the mouse's advice to the mole in "The Wind in the Willows": "Believe me, my young friend, there is nothing - absolutely nothing - half so much worth doing as simply

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