

Jim Broussard Assumes Duties As Police Chief

The city commission of Merkel has named Jim Broussard Chief of Police for Merkel. Broussard officially assumed his duties November 15.

Prior to coming to Merkel, Broussard has been employed as Captain for the Colorado County Sheriffs Department at Columbus, Texas. He has been at the Columbus post for two years.

Prior to joining the Colorado County Sheriffs Department, he was employed as Chief Jailor for the Taylor County Sheriffs Department.

Broussard retired from the United States Air Force in 1968. He was stationed at Dyess Air Force Base at the time of his retirement.

Broussard has 20 years experience with civilian police work.

He received approximately 15 certificates relating to law enforcement training while in the Air Force. He also attended FBI Handgun School in California while in the service. Since he has been in police work as a civilian, he attended Certification School and Jail Administration School in Abilene and Jail Psychology or Management School in Huntsville.

Broussard was born in Lafayette, La., but was raised in Port Arthur, Texas.



JIM BROUSSARD
... police chief

He is married and the father of one daughter. He and his wife, Ada, and daughter Belinda, reside at 905 Ash Street.

Broussard issued the following statement: "It is a pleasure to return to this part of the country. I am looking forward to my work here in Merkel. We hope the people of Merkel will feel free to call upon the police force any time they have a problem."



THAT'S ALL STEVE—Merkel Badgers Tailback Steve West (No. 25) is brought down after a six yard run. Roscoe won the final game of the football season 28-14. The game was played at Roscoe. (Staff photo by Connie Harris)

Badgers Lose Final Game, 28-14

While The Roscoe Plowboys were rolling past The Merkel Badgers 28-14, The Rotan Yellowhammers were bringing down The league leading Aspermont Hornets 34-28. At the same time, The Albany Lions beat The Jim Ned Indians 19-14, in hard hitting contest to force the 8-A District Championship in a three way tie.

The Top three teams are Aspermont, Rotan, and Albany. All three teams ended their league play with a 5-2 record. With their defeat Friday night, the Badgers ended their '73 season with a 2-8 record. And a 2-5 District play.

Merkel kickoff to the Plowboys was fumbled and Merkel covered the fumble on the

Plowboys' 40 yard line. Even though the Badgers had a good field position they could not penetrate the Plowboys' tough defense.

It took the Plowboys just six minutes of the first quarter to get on the score board on a fifty yard pass from quarterback Jarvis Haynes to end Frankie Santiago, for six points and Haynes added the extra point.

Early in the second quarter, the Plowboys ended their second touchdown. After the Badgers had covered their second Plowboys fumble, Eddie Wade stepped in to intercept Quarterback Jeff Cox pass on Merkel's forty-five yard line and ran it all the way for a fifty-five yard touchdown. The

extra point was good.

Merkel got on the score board in the last two minutes of the second quarter. Jeff Cox hit end Larry Toliver for 42 yards.

With the help of a fifteen yard penalty and a six and five yard run by Bill Watts, Jeff Cox pitched out to Steve West around right end for the touchdown. The Badgers added two extra points on a pass from Jeff Cox to end Larry Toliver, to end the first half with Roscoe leading 14-8.

Early in the second half The Plowboys added seven more points, when quarterback Jarvis Haynes kept the ball for a 39 yard run to pay dirt. The extra point was kicked by Haynes.

Roscoe put their final points on the board in the last of the third quarter as Steve Haynes hit Tailback Steve Freeman for a forty yard pass to the five. Fullback Jose Villafraña took the ball to the end zone from the four. The extra point was good.

With six minutes left to play in the game, Merkel put six more points on the board. Cox hit end Doug Hutchings for twenty-five yards, and end Larry Toliver for thirty and the touchdown. Merkel had 14 first downs compared to Roscoe's 13. Roscoe had 200 yards rushing to Merkel's 97. Merkel completed 4 of 11 passes for 124 yards, to Roscoe's 2 of 3 for 68 yards. Roscoe intercepted two of Merkel's passes.

Former Noodle Resident Dies

Mr. Clyde Herron, 85, of Robstown, a longtime resident of Noodle, died Friday, Nov. 16. Burial was in Robstown.

Saturday Nov. 17, John Marvin Thompson, 59, died of an apparent heart attack. Son of Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Thompson, John Marvin was a nephew to Mr. Herron. Burial was in Oklahoma City.

"What Thanksgiving Means To Me"

A Little Time
By Bonnie English

Today I'm taking a long walk, So the Lord and I can have a talk. I've been going about my busy days, Doing a hundred things in a hundred ways. There's always so many things to do So little time, seems I never get through. But today is Thanksgiving, And I'm taking this walk To slow down my pace and have this talk. "So thank you Lord, for this beautiful day. For the earth, the sun, And for just passing our way."

Cotton Harvesting Is 30 Per Cent Complete

The USDA, Abilene Cotton Classing Office graded 46,200 cotton samples during the week ending November 17. B. B. Manly estimates harvest to be about 30 percent completed in the area serviced by his office. A total of 169,000 samples have been graded to date this season, as compared to 25,500 that had been graded by this date last season.

The quality of samples classed continued to improve in grade and staple. White grades were assigned to 59 percent of the samples classed, and 39 percent were within light-spotted grades. Grade 41 was the most predominant

grade at 31 percent of the total classed. Other grade distributions include: grade 42 at 21 percent, grade 51 at 14 percent, grade 31 at 12 percent, and grades 52 and 32 at 9 percent each. Reductions in grade because of bark in samples declined to 18 percent.

A wide range of staple lengths were classed. Staples ranged from 28 to 35, and were longer than during the two previous weeks. Staple 31 continued as the most predominant length at 45 percent. Other staple lengths were as follows: staple 32 at 28 percent, staple 30 at 16 percent, and staple 33 at 7 percent. Micronaire readings were 4 percent in low micronaire ranges, 5 percent in high micronaire ranges, and 91 percent within the 3.5 to 4.9 range.

Pressley fiber strength tests showed average to strong readings during the week. Sixteen percent tested within the 75,000 to 79,000 pounds per square inch range, and 35 percent tested within the 80 to 84,000 psi range.

Cotton prices declined by 2 to 4 cents per pound during the past week. White grades of cotton sold for 3400 to 3800 points over government loan rates, and light-spotted grades sold for 3200 to 3400 points over loan rates. The Agricultural Marketing Service reported a price range of from 51.25 to 55.50 cents per pound for premium micronaire, grade 4131 cotton.

NOTICE

Postmaster Truett Thompson announces that the Merkel Post Office will be closed Thursday, Nov. 22, in observance of Thanksgiving. There will be no box service or rural deliveries.

New Arrival

Mr. and Mrs. Waylan Vancil, Richardson, announce the birth of a son, Todd Alan, born Oct. 21. He weighed 7 lbs, 12 1/2 oz.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. T.M. Rich of Borger.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Vancil of Merkel.

Area Conservationist Transferred to Abilene

Joe J. McEntire, Area Conservationist for the Soil Conservation Service at Big Spring was promoted and transferred to Abilene as Area Conservationist, effective October 28, 1973.

McEntire is a veteran of 22 years with the SCS with the past two years being in the Big Spring Area.

In his new field, he will have nine field offices covering 10 counties and in addition to being responsible for the administrative and technical phases of the SCS regular program of work, he will be responsible for the Great Plains Conservation Program that is applicable in the Abilene Area.

McEntire, a native of Comanch County, Texas, completed his requirements for a degree at Texas A&M University in 1950. He started his career with the SCS as a range conservatist at Fredericksburg, Texas. This was interrupted by two years of service with the First Marine Air Wing during the Korean conflict. On

his return to duty he served as district conservatist at Kerrville and Floydada, Texas. In 1963 McEntire was promoted to Area Conservationist at Uvalde and reassigned to Big Spring in 1971.

In addition to his regular duties, McEntire has been active in professional societies. He is a member of the Soil Conservation Society of America and a past director of the Texas Section, Society for Range Management. In 1970 he received an outstanding rating and Certificate of Merit for the superior manner in which he directed SCS operations in the Uvalde Area. Previous awards were received while at Kerrville and Floydada for sustained above average performance.

Mrs. McEntire, the former Geraldine Willis of Sidney, Texas, has been a teacher in the Big Spring School system for the past two years. They have three children, Stephen, Robert and Ann.

Favorites Elected At Merkel High

MR. AND MISS M.H.S.
Cindy Whisenhunt-- Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Whisenhunt; senior; Homecoming Queen; cheerleader; basketball captain; member of Student Council; candidate for Miss West Texas Fair; senior class secretary; Rodeo Club; and Drama Club.

Larry Toliver--Son of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Toliver; senior; vice-president of senior

class; football, basketball, and track teams; Football hero; Senior Class Favorite and Band president.

MOST FRIENDLY
Mary Jo Barnes--Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Barnes; junior; class secretary; Football Sweetheart; cheerleader; basketball; and Drama Club.

Jimmy Land--Son of Mr. and Mrs. James Land; senior; football team and Drama Club.



MARY JO BARNES
... Most Friendly



CINDY WHISENHUNT
... Miss M.H.S.



JIMMY LAND
... Most Friendly



LARRY TOLIVER
... Mr. M.H.S.

Annual Christmas Parade Will Be December 8th

The Christmas Parade will be held Saturday December 8 at 2 p.m. announced Truett Thompson, Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade Chairman.

The Christmas lights will be put up this year, but will only be burned until 10 p.m.

to save power due to the fuel shortage.

The Chamber of Commerce will hold their Christmas lighting contest this year, but they ask residents to turn off their lights by 10 p.m. also. The home lighting prizes will be \$20, \$10 and \$5. The judging date

will be announced later. Prizes of \$25, \$15 and \$10 will be given to the best floats. Individuals, businesses and organizations are urged to enter a float. No prior arrangements need to be made to enter parade.

There will be a contest for the best decorated bicycle also. Prizes will be \$5, \$3 and \$2. Judges will be three teachers from the Merkel School System.

Merkel and Trent Bands will march in the parade. Other organizations have been contacted also to be in the parade.

Four Miss Merry Christmas Contestants will be named this year. There will be one from the primary, elementary, and high school in Merkel and one from Tye Elementary. The girls will be picked at school and each will be awarded a trophy.

"Any individuals who have horses and would like to enter the parade may do so," said Thompson.

Guest Minister At Pioneer Methodist

The Reverend Harley Holloway of Abilene will return to Mulberry Canyon Sunday, November 25, to deliver the morning sermon at Pioneer Memorial Methodist Church at 10:45 a.m.

Pastor Holloway is the for-

mer minister at Pioneer and will be serving in the absence of Reverend Kenney Kirk. Pastor Kirk will be delivering the morning message at his home church in Seagraves where he will receive his ministerial license at the evening service.

60-Day Diesel Fuel Allocation Granted

By ELMER MARTIN
State Representative
District 61

I have been in contact with Congressmen and Senators in regard to diesel fuel allocations for farmers and ranchers. Congressman Burleson and Senators Bentsen and Tower have been working

on this. They have been very helpful.

Sen. Bentsen talked with Duke Ligon, Director of the Office of Oil and Gas. Sen. Bentsen asked for a 90-day exemption for Texas Agriculture.

Friday, Nov. 16, Mr. Ligon agreed to grant a 60-day preference for the allocation of diesel fuel to farmers and ranchers. This will have the effect of exempting them from allocation for 60 days, and directs the oil companies to immediately supply available diesel fuel.

Mrs. Seth Massey Services Held Saturday

Mrs. Seth Massey, 63, of Merkel, was pronounced dead on arrival at Hendrick Memorial Hospital Thursday evening of an apparent heart attack. Funeral was held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Calvary Baptist Church of Merkel.

Burial was in Alton Cemetery in Fisher County with Starbuck Funeral home of Merkel in charge of the arrangements.

Mrs. Massey was born Opal Audrey Bird Feb. 2, 1910, in Ellis County. She moved with her parents to Jones County in 1922, and married Seth Massey June 29, 1929 at Hamlin. The couple moved to Sweetwater in 1949, and had lived in Spur and Grand Prairie before moving to Merkel in December 1972.

Mrs. Massey is survived by her husband of Merkel; three sons, Norman S. Massey of Sweetwater, and W.L. Massey and Reagan Massey both of Merkel; five daughters, Mrs. D.B. (Joy) Whitaker of Anson, Mrs. Frank (Alice) Templin of Mansfield, Mrs. B.E. (Linda) Young and Mrs. Coy (Sherry) Allen both of Grand Prairie, and Mrs. Raul (Deanne) Lovell of Merkel; one brother, Oscar Bird of Houston; four sisters, Mrs. Max Vertell of Moran, Mrs. Mildred Fowler of Houston, Mrs. David Whitley of Fort Worth, and Mrs. L. J. Martin of Houston; 34 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Thanksgiving Service At Camp Butman

The public is invited to a come as you are service of worship Thanksgiving morning at Butman Methodist Camp. Beginning at 10:00 a.m. the service will be conducted by Reverend James Merrell of Abilene and will end at 10:45.

NOTICE

Trent School Tax office will be closed Thursday Nov. 22 and Friday Nov. 23.

Mrs. R.H. Mathews, Longtime Merkelite Honored on Birthday

Long time Merkel resident, Mrs. R.H. Mathews celebrating her 94th birthday, Friday afternoon, Nov. 16 receiving a host of well-wishers and friends from 2 to 5 at Open House at 412 Orange Street in Merkel.

The former Sarah Catherine Veach came to Texas from Salisbury, N. Carolina, by train in 1880 and was married to the late Mr. Mathews in Kaufman County, Aug. 17, 1899,

moving to Buffalo Gap in 1914 and to Merkel in 1925.

Hosting the happy occasion were her granddaughters, Mrs. J.B. Price of Big Spring, and Mrs. Roy Mathews of Abilene, Col. Frank H. Mathews of Richardson, and Mrs. Noel D. Addy of Tucson, Arizona. Two daughters, Mrs. Era Hair of Santa Rosa, Calif. and Mrs. William R. Reeves of Geisen, Germany, were unable to attend.

Material Fair Set Dec. 3-7 At Trent High

The Trent Schools have added yet another feature to their expanding curriculum in the form of a resource room, "The Learning Center".

To acquaint parents and friends of Trent Schools with this new feature, a Materials Fair has been scheduled. The Learning Center is located in room 25 on the 2nd floor of Trent High School. The fair will be held Monday Dec. 3rd to Friday Dec. 7th during school hours.

On display will be numerous teaching machines and learning activity materials.

A special treat will be a representative from Region 14, Education Service Center who will be on hand Monday Dec. 3rd to demonstrate techniques and to answer questions.

Parents and friends of Trent Schools are urged to attend.



MRS. R.H. MATHEWS
... 94 years young

Ladies Golf News

The Merkel Ladies Golf Association had their monthly meeting Tuesday night. They discussed keeping Tuesday as Ladies Day, but for those who work or can't play for other reasons on Tuesday can play any time from Tuesday until Sunday. Turn in your card to Jerry and you can still win a golf ball. How we will be playing will be posted on the door if the club house is not open.

We also discussed our next meeting on December 11. Husbands are invited for a supper and game night. The supper will be \$1.50 a plate and those

wishing to attend call Sandra Doan at 8-5228 or Jerry McGee at 8-5514 by Monday. The supper will begin at 6:30 p.m. Jerry has promised a real good supper.

Also discussed at the meeting was the possibility of having a Ladies spring tournament, and keeping up with our monthly meetings on the second Tuesday of each month, at 6:30 p.m.

We will be discussing how to make our tournament the best and will play bridge or forty-two. Just keep our meetings going until spring.

This past week, the Missionette had 14 members present with 2 visitors. Tuesday, Nov. 13, we gave a program for the W.M.C. and then Saturday we had a bake sale. We want to thank everyone for buying our things because the money goes for supplies we need for our meetings.

At our meeting Tuesday, we made ornaments for our Christmas tree and practiced the books of the Bible. Billie Walters, our leader, furnished refreshments. Girls of all denominations, 5-16 years, are welcome to come. Meetings are held Friday afternoons after school at the Assembly of God Church.

\$100 worth of food in 1967 cost \$35 in 1940; \$139.80 in June 1973.

By SUSAN ALLGAIER



GEORGE TOMLINSON
... local artist

Local Merkelite Fills Time Painting

By LAVONNE BUNCH
George Tomlinson has been doing oil painting for 75 or 80 years according to his own calculations. This feat is impossible since he is not that old, but his accomplishments reflect years of practice.

Mr. Tomlinson uses the four cardinal colors over a pink toned canvas for his pictures. Working in bright natural light,

preferably in the outdoors, he blends colors into harmony in a slow, delicate manner. The shadows lend reality to his scenes of rivers and landscapes.

When asked how he became interested in art, he answered, "I've always dabbled in paints, but since I've retired, there is time to really get into it. We (his wife Ruth) make the frames and occasionally sell one. We give my 'dad' work to relatives for gifts."

Several pictures adorn their home and there is not one "bad" one among the lot.

Even A Dummy Needs Her Hair Fixed

If a girl travels a lot, she must pay more than average attention to her appearance. That's why Resusc-Anne, a literal sweetheart, sat contentedly still last week while a beautician at the Glamour Bar put the sikes wave back into her shoulder-length blonde hair.

But contrary to the rule, there was little gossip between the hair stylist and Annie. As a matter of fact, there was none. Little Annie fixed a good, hard stare at the wall and remained mute.

It was expected. Resusc-Anne is always mute. She's deaf, too. Her only real asset, besides the blonde hair, is her ability to breathe.

Annie is the mannequin who makes her headquarters at the American Heart Association at 11 East Concho Street in San Angelo. Mostly, though, she travels in a suitcase and is the life-size model for resuscitation and closed chest heart massage.

Annie's slim figure (the plastic) has been admired from Carrizo Springs to Stamford and from Colorado City to Brady. She's on call anytime and in the past year has appeared before many groups, traveling hundreds of miles.

She's quite in demand, too. She's accepted invitations from medical groups, hospitals for staff instruction and several schools and colleges.

During demonstrations, she often sighs--modestly. So, with such popularity, who could blame a girl for having her hair fixed in the latest?

Merkel Band Boosters Cake Sale Success

The Merkel Band Boosters held a bake sale last Saturday as one of their money making projects.

Mrs. John Brady, president, wants to thank everyone who helped make it a success.

Mrs. Don Glascock made a Thanksgiving Cake which the Boosters raffled off also. Winner of the Thanksgiving Cake was Mrs. L. D. Bishop.

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Merkel Garden Club Met Thurs. Nov. 15

The Merkel Garden Club met Thursday Nov. 15 at the Asteroid Restaurant. There were twenty-five members and 3 visitors present.

Hostesses were Mmes. Dee Grimes, W.S.J. Brown, and John Shannon.

Mrs. Odell Freeman of Trent

gave an interesting talk on new trends and flower arrangements.

Refreshments of coffee and cake were served.

Members attending were: Mmes. Tom Allday, Herbert Patterson, H.N. Odum, Oda Clark, Ora C. Griggs, S. D. Gamble, Mary Click, Gladys Breaux, Mack Fisher, E.J. Patterson, Allen King, Aaron Sudderth, Odis Griffin, W.T. Sadler, Jarrett Williams, Albert Criswell, Lottie Everett, W.L. Brown, Tom Russom, Tom Fox, Charlie Sherrill, Dee Grimes, W.S.J. Brown, John Shannon and Miss Christine Collins.

Visitors were Mrs. Odell Farmer, Mrs. Ruth Cox and Mrs. Lenorah Rose Quitar.

MULBERRY 4-H NEWS

Mulberry Canyon met Monday Nov. 12.

A very good program on Wildlife was given by Bob Rankin, adult leader.

The 4-H Hedge was given by Vince Elliard.

Johnny Gray led the Pledge of America.

The date set for the Christmas Party was Dec. 22 at the Club House.

New members are Doug Creg, Cindy Hutchins, and Terry Criner, and Ann Wooten.

Members present were Patricia Boyd, Mike Brown, Teresa Clemmer, Dwan and Taresia English, Beverly Galmore, Johnny Gray, Annmarie, Dale and Jess Rankin, Lesa, Tommy, and Shelia Swiney, Leslie and DeeDee Masonheimer, Sherri Williams, Kenny and Vince Elliard, Bart Whisenhunt and Lisa Hughes.

Fire Dept.

Turkey Shoot

A Turkey Shoot sponsored by the Merkel Fire Department will be Sunday Dec. 2nd and Dec. 9, from 1-5 p.m.

Location will be announced later.

A concession stand will be operated by the Ladies Auxiliary.

Ann Wooten Birthday Honoree

Miss Ann Wooten was the guest of honor recently at a dinner party on the occasion of her tenth birthday. Hosting the event were her parents and sister, Mr. and Mrs. James P. Wooten and Jan, in the family home at Camp Butman.

Following dinner and an evening of games and crafts, the traditional birthday cake were served to Ann, Kristi Alves, Steve Butman, and Cindy Hutchins.

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A Thanksgiving Thought

We Are Grateful for having known, having had the opportunity to be associated with the following friends of ours, Good Men and True, who have gone to the GREAT ROUND-UP IN THE SKY during the last few months (Since January 1st 1972). WE WOULD LIKE TO PAY A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO THEM at this time. We will continue to treasure their memory!

Eric Victor Anderson
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"So teach US to number OUR days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." Psalms 90-12.

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Note: It is possible that we have inadvertently omitted from this list the names of some who should have been included. If so, we are indeed sorry! Please forgive us. Also, we are not unmindful of the passing of the many fine ladies whose names would have been included here had time and space permitted.

Examine , Clean Furnace Filters

COLLEGE STATION-- "Checking your furnace filters will help avoid problems when the heating season arrives," says W.S. Allen, agricultural engineer for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"Most warm air furnaces in use today are equipped with filters. Keeping these clean can add to your comfort by reducing airborne particles in the air. Furthermore, a clogged filter can prevent pro-

per operation of furnaces," the Texas A&M University System specialist points out.

A dirty filter may restrict the air flow to such an extent to prevent proper heating of the house. Restricted air flow may also cause an overheated furnace, especially if the high temperature limit control should fail to operate.

"On most furnaces the filter can be easily removed and replaced," says Allen. "If you

don't know the size filter to purchase, remove the old one and examine it. The size should be marked on it."

After removing the filter the engineer suggest using the hose attachment of a vacuum cleaner to remove any accumulation of lint and dust in the blower section of the furnace.

Allen adds that the belt on the furnace blower should be examined and replaced if it is cracked or shows signs of wear.

"Most fans and fan motors should be oiled about once or twice a year," Allen points out. "Add enough oil to oil the holes to fill the cup or opening without overflowing."

A lightweight automobile engine oil is satisfactory unless a particular oil is specified in your instruction manual, adds the engineer.

Old-age assistance payments in 1963 totalled \$1.6 billion; in 1972, \$1.9 billion.

ROUND-UP

by KAYE LANHAM

MR. AND MRS. DAN WHITE, Claremont, N.H., were recent visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Larry White and family. The senior Whites, who visit Merkel as often as twice a year, were enroute to California.

MARY COLLINS will be visiting in Lamesa over Thanksgiving holidays with her brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Quinton Collins and other family members.

THE MERKEL MAIL received a note from Mildred Holmes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Browning. She wanted the Merkel Mail sent to her because she said "I enjoy keepin' g up with the Merkellites." She went on to say she was a 1940 graduate of Merkel High and that her three children, Lonnie, Kayle and Johnny Harris also attended Merkel High. She says she enjoys visiting her friends in Merkel when they are down.

VISITING in the home of Mrs. Houston Clark of 509 Yucca were her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Clark of Grand, Kansas. Other out of town guests were a daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. M.B. Jones of Lubbock and a son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Clark of Abilene.

MISS VICKI BABBINGTON, instructor, has a feather (a

duck feather) in her creative hat for the Drama Clases' presentation of "Fabulous Fairy Tales," Monday evening at the High School Auditorium.

The group did a fine job of putting together a believable comedy of unbelievable characters from various tales which had been rewritten.

The production added \$64.00 to their treasury and was given hearty reception by those present.

Jeannie Riley To Entertain At TFB Convention

An Interior Department official will speak and a well-known Country-Western singing star will perform at the Texas Farm Bureau's 40th annual convention to be held in Abilene Dec. 2-5, according to an announcement by TFB President J. T. (Red) Woodson of Waco.

John C. Whitaker of Washington, D. C., under-secretary for the Department of the Interior, will be the featured guest speaker for the general session on Monday, Dec. 3. He will discuss the energy crisis as it affects agricultural producers.

Entertaining at the Recognition and Awards Program on

Tuesday evening, Dec. 4, will be singing star Jeannie C. Riley. She will be accompanied by a five-piece Country-Western band, The Homesteaders. Miss Riley, who hails from Anson, was skyrocketed to fame several years ago by her hit recording, "Harper Valley P.T.A."

be recognized during the program for accomplishments during the year in membership acquisition, information and public relations, and safety education. A number of awards will be presented.

The convention gets underway with registration beginning at 2 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 2. Highlights will include a Vesper Service and Young People's Discussion Meet and Talent Find on Sunday evening.

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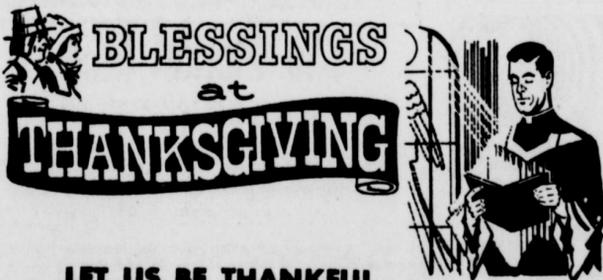
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Starr Nursing Home News

By Mary Outlaw

Everyone is doing fair at this writing.

The Presbyterian Church filled their appointment here Sunday by bringing a large crowd of young people. The services were enjoyed by all. We will be looking forward to seeing you March 11, 1974 God willing.

Mrs. J.E. Dumis of Abilene visited her sister, Ruby Griffin, they are twins.

Mrs. Oda Beam went to Sweetwater on the weekend to visit her daughter, Mrs. A.C. Scoggins.

Our sympathy goes to the family of Opal Massey. She died last week suddenly. She was once employed here. She certainly was a wonderful person. She will not only be missed by her family but her friends.

Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Roy of Odessa visited her mother, Addie McDonald last week, they were returning home from a vacation.

Our sympathy goes to Mr. and Mrs. Stinson, Baird, over the loss of her mother, Ruby Eakin. Neva worked here many years, Mrs. Eakin also had been employed here years ago.

Mrs. Nola Sprattin's condition remains about the same. Some have visited, some have called. Thank you for your thoughtfulness.

Uncle Tom Bagby went hunting last week. Said he didn't kill anything but that might not have been quiet. He sure used to kill lots of birds and squirrels.

Mrs. Ruby Sanders got to go home on the weekend. Thank you, Ruth Smith, for going to Cross Plains with me to pick mustard greens Friday. Hard work but lots of good green greens. Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Warren Price for the greens. They are two wonderful people. We kept her daddy 41 months and he died at the age of 101.

Next Sunday, Nov. 25, the First Baptist re supposed to fill their appointment for church services. Hope to see you there.

BADGER TRACKS

By JANIE CLARK

Well, football season is over and basketball has started. But at Roscoe, our Badgers did play a really good game for our last game of the season, even though it was a loss. Everyone's really proud of our boys, and wish them lots of luck for next year.

This weeks ballgames are Tuesday and Friday. Tuesday, the A, B, & 9th grade boys played Ballinger here and Fri-

day the A & B boys played Brackenridge there. The girls A & B played Oklahoma last Saturday and played a great game, but lost.

Some more of the favorites were chosen. They are: Most Friendly, Jody Barnes and Jimmy Land, and Mr. and Mrs. M.H.S., Larry Toliver and Cindy Wisenbunt.

This Tuesday and Wednesday were Parent-Teacher Conferences with all students getting out at dinner both days. Then Thursday and Friday are Thanksgiving holidays, so everyone's happy about that.

Now that Basketball's started, why don't all you Badger fans come to the Gym where it's nice and warm and not windy, and see those Badgers come out on top.

School Menu

MONDAY, NOV. 26

Burritos with Chili Sauce, Ranch Style Beans, Spanish Rice, Homemade Bread, Butter, Strawberry Jello Cake, Milk

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Pork Steak with Gravy, Green Beans, Pepp-Hominy, Hot Rolls, Butter, Apple Sauce and Milk

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 28

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GORILLA GROWL

By CINDY BEASLY

Friday night's football game ended the Gorillas' '73 football season. And for three Srs., Ty Martin, Lonnie Rigan, and Bill Griffith, it was the last high school football game. They leave behind them some great memories. Thanks, Srs., you've had a great four years.

But let's not forget some other people essential to football games who'll be leaving it all behind; Tina Hamner, head cheerleader, and Peggy Watson, twirler. They have really worked to make this year a great one and also will be leaving us with lots of fond memories.

Now with a spirit so carefully captured in poem by John Slaughter we'll begin basketball season. The boys and girls both will play ACHS in Abilene this Tuesday night.

This Thursday is Thanksgiving and of course all students (and faculty) will be thankful for the holidays. But let us remember all the many blessings God has given us and be thankful.

Happy Thanksgiving!

A total of 28.9 million persons received \$4 billion in monthly social security checks in May '73.



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Diane Allen Engagement Announced

CMS and Mrs. James D. Allen take pleasure in announcing the approaching marriage of their daughter Elizabeth Dianne to AIC William C. Smith.

The marriage is to take place on December 24th at 4:00 p.m. in the Bemiss Methodist Church in Valdosta, Georgia.

William is the son of Mrs. Virginia Horton of Columbia, South Carolina and Mr. Edson Smith of Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

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FALSE VIEWS OF TRUTH # 3

4. IT IS A FALSE VIEW OF TRUTH TO HOLD THAT IT IS NOT THE EXCLUSIVE MEANS TO SALVATION FROM SIN.

In a positive way, the Bible makes clear that those who both believe and obey the TRUTH will be saved. Jesus taught, that a person who both HEARS AND OBEYS his word is like a wise man who builds the "house" of his life upon a solid foundation (Matthew 7:21-27). According to the apostle Peter the souls of men are purified in their obedience to the TRUTH (1 Peter 1:22). According to Jesus, I remind you, it is truth which makes men free (John 8:31, 32).

In a negative way, the Bible makes clear that those who do not believe and obey the gospel will be damned to everlasting punishment. If one does not believe the gospel, he will be damned (Mark 16: 15, 16). Note please that it is not failure to believe some mere human creed or tradition which leads to damnation-it is failure to believe the gospel. Also, according to Paul the apostle, those who do not OBEY the gospel will suffer eternal punishment (II Thessalonians 1: 7-9; 2:10-12). This passage is so plain, so simple that none of us can have the slightest justification in not understanding the truth set out therein. Bear in mind, please, that Paul does not condition eternal damnation upon failure to believe and obey some mere human creed or tradition-but upon such failure in reaction to the gospel of Christ. Further, it should be noted that he does not say that it is merely probably that damnation will occur if one does not obey the gospel; he plainly, unequivocally, unambiguously teaches that all who do not obey THE gospel of Christ will be punished eternally. Let no one-no matter how pious he may seem-to be-deceive you into believing otherwise.

5. IT IS A FALSE VIEW OF TRUTH TO HOLD THAT A PREACHER CAN PREACH ANYTHING ELSE AND STILL BE PLEASING TO GOD.

Jesus did not commission his disciples to preach MERELY SOME RELIGIOUS MESSAGE. He specified the very message which was to be preached: THE GOSPEL (Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15, 16). Paul made it clear that any man who preaches any other message will rest under the curse of God (Gal. 1:6-12).

It is becoming fashionable, it seems, to hear it proclaimed that DOCTRINE is not really important. The providers of such false teaching would have others to accept the view that the only truly important thing is to have a "pious" attitude. While it is true that in order to be pleasing to God one must be pious-it is equally true that one must also both believe and obey the truth.

(To be continued)

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TYE TALKS

By SUSAN DONALDSON



Mr. and Mrs. Ossie Hester visited William Chase and family in New Jersey. They also did some sightseeing in New York City.

Dr. James Garrison and family of San Francisco visited his parents Mr. and Mrs. James Garrison.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Johnson visited the James Barley's and Homer Laney's.

Eugene Moore and family of Arlington visited Mr. and Mrs. Pat Moore.

Sgt. and Mrs. James Dossier have a new baby boy. Minnie Askins' cousin from Waco visited her.

Raymond Buckley went to California for his mother's funeral.

Lavern Teaff's sister, the city secretary of Sonora, visited her.

Rhonda Treadwell was in the hospital.

1.9 million persons received an average of \$78 in old-age assistance in April 1973.

Cadette News

By PATSY HERRA

The Cadettes met November 14. We have a new girl. Her name is Lisa Spear.

One of the Cadette projects is painting plasters.

Refreshments were served by Susie Shelton to ten members.

3.5 million children of retired, deceased or disabled parents were paid an average of \$100 per month in social security checks for May '73.



BIRTHDAY HONOREES--Shown here are the Senior Citizens birthday honorees who received the cake given by Xi Nu Chi. They are left to right, Mary Click, Bessie Clack, Earl Baze, Euna Mae Hays, Ruth Cox, Alfred Lyday, Ollie Fox and Ola Turner. (Photo by Kaye Lanham)



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Committee Completes 1974 Policy Statement

An 11 member resolutions committee has completed its work on a draft of the 1974 policy statement for the Texas Farmers Union, The Program Committee of the state-wide general farm organization meeting in Waco last week, has combined the key issues which will be debated at the state convention in Lubbock, December 7-8.

Several of the principle resolutions deal with the proposed new Texas Constitution. Other resolutions which are expected to spark floor debate at the convention include the farm organization's position on the impeachment of President Nixon, the administration of the 1973 Farm Program, revamping of peanut and rice commodity legislation, state regulation of utilities and the Farmers Union's stand on the one dollar a bale check-off for cotton research and pro-

motion. The farmer and rancher delegates will also take a look at proposed plans for rural zoning, state property taxation and environmental restrictions on the use of agricultural chemicals.

Members of the Program Committee who have developed the program draft from county resolutions and who will present the recommendations to the Lubbock Convention are: Co-Chairmen: Jerry Blacketer, Trenton, and Mrs. Dolores Starr, Cisco; John Denton, Axtell; Bobby Tolliver, Merkel; Adrian Taylor, Ralls; Jerry Solomon, DeLeon; Mrs. Marilyn Samuelson, Manor; Freddie Vanderburg, Pampa; Joe Rankin, Ralls; Dwight Holub, El Campo; August Frysak, St. Lawrence.

Show Entry Deadline Dec. 1

FORT WORTH--A volume of entries for the 1974 Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show are being processed daily by show officials, reports W.R. Watt Jr., general manager. The show is scheduled Jan. 25 through Feb. 3.

Watt said a primary reason for the early entry volume is that entry closing date is Dec. 1 for the National Centennial Angus Show, being held in conjunction with this year's Stock Show. The American Angus Association is observing the 100th year of the introduction of the black cattle to North America.

Other cattle, all junior divisions, horses, sheep and swine entries will close Dec. 15, while exhibitors of poultry, rabbits and pigeons have until Jan. 15 to make their entries. Entry cards and premium books are available at the Stock Show office, or by writing P.O. Box 150, Fort Worth, Texas 76101.

"We anticipate more than 13,000 head of livestock will be entered in the 1974 Stock Show," Watt said. Total premiums have been increased to a record of more than \$275,000.

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS	1. Reckless	5. Ballet step	8. Ages	12. Open space	13. Insect	14. Oxidation	15. Evil spirit	17. Fodder grass	19. Fruits	21. Ordains	22. Often: poet	25. Not dense	28. Steamship: abbr.	29. Exist	30. Foot bones	31. Chemical compound	33. Silkworm	34. Toward	36. Hymn	37. Married again	48. Tireless	49. Route: abbr.	51. Toothed wheel	52. Wireless telegraphy	53. Cave	54. Comfort	22. Sacred promise	23. Liberate	24. Limited period	25. Simmer	26. Cut	32. Warehouse	35. Forward	36. Small island	39. Italian poet	40. Clears	41. Thought	42. Island near Sumatra	43. Blood	44. Fuss	45. Corded fabric	46. Greek letter	50. Printer's measure
DOWN	1. Floating platform	2. Opera solo	3. Viewed	4. Coat supports	5. Father	6. Caper	7. Limits	8. God of love	9. Groove	10. Tree	11. Pig pen	16. Crowded conditions	18. Errand boy	20. Girl's nickname	21. Dry	27. Dry	32. Warehouse	35. Forward	36. Small island	39. Italian poet	40. Clears	41. Thought	42. Island near Sumatra	43. Blood	44. Fuss	45. Corded fabric	46. Greek letter	50. Printer's measure															

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: James Henry Swart, 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 31st day of December A.D. 1973, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 15th day of November A.D. 1973, in this cause, numbered 8724 on the docket of said court and styled Yvonne L. Swart, Plaintiff, vs. James Henry Swart, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Petition and respondent married on or about December 18, 1953; ceased to live together on or about November, 1965. Marriage insupportable because of discord and conflict of personalities. One child born to this marriage. Petitioner asking for custody of the child. Petitioner asks court to effect an equitable division of property, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 15th day of November A.D. 1973.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS County of Taylor

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That by virtue of a certain Execution issued out of the Honorable County Court at Law Court of Taylor County, of the 1st day of October 1973, by Mrs. Chester Hutcheson of said Taylor Co. for the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Eighty Six & 55/100 Dollars and costs of suit, under a Execution, in favor of Downing Brothers Electric in a certain cause in said Court, No. 7934 and styled Downing Brothers Electric vs. Clarence Presswood, placed in my hands for service, I, Jack Landrum as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did, on the 15th day of October 1973, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: Lot 26, Block 3, River Sides Addition to the City of Abilene, Texas known as 3234 South 4th St. and levied upon

as the property of Clarence Presswood and that on the first Tuesday in December 1973, the same being the 4th 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 Execution, I will sell above described Real Estate at public vendue, for each, to the highest bidder, as the property of said Clarence Presswood.

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

Witness my hand, this 15th day of October, 1973.

Jack Landrum, Sheriff Taylor County, Texas

By R. P. Blackley, Deputy. 37-3tc

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A.D. 1973, in this cause numbered 8601 on the docket of said court and styled Richard Gregory Mayo, Plaintiff, vs. Mary Edna Mayo, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Divorce. Married Aug. 13, 1964; separated August 5, 1970. 1 child Michael Anthony Mayo, born Jan. 16, 1966. Child resides with petitioner. No community property, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of the law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

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

Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD Clerk, Domestic Relations Court, Taylor County, Texas By Marie Adkins, Deputy. 36-4tc

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Alicia M. Drummond, 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 10th day of December A.D. 1973, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court,

on the 28th day of September A.D. 1973, in this cause, numbered 8565 on the docket of said court and styled Douglas Dwan Drummond, Plaintiff, vs. Alicia M. Drummond, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Divorce. Married on Feb. 17, 1971; separated prior to filing of suit. No children and no community property as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

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