# Lambda Beta To Sponsor SANTA EXPECTING LOTS OF LETTERS **Fund Drive For Girl Scouts**

The Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi in Merkel will sponsor a fund raising drive for the Girl Scouts Thursday Dec. 6 - Thursday Dec. 13. The West Texas Girl Scout Council, Inc., is holding the drive. Merkel is a part of this organization.

According to Pat Neff, president of the local Lambda Chapter, the club is holding the drive as a service project. Chairman of the Service

#### Jim Pancoast

#### **Guest Speaker** Jim Pancoast of Ft. Worth

will be guest speaker at Grace Presbyterian Church this Sun-

Pancoast is attending Dallas Theological Siminary this fall. He worked for General Dynamics for 20 years as a physicist.

His wife, June, plans to accompany him here. They have two sons, Robert and Steve. Pancoast attended the Uni-

#### Plan Christmas Dinner

The Grace Presbyterian Church will have their annual Christmas Dinner and party Friday December 14th at 7:30 p.m. at the church.

Santa will make an appearance for the children. Further details will appear in next week's paper.

**Convention At** 

Farmers and ranchers from

across the state, who are del-

egates to the Texas Farmers

Union 70th Annual Convention,

will converge on Lubbock De-

cember 7 and 8. The state-

wide general farm organiza-

tion will hold its two-day meet-

ing at the Ko Ko Palace Con-

vention Center in Lubbock.

be Bobby Toliver, president;

Billy Bob Toombs and Connie

The Friday morning open-

ing sesion will feature speeches by Texas Senator

Lloyd Bentsen and Lubbock

Congresman George Mahon.

The speeches will follow a wel-

come to Lubbock by Morris

workers and distinguished

guests will hear Governor

Briscoe's special assisstant,

Reagan Brown. At the same

hour, the ladies attending the

convention will be hosted at

a luncheon and style show at

**Senior Citizens** 

their Christmas Luncheon

Tuesday, Dec. 11 at the Senior

They will start gathering

President for the month of

December is Mrs. Albert Cris-

around 9 or 10 and eat at

Citizens Building.

12 noon.

The Senior Citizens will have

Turner, the mayor of the city.

A luncheon for Green Thumb

Mack Seymor.

Attending from Merkel will

**Farmers Union Will Hold** 

bock.

Committee of the club is Min-

yon Seymore. The Girl Scouts received its funds from the Merkel United Fund until it was discontinued. This makes it necesary for the scouts to hold their own fund drive, according to Joe Alves, campaign chairman for Mer-

Merkel has 38 girls enrolled in the girl scouting program. There are 14 Brownies, 16 Junior Girl Scouts, and 8 Cadettes.

"We need the support of the town if our fund raising drive is to be succesful,' Alves said. "The girl scouting program is one of the most worthwhile organizations in our community. We ask for your support and help in seeing that this fine organi-zation is carried on," he concluded.

The West Texas Girl Scout Council, Inc., headquartered in Abilene, has sixteen counties in its jurisdiction. There is nearly 4,000 girls seven years and older in the local versity of Chicago and is an membership. There is 185 elder at the Westminster Prestroops with about 500 adult byterian Church in Fort Worth. members and leaders.

The West Texas Girl Scout Council is affiliated with the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A., with headquarters in New York City.

"The purpose of Girl Scouting is to join the church, the home, and the school in inspiring girls with the highest ideals of character, conduct, patriotism and service," Alves

The Saturday morning con-

vention program will feature

greetings by representatives

of youth and other agricultural

organizations. Spokesmen

from 4H, FFA, FHA, Young

Farmers and Young Homemak-

ers of Texas will be on the

morning program. Highlights

of the Saturday morning pro-

tional Farmers Union Presi-

dent, Tony Dechant, and Na-

tional Farmers Union Insur-

ances President, Ray Novak,

day evening will hear from

Congresman Bob Bergland of

Minnesota, Bergland, a mem-

singing will be held at the Vic-

tory Baptist Church at 307

El Paso St. Monday Dec. 10

"We have been having good

singing and expect another good

singing," said Sandy Sipe, pre-

at 6:30 p.m.

sident.

CATHOLIC CHURCH BAZAAR

The annual banquet on Satur-

both of Denver.

It is the time of year again when old Santa is looking for letters from children. This year, as in the past, old Santa contacted the Merkel Mail and asked that it collect all the letters and publish them in the paper. So send your Letters to Santa to The Merkel Mail, P.O. Box 428. They will be published in the Christmas Greeting edition.

## **OPEN HOUSE**

#### The Don Harts

The public is invited to attend an open house for the Don Harts Sunday, Dec. 9 from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

#### The Buster Hesters

Open House for Mr. and Mrs. Buster Hester will be held Sunday, December 9 from 2:00 until 4:30 p.m. Their new home is located on Route 1, Merkel, approximately two miles north of Interstate 20 on Wimberly Road.

Hosting the open house are Messrs, and Mmes. Paxton Hays, Jarrett Pinkley, Robert Higgins, Nim Teaff, Glenn Robertson, Joe McDuff and Patricia McDuff.

Also hosting the event are the Hester children, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hester, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Hester, both of Bedford, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Dudley and Jimmy Hes-

#### **Booster Club** Drive Concludes

The Band Booster Club membership drive will conclude Thursday night with the winner band being announced at that meeting.

The High School Band will present the program at 7:30 p.m. at the Auditorium. All parents and friends are invited to attend.

#### cond in the Jim Ned tourna- scored as we completely do- in the third and fourth quarment over the weekend, losing minated the game. Merkel also ters. in the finals to Wylie 61-54. won Friday night by blasting Girls Entered In H-SU Tournament

be in Abilene Thursday through Saturday, Dec. 6-8, to compete in the 23rd annual Hardin -Simmons University High School Girl's Invitational Basketball Tournament.

By RONNY ALLDRIDGE

# Services Held For Former Merkelite

Mrs. J. R. Walling, 93, of day at Starbuck Funeral Home Big Spring and formerly a gram include addresses by Na-Merkel resident, died at 7 a.m. Wednesday at Big Spring. Funeral was held at 2 p.m Thurs-

# Film To Be Shown At Tye Baptist

ber of the House Agriculture Committee, is a farmer and ISN'T IT GOOD TO KNOW. was a high official of the Dea new film that abandons trapartment of Agriculture before going to Congress. Special awards will be made to farm news editors at the banquet. Victory Baptist Singing Dec. 10 The regular 2nd Monday

ISN'T IT GOOD TO KNOW was edited and directed by J. Michael Hooser, a young 26year-old film maker who brings provocative new techniques to his first major film. Using a varying number of images on the same screen, Hooser creates a multi-media effect that draws the viewer into the picture. Included are scenes from the Dino De Laurentiis production

of "Barabbas" through the courtesy of Columbia Pictures. By shifting the viewer's attention from the true stories of the people who lived them, to brief appearances by Billy Graham, to video-vignettes coupled with original new songs -- 'Isn't it Good to Know and "Gone Away" by Tedd Smith and "The Soap-box Song" by Judy McKenzie--Hooser created a film conveying ultimate drama--the drama of change. Purpose comes out of emptiness , Silence becomes communication. And from the disillusionment

manche will be back, along with others who have become fixtures in what is now the oldest continuous basketball tournament in this section of the state for either boys or girls teams.

JUMP BALL--Jackie Sims (jumping) is trying to tip the ball to one of his Badger teammates,

Johnny Gray (21) or Darel Bunch (25) as the Badgers were defeated in the finals of the

**Ned Basketball Tournament** 

The Merkel Badger boys Ned Thursday night with 67-48 close game the first half, but

basketball team finished se- win. Every boy on the squad the Badgers opened a big lead

Defending Champion Co-

Jim Ned tournament Saturday. Wylie won 61-54. (Staff Photo by LaVonne Bunch)

**Badgers Take Second Place In** 

Others entered are Merkel, Haskell, Hamlin, Bronte, Baird, Anson, Ira, Hawley, Jim Ned, Coahoma, Knox City, Albany and Wylie. All games will be played

in Rose Field House at H-SU. with the opener slated for 11:15 a.m. Thursday, featuring Haskell and Baird. Other games Thursday will be Hamlin and Bronte at 12:30. Anson and Ira at 1:15, Hawley and Jim Ned at 5, Coahoma and Knox City at 6:15, and Merkel and Albany at 7:30.

Friday, both the championship and consolation brackets will be active, beginning at 1:45 p.m. and closing with the p.m. game when Co- Texas Medical Center in Abi-8:45 manche meets the winner of the Haskell-Baird game.

Saturday's action begins at 8:30 a.m., with the final game slated for 9 p.m. Comanche downed Wylie 61-52 for the championship last year. Hawley won the consolation brac-

The following Merka! High School football boys were selected to the District 8A All-District teams and Honorable District 8-A

liver and Jeff Cox.

Jim Land, Linebacker, 170, 5-10, Sr.

Junior Ascencio, Larry To-

2nd Team Offense

cio, G, 20; 5-11, Sr. Honorable Mention (Offense)

# SANTA TO Merkel Saturday, Dec. 8. He Santa's helpers has mentioned will be in town for the annual that he will also be in some Christmas Parade which will of the local stores giving out

## Fire Dept. To Sponsor Turkey Shoot

16th at the Bunk Tipton Gravel the parade. pit south of Merkel. The de- There will be a contest for an annual money making pro- so. Prizes will be \$5, \$3 and that may come up during the chers from the Merkel School

ton gravel pit, go to the wa-mas Contestants will be named ter tower, turn left and fol- this year. There will be one low signs.

Merkel opened against Jim Rotan 74-46. This was a very and hot chocolate.

Saturday night in the finals,

dogs the entire first half, the

Badgers came out very cold

until the closing seconds. We

third conference game. We

want to encourage everyone

Hal C. Shanks

Services Held

Friday Nov. 30

Funeral for Hal C. Shanks,

59, of Merkel, who died at

10:35 p.m. Wednesday in West

lene, was held at 2:30 p.m.

Friday at Bailey Funeral Home

Anna, officiated, Burial was

Born May 28, 1914, in Clyde,

he married Marie Steinborn

May 5, 1969, in Selmon, Idaho.

He graduated from Clyde

High School in 1932, and at-

tended Abilene Christian Col-

lege. He served in the Air Force at Ft. Bliss and Pana-

Mr. Shanks was employed

by Anaconda Copper Co. from

1939 to 1969 when he retired,

He was a member of the

Grace Presbyterian Church in

Survivors are his wife; a

son, Jack B., and a daughter,

Phyllis Shanks of Merkel; three

stepdaughters, Mrs. Jeanette

Martin, Mrs. Rita McGarry

and Cecilia Steinborn, all of

Butte, Mont.; three stepsons,

Jimmy Steinborn of Butte, Leo-

nard Steinborn of Tucson, Ariz.

and Joe Steinborn of Edge-

wood, Maryland; his mother,

Mrs. Josie Shanks of Mona-

hans; a brother, Homer K, of

Irving; three sisters, Mrs. Rae

Klepper of Roscoe; Mrs. Paul

Rogers of Andrews and Mrs.

Elvie Clemmer of Monahans.

The United Methodist Youth

Fellowship will have gift wrap-

ing for Christmas packages

ginning at 10 a, m,

at the Fellowship Hall of the

Everyone is urged to bring

their packages to be gaily

The Rev. John Gordon, Pres-

Chapel in Clyde.

Merkel.

in Clyde Cemetery.

after le

nament team.

candy before the parade starts.

The Merkel and Trent Bands will march in the parade also along with the Hardin-Simmons White Horses. Other area clubs and organizations have been invited. Prizes of \$25, \$15, and \$10

will be given to the best floats. The Merkel Volunteer Fire Individuals, businesses and or-Department will sponsor a tur- ganizations are urged to enkey shoot this Sunday after- ter a float. No prior arrangenoon Dec. 9th and also Dec. ments need to made to enter

partment plans to make this the best decorated bicycle alject to help defray expenses \$2. Judges will be three tea-System.

To get to the Bunk Tip- Four Miss Merry Christfrom the primary, elementary, A concession stand will be and high schools in Merkel operated by the Ladies Auxi- and one from Tye Elementary. liary. They will sell sand- The girls will be picked at wiches, cokes, coffee, chips school and each will be awarded a trophy.

# in the second half, even though it was a very, very close game until the closing seconds. We

were very proud to make the Joe Felton, who heads the luncheon, Felton gave a brief finals in the tournament and Better Business Bureau out of history of the organization of feel like we are improving Abilene, told members and the Better Busines Bureau, with every game. Jackie Sims guests of the Merkel Lions which "actually began in 1912 was selected on the All-Tour- Club, Tuesday, that "even when businessmen met to forthough headquarters are lo- mulate a code of ethics." Our next two games are cated in Abilene, the BBB is at home with Breckenridge this there to help people in the Friday night and hosting Wy- Merkel area, too." lie next Tuesday night in our

Speaking at the Club's noon

## to come out and back the Bad-**Xmas Party** Stith Home Demonstration

met Wednesday Nov. 20. Mrs. now." He urged Senior Citiand singing was by Mrs. Ray

Roll call was answered to "What Size I Was When I Married."

ing foundation patterns by free to call our office when you members. Plans for the Christmas

in the home of Mrs. Fletcher byterian minister from Santa Jones. Pals will be revealed at this

Santa Claus will make a quick visit for the kids at the December 11 Christmas Par-

There were seven members and one visitor present.

Fletcher Jones led the prayer zens to be aware of the doorto-door salesmen, and "before signing any papers consult someone first; your children or a friend." Felton urged Merkel busi-

parties are satisfied."

The program was on mak- nessmen and citizens to "feel may have a question or when you may have a doubt about Party was made for Dec. 11 a salesman or a product. He said there were no charges for this service.

"This is an organization

where businessmen try to take

care of their own problems,"

explained Felton, 'When pro-

blems arise between business-

men and customers we meet

with both and try to offer

the better way in which both

home solicitators, "which

business communities are hav-

ing more than the usual right

Felton also touched on the

"What we try to do is expose frauds and fakers and try to keep the legitimate dollar in your community," he said. Guests at the luncheon were

Gene Stuckey, principal of the Tye Elementary School and John Cain, principal of the Merkel Elementary.



TRADES DAY SALE--Joute Jinkens, Sammie Shaw, To Robertson, and Mrs. Andy Baker are shown at a box

ditional story lines to involve the viewer in the life-experiences of real people, will be shown on Sunday, December 9, at Tye Baptist Church, Tye, Texas. The latest film from World Wide Pictures, producers of TIME TO RUN, will be shown once only beginning at 7:00 p.m.

of drugs, violent protest, and witchcraft, there comes a new

beginning--new life.
ISN'T IT GOOD TO KNOW is currently being shown in thousands of locations across the country each month, Leonard Payne, who has made the arrangements for these spe-cial free showings of ISN'T denbach and family of IT GOOD TO KNOW, extends VonOrmy, grandson Mike and a cordial invitation to all fa- Family of San Antonio: and R D.

Chapel. The Rev. N.S. Daniels, associate pastor of the United Methodist Church in Merkel, officiated. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery. Born Tessie Mae Ferrel,

May 12, 1880, in Fannin County, she moved from Merkel to Big Spring in 1960. Mr. Walling died in 1929.

Survivors include one son, John R. Jr. of Midland; and several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Danny Walling, John Richard Walling Gary Walling, Joe Winter, Weldon McAninch and Kenneth

# Drama Club **Elects Officers**

The Merkel High School Speech and Drama Club met Tuesday morning when election of officers was held. The results were as follows: President, Cindy Whisenhunt; Vice president, Jody Barnes; Se-cretary, David Copeland; Treasurer, Tonya Crenshaw;

and Reporter Wanda Braune. The group decided to have as money raising projects for the coming year a talent show and 3 act play in the early

spring. There are about 40 members in the club and Miss Vicki Babbington is sponsor.

### Cadette News

The Cadettes met November 28. They made their Mother's Christmas present at the meeting. There were six attending.

The refreshments were served by Charleen Fariello,

VISITORS in the home of Ruth Reidenbach over the Thanks-

# ket by defeating Anson 68-35. **Badgers On All-District**

All-District Selections

1st Team Defense

Honorable Mention (Defense)

Jim Land, HB, 170, 5-10, Sr.; Larry Toliver, E, 190, Methodist Church Saturday be-6-2, Sr.; and Junior Ascen-

## Starr Nursing Home News

By Mary Outlaw

remain the same as of last

Mr. Roy Elliott, Dallas, vi- day, sited the Nursing Home last week. We would like to thank him for all the nice clothes and linens he gave the home. We miss Mrs. Elliott so much. She had been with us five

Mr. and Mrs. L.G. Patterson, Houston, Texas visited Claude Doan last week.

The Calvary Baptist Church, Merkel came to the Nursing Home Sunday to replace the unable to fill their appoint- sers. Thank you so much. ment for they were attending a conference. They brought a large group of singers and the Nursing Home, Hope to see everyone enjoyed the services.

Chubby Addison is visiting his mother. He has been in the hospital but is much improved. Beta Sigma Phi Club came Saturday afternoon and brought a lemon cake and a banana nut cake for the patients supper and presents for the patients who had birthdays in July and Nov. since they had forgotten those in July. The cakes were delicious and presents were nice. We appreciate you doing this for them. Thank you Sarah Lucas and Minyon Sey-

more for bringing them. Vera Hill, our evening L.V.N. is sick at this writing. We hope she will soon be well and back to work.

Loessa Allison, our Director of Nurses, is planning on going to see her grandchild at San Antonio soon. It is a little boy and his name is Christopher Mark, Congratulations

Carolyn Martin is our new employee as well as my niece. You will remember her as Carolyn Cole. Welcome to our staff Carolyn.

Lupe Ascencio's daughter is in the hospital at this writing. We hope she will soon be well. Her name is something else but they call her



MACK SEYMORE 102 Edwards 928-5379 Merkel, Toxas

Mrs. Betsy Puckett, RN, and The week past has been a Mrs. Ramona Ferguson, Comquiet week, patients conditions mittee Service Aid of Abilene, of the State Health Department visited in our home Mon-

> We have a new patient, Mrs. Bessie Rutledge, we have had her as a patient twice before and we welcome her back. Sorry she had the misfortune of breaking her leg. She would like to have her friends visit

Mrs. Roberts and Mrs. Blanscet of Tye brought their troup 319 Junior Girl Scouts and sang Christmas Carols and brought some Christmas Tye Methodist people who were trees to set on their dres-

Sunday will be the Tye Baptist Church's time to come to you then.

The social security retirement and survivors insurance trust fund increased from \$18 billion in mid-'63 to \$36 bilTHE MERKEL MAIL, MERKEL, TEXAS

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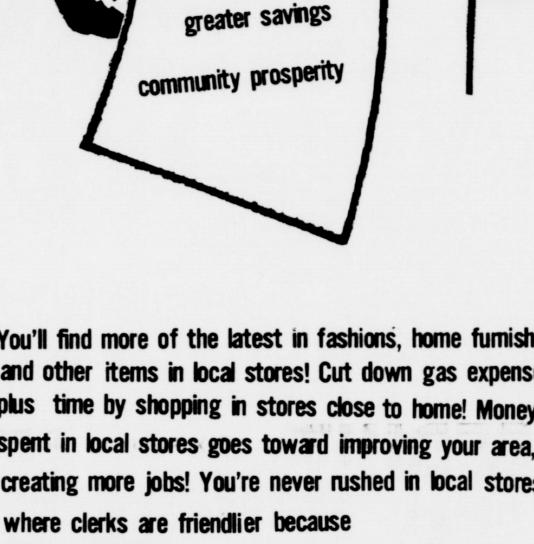
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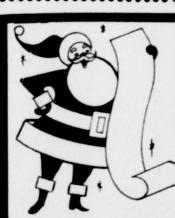
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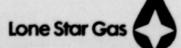
To be sure we have enough for these consumers, we will make some extensive curtailments of service to our large volume customers during extreme cold weather this winter. In fact, our contracts with large volume customers anticipate the need to curtail up to 100% of their needs during these cold periods. This allows us to assure service to residential, commercial and other higher priority customers.

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#### Card of Thanks

I WANT TO EXPRESS my sincere thanks to everyone who sent cards, flowers and notes to me while I was in the hospital. A special thanks to the prayer group at the First Bap-

Your kindness will never be forgotten.

Mrs. John Mansfield

#### Card of Thanks

The family of Hal Shanks deeply appreciate the loving kindness and sympathy extended to us in the loss of our dear one. Words can never express our gratitude.

"O Divine Master, Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console

To be loved, as to love. For it is in giving that we receive;

are pardoned; It is in dying that we are born to eternal life." Prayer of St. Francis

### Missionettes

By SUSAN ALLGAIER

The Missionettes had their weekly meeting Friday, November 30. We had 18 present. We welcome Cindy Simms as

a visitor. Susie Davis gave us a story, "A Tower To The Sky".

We are going to work on our float this week for the Christmas parade.

# **PUBLIC**

To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas--GREETING:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for four consecutive weeks, the first publication to be at least twentyeight 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: Hubert Lee Martin, DEFENDANT, Greeting: YOU ARE HEREBY COM-

MANDED to appear before tist Church and all who signed the Honorable Domestic Relathe card at the Merkel Drug. tions 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 fortytwo days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 7th day of January A. D. 1974, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 29th day of October A.D. 1973, in this cause, numbered 8662 on the docket of said court and styled Joyce Elaine Martin, Plaintiff, vs. Hubert

Lee Martin, Defendant. A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Divorce. Nochildren. No community property. Petitioner requests her former name of Lamb restored to her, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file

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

41-1tp 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 26th day of November A.D. 1973. (SEAL)

Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD Clerk, Domestic Relations Court, Taylor County, Texas By Myrna Lawrence, Deputy.

TO: Walter Edward Harris. styled and numbered cause: YOU ARE HEREBY COM-MANDED to appear before the Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County, Texas, to be held at the Courthcuse of said County in the City of Abilene. Taylor County, Texas, at or before 10:00 a.m. of the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from the date of issuance hereof: that is to say, at or before 10:00 a.m. of Monday the 14th day of January, 1974, and answer the Petition of Bertha Mae Harris, Petitioner, in Cause Number 8759 styled IN THE MATTER OF THE MAR-RIAGE OF BERTHA MAE HARRIS AND WALTER ED- Issued this 27th day of Novem-USED APPLIANCES WARD HARRIS, in which the ber, 1973. following person is Petitioner: Bertha Mae Harris, and the

following person is Respon-

dent: Walter Edward Harris,

which Petition was filed in

said Court on the 27th day

of November, 1973, and the

A suit for divorce. If this citation is not served within ninety (90) days after date of its issuance, it shall be be returned unserved.

Witness Irene Crawford. Clerk of the Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County, Texas. Given under my hand and

seal of said Court at office in the City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas this the 27th day of November, 1973. IRENE CRAWFORD District Clerk of Taylor County, Texas

> BY: Rilla Mahoney, Deputy

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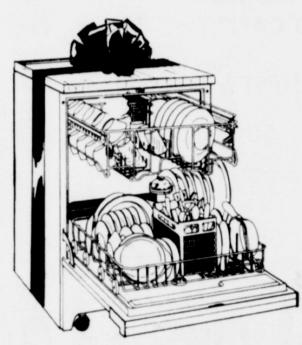
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L. Swart, Plaintiff, vs. James

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 as king 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.

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#### golf this last week. You can play any time you like, jus be sure to turn in your score at the club house.

By CINDY BEASLY

Basket ball season is really getting underway with Trent entered in a tournament this weekend at Talpa Centennial. Both teams have really been improving and should come home with trophies.

The National Honor Society was presented Sunday afternoon at reception for the members and their parents. Officers for this year are President, Tina Hamner and Sec-Treas., Peggy Watson. Members are: Tina Hamner, Peggy Watson, Gayla Heatly, Cindy Beasley, John Slaughter and Pam King. The sponsor for the NHS is Mrs. Jan Cogburn.

#### Ladies Golf Assn. Plans Chili Supper

The Ladies Golf Asocia-tion will have a Chili and Salad Supper at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11. Husbands are invited to the supper which will be \$1.50 per plate. They will have game night, also.

If you are planning to attend, please call Sandra Doan at 928-5228 or Jerry Magee at 928-5514 before Monday December 10.

No one turned out to play

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The fact that each one of us must study the Bible for himself, that not one of us knows everything, and that each one of us is liable to error does not mean that just any and every interpretation of the Bible will be acceptable to God. The Bible teaches just what it teaches without regard to what I or anyone else thinks about it. I repeat: Truth is objective and absolute. It is not subjective and relative.

8. IT IS A FALSE VIEW OF TRUTH TO HOLD THAT THERE IS A MIDDLE GROUND BETWEEN TRUTH AND ERROR.

There is the view that somehow or other there is some sort of "middle ground" between truth and error. According to this view, one does not necessarily espouse error even if he rejects the

However I must call your attention to the fact that Jesus said, "He that is not with me is against me." (Luke 11:23). He both knew and taught that there is no middle ground between truth and error (Matthew 7:13, 14). He also taught that men "cannot serve God and mammon" (Matt. 6:24). Jesus knew that there is no "neutral" middle ground between the two alternatives. Jesus here makes that fact both clear and pointed. Surely every honest man will face up to that fact.

But we are being barraged today with the view that it is a radical (even "fanatical") view :o hold that one must learn and obey the pure undiluted truth in order to be saved. Such people are like those referred to by one: "If I say a liquid is a poison and you insist it is a tonic, the moderate would ask us to dilute it with water before drinking it. But if it is a poison, it should not be drunk at all; and if a tonic, it should not be weakened with water. The real question is: who is right? It is not: who can make the most soothing compromise between extremes." If the belief you hold is "poison" (false) it ought not be "drunk' (accepted) at all. And, if it is "tonic" (truth), then it ought not be "diluted" (made less stringent than it really is).

MAY GOD BLESS YOU IN YOUR STUDY OF HIS

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# **SORORITY NEWS**

#### Mrs. Hohhertz Hosts Lambda

Mrs. Harold Hohhertz was hostessfor the Nov. 20 meeting. She also introduced Martha Harmon from Lone Star Gas who presented a program on Christmas cooking and packaging ideas.

Members voted to hold the annual Beauty Pageant every year. The group also will help with the fund drive for the West Texas Girl Scout Council Drive.

Members attending the meeting in the home of Mrs. Hohhertz were: Mmes. Larry Justice, Craig Jones, Billy Lu-cas, Larry White, Rosie Castille, Mike Welch, Larry Teaff, Paul Moore, Robert Harris, Junior Clark, Billy Neff, Gary Douglas, Obie Coker, Juan Ybarra, Lee Yaddow, Phil Seymore and Darla Maw-

### Xi Nu Chi Held Meeting Nov. 20

Xi Nu Chi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held its regular meeting November 20 at

Glenn Robertson was hostess. Final plans were made for the Christmas Bazaar to be held December 8 in the West Texas Utilities building. There will be baked goods, handmade items, Christmas decorations

and all sorts of gift items. Program was given by Mrs. Carrol Benson, captain, assisted by team members Mrs. John Brady and Mrs. Val Patterson. Mrs. Anna Bell Shouse was a guest speaker. Her subject was "Methods of Education."

Those attending were Mmes. Carrol Benson, John Brady, Val Patterson, Glenn Robertson, Edgar Tipton, Glenn Teaff, Jack Boone, Bobby DuBose, Bob Garner, Peck Eager, Weldon McAninch, Harry Bullock, and Mamie Steck. Guests were Mrs. Anna Bell Shouse and Miss Mary Collins.

Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held Pledge Rituals at the Asteroid Restaurant Nov. 13 with 15 pledges taking rituals.

Reading was done by Mrs. Billy Bob Neff, president of Lambda Beta, Candle holders were Mrs. Edgar Tipton and

Sorority Rituals

Mamie Steck of Xi Nu Chi.

Minyon Seymore, Connie Har-ris, Betty Coker, Paula Douglas, Betty Allday, Ginny Yaddow, Fay Jones, Pat Castille, Annette Clark, Martha Sue Justice, Connie Ybarra, Darla Mawson, Lafon Sims, Margie Hills, Pat Steward, Vivienne Steinert, Brenda Brown, Shaginia Gillian, Lula Butler, Dee

In attendance were 45 guests

Members of these chapters

Parsley, Kay Price and Gail

Qualls; all of Xi Omicron

Ybarra, Barbara Welch, Faye

Jones and Jo Moore all of

hosted a dinner for pledges

of their chapter at the Aster-

Following the dinner, mem-

Xi Nu Chi and Lambda Beta

bers attended a reception in

the home of Mrs. Harry Bul-

lock hosted by Xi Nu Chi.

Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi

hosted Ritual of Jewels and

Exemplar rituals for Abilene

Chapters Xi Omicron Zeta and

Rho Phi, Nov. 13 at the Aster-

pledges with a dinner follow-

after the rituals, for all mem-

bers participating, at the home

of Mrs. Harry Bullock. Those

attending were: Sarah Lucas,

Lambda Beta honored new

Xi Nu Chi held a reception

After the ritual Lambda Beta

from Xi Nu Chi, Merkel, Xi Omicron Zeta and Rho Phi

both of Abilene.

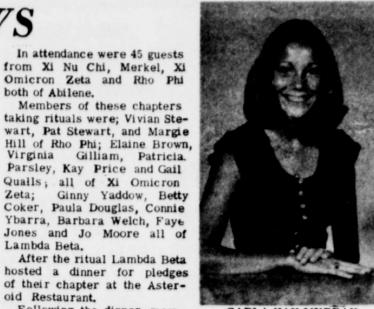
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Also Sylvia Hatchett, Betty



CARLA KAY MURRAY

#### Miss Murray Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. William T. Murray of Tye announce the marriage of their daughter, Carla Kay, to Leslie Reddin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Reddin of Rt. 3.

The bride-elect is a senior at Merkel. Her fiance attended M.H.S. and will be in farming and livestock.

The wedding will be December 22 at the Dyess Air Force Base Chapel at 2:00 p.m. Reception will follow at Dyess

Funderburg, Loretta Logsdon, Ann Reeder, Pat Parsley, Pam Bannister, Gail Qualls, Kaye Price, Jane Spradlin, Barbara Hobbs, Lynda C. Vinger, Joron Laird, Lou Lambert, Vir- cille Brady, Margaret Mc-Aninch, Lonelle Teaff, Mamie Steck, Louise DuBose, Ruth Farmer, Gene Terrell, Elaine Tipton, Barbara Welch, Jo Moore and Mrs. Bullock.

## REFERENCIAL DE LA CONTRACTA DE BADGER TRACKS

Basketball season is in full swing with this last weekend being the Jim Ned tournament. Our A Boys did great the whole tournament and so did our A girls, but they had a little trou- and Beginner Bands are selble the first game. The A boys played Jim Ned and Rotan beat- late. All the money earned will ing both of them and then played be used toward music, how-Wylie for the championship. The game was real close until close to the end when something happened and everything started going Wylie's way and it wasn't our boys' fault. Top scores for all three games were Robert Morgan, Darel Bunch and Jeff Cox, On the All-Tournament team for Merkel was Jackie Sims.

The girls lost their first game and won their second game so they had a chance to win consolation, but Wylie was

LIBRARY NOTES

By LORETA MORGAN

ing. Last month we issued

487 books.

The Library is still grow-

Mrs. Mark L. Malone, and

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Mas-

Mrs. Robert Higgins have do-

nated books to the Library.

sey 707 S. 2nd, have made

donations to the Merkel Li-

brary in memory of Mary Cox

of San Angelo, and Mabel Price

their daughter enjoyed the Li-

brary very much and wanted

to contribute to the Library.

If anyone has any old paper

backs, we would like to have

Thank you very much.

of Rotan. Mrs. Massey said

pretty good so it was aloss for the A girls. None of them made the All-Tournament team but we're proud of all.

The High School, Jr. High, ling the Worlds Finest Chocoever much money the High School Band makes that will buy their music, and it goes

the same for the other two. The Student Council is sponsoring the Miss Merry Christmas contest with the winner riding in the parade Saturday afternoon. The Band will also be in the parade with Santa Claus so all of you Merkelites come to the Christmas THE MERKEL, MAIL, MERKEL, TEXAS

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Refreshments consisted of pink and blue cakes, topped with booties and a baby doll in a bassinet; fruit punch, nuts, and mints. The centerpiece of pink roses held a doll dressed in pink. A tall regal stork "overlooked" the serving table. Favors were miniature storks, pink and blue baby diapers, and pacifiers made from lifesavers and jelly beans.

Gifts were displayed in two bedrooms. The hostesses' gifts were a play pen, bibs, washcloths, and a "little people" key chain for baby's picture. Hostesses for the event were Mmes. Ronnie Freeman, Clayton Brazelton, Alan Towler, Yates Sipe, Jim Adkins, Jon Henderson, Sonny Rudd, Lloyd Mitchell, Eddie Sharp, Marvin Sharp, Raymond Kincaid, Garry Wofford, Frank Brnovak, Al Cogburn, Jerry Frank Patterson, Weldon Beasley, and Dean King.

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