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N. Weakley of Roby sold the Merkel and Sweet-r telephone line to Mr. Webb of Colorado City. Webb filled in the gaps between Colorado City and etwater and Merkel Abilene, where he connected the Northwestern long distance system. Good serwas now guaranteed as far east as Weatherford. e meantime, C.W. Roberts of Abilene constructed e to Merkel and connected with his local system ig Spring. This, with the old line owned by Warren West, gave Merkel three different lines in operato Abilene, and it seemed as the service should be first-class.

titor and proprietor of the Merkel Mail in Oct., I was Ed J. Leeman. Some of the businesses at time were Fitts & Smith Dry Goods House, J. T. ren Co., Mrs. F.B. Hoople Millinery, S.W. Shepi Grocery, J. P. Sharp Co., Merkel Furniture Com-Elliott & Miller Windmills, Pumps, and Water upply Goods, J.O. Hamilton Co., The Star Store Com-ury, The First National Bank, The Merkel Meat Maret and Burton-Lingo Lumber Company.

In 1901, the First National Bank's capital was \$30,000. Surplus and individual profits were \$1,704.86. President was J. T. Warren; Vice President, G. F. West, and Cashier, George S. Berry.

Wheat sowing is progressing slowly, owing to the bility of farmers to plow their land. A good rain d result in many acres being sown in fact, the crop be a record breaker if the rains come in time.

tearing down of the Thornton frame building on street marks the passing of an old land mark. s among the first, if not the very first, busine s es erected in the town. But old land marks, howmuch we may regret their going, must give away demand for more modern structures.

om the number of rattlesnake victims reported in eighboring papers, it is evident that these poisoneptiles are more numerous this year than common. its can not be too careful with their children, esthose driving out to the country on pleasure

Mrs. Largent and little daughter visited the fair at Pallas last week and are spending this week with reltives in Collin county.

Wheat has sold his farm on Salt Branch to C. Wephens of Rising Star. This is one of the best in the country, well improved and in a high state ultivation, and will make an ideal home for the pur-

rs. J. L. Tubb will begin a private school at her dence Monday morning, October 14th. Send your chilto her. Satisfaction guaranteed.

am Eason slipped off from his wife and took in the las Fair Sunday.

rs. Johnson of Baird is visiting her parents, Mr. and W. W. Wheeler.

Mr. C. L. Brown of the Canyon, who called around and d his subscription to The Mail last week, remarked that had always gotten money's worth out of the paper, Mr. own has been calling around every year for twelve long ars, having started in with the birth of the paper, and we grateful for his kind words.

A heavy rain fell at Dora and vicinity Monday. This inures a still larger acreage of wheat in that section and will make winter pasturage.

crowd o f Nubia boys -- Sam and Tom Toombs and itson and Lon Watkins -- went to the Dallas Fair, rerning Monday.

Mr. J. C. Tucker reports a heavy rain at his place in Canyon Monday night. It barely laid the dust in Merkel.

Miss Willie Bigham is reported seriously ill with slow

October 15, 1901, Merkel was visited by a very astrous fire, burning six business houses. The losses the unfortunate owners were heavy yet they were ready resume business as late as November 15, 1901, J. T. arren energetically arose to every emergency and start-

doing business in the Polk building. He received large amount of goods and his stock was replenished fast as possible. The Star Store Co. set up in the lemming building in a few hours after the fire. They were able to save \$2,000 worth of goods. Fitts & Smith, the hustling dry goods men, hardly waited for the smoke clear away before they left for the northern marets to buy new goods. They were doing business on ov. 15 in the Ferrier building with a brand new stock up-to-date good. The Merkel Mail building was sold George S. Berry and was rapidly rebuilt as fast as son and carpenters could do the work.

Saturday Is Trades Day

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While the weather may be a little on the chilly side, the specials that Merkel merchants are planning for Trades Day are red hot. Saturday is 'First Saturday Trades Day and Flea Market' day in Merkel. It is the first Trades Day of 1974.

Due to the rush of the holiday season, no club or organization is planning a dinner. However, all merchants are planning extra specials for the day.

The Senior Citizens will have a rummage sale and will make space available anyone wishing to rent a space instead of using the sidewalk. They will have n o



ADD TWO MORE--Darel Bunch, (No. 25) adds 2 points to UP, UP AND TWO POINTS--Jackie Sims, (No. 34), leaves gan, (no. 13) looks on. (Staff Photo by LaVonne Bunch)



the Merkel score as Merkel beat Anson in the first game the floor as he makes two points against the Albany Lions. of the H-SU Tournament in Abilene Thursday. Robert Mor- The Badgers beat the Lions 70-52 to capture third place in the H-SU Basketball Tournament,

Businesses To Observe **New Store Hours**

Effective Jan. 7, 1974, and until further notice, the following businesses will observe new hours, opening at 9:00 AM and closing at 5:30 PM. Starbuck Furniture, Bragg's Dept. Store, Bullock Hdwe., Hicks Auto Supply, Cyrus Pee Agency and Syble's Beauty Nook.

Technique **Saves Fuel**

A new conservation farming technique saved an estimated 1.8 million gallons of tractor fuel in Texas this year, reports an official of the U.S. Soil Conservation Service.

Edward. E. Thomas, state conservationist for SCS in Temple, said minimum tillage farming systems eliminated an average of five tractor trips per acre during 1973 on about 354,000 acres of cropland.

"A tractor burns about a gallon of fuel per acre for the average farming operation," Thomas said, "Eliminating five tractor trips per acre reduces fuel consumption by five gallons of gasoline or diesel per acre."

To haul 1.8 million gallons of fuel in railroad tank cars would require a train nearly two miles long.

Thomas predicted even greater fuel savings in the future as more farmers turn to the new

"The practice is still a long way from being perfected," Thomas admitted, "But we've come a long way in the last 3 years. If similar gains can be the Wise men, at the Grace Idris Traylor, both of Lubbock; made in the next few years, con- Presbyterian Sunday, Januservation farmers will be able ary 6. to make a major contribution in

helping ease the energy crunch." Agricultural Missionary in With minimum tillage, crops are planted directly into the stalks and leaves left over from the previous crop without prior at Coahoma 2 years, San Anland preparation. Herbicides are used to control weeds, cutting out several tractor trips over a field. Some farmers Knox Trinity Ranch for 2 years. han, El Paso; Stanley Webb, report minimum tillage saves as many as 10 to 12 tractor trips per crop. A statewide average is about half that

amount. The surface cover of dead leaves and stems greatly reduces wind erosion, dust storms, and air pollution. The Years Party in the home of practice is equally effective in preventing water erosion and sedimentation from cropland.

Thomas said one of the big problems with minimum tillage and punch was enjoyed by all is that surface-applied herbi- who attended. Games were is that surface-applied herbicides used to control weeds don't always work properly on all soils in Texas. He said better, more dependable herbicide adapted to mulch farming are needed.

Badgers Win Third Place In Hardin-Simmons Basketball Tournment

By RONNIE ALDRIDGE

will head a 36-man delegation

New Arrival

Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Gann

announce the birth of a daugh-

ter . Dana Kaye, at Stamford

Memorial Hospital Saturday,

The paternal grandparents

of Anson and maternal grand- South Plains;

are Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Gann

parents are Mr. and Mrs. Troy

Rev. Jack McClendon from

Midland will preach on Epi-

phany, the time of arrival of

He was an Evangelistic to

years, and at Midland for 11/2

Lambda Beta Has

New Years Party

Lambda Beta held a New

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hohhertz

Saturday Dec. 29 with 12

tacky.

ed by all.

couples attending. Dress was

Sandwiches, dip and chips,

played and visiting was enjoy-

Those attending were Messrs, and Mme . Billy Bob

Justice, Mike Welch, Paul

Moore, Obie Coker, Jim All-

day, Larry Teaff and Phil

Dickerson of Merkel.

Rev. McClendon

Guest Speaker

weighed 8 1bs.

pus Christi cotton producer, ing in St. Louis Jan. 28-29.

Dec. 22, at 6:14 p.m. She Anderson, Lubbock; Donnell

Mexico 20 years. He has been w.L. Goble, Jr., Levelland;

back in the states for 11 years. S.J. Vaughan, III, Hillsboro;

tonio, 4 years, Odessa 1 1/2 Knapp, Aubrey; Parke T.

years. He was manager of John Smith, Wilson; Edward Brei-

view;

Shallowater.

Rev. McClendon was pastor and R.R. Kelley, Stamford; and

In the first game, Merkel met Merkel lost the second game Anson and it was Merkels show to Petrolia, 75-52. The Badg-The Merkel Badgers took the all the way. Jackie Sims and ers made a good showing in third place trophy at the Darel Bunch paced the Badgers the first half, being behind by Hardin - Simmons Basketball to a first period 19-8 lead. By only 6 points. However, the

The group will join repre-

sentative from other cotton-

producing states in setting

guideline for 1974 Council

Producers--Herman Propst,

Anson; Robert E. Skov, Clint;

Neuman Smith, Ballinger; Don

Echols and Bill R. Reid, both of

Lamesa; James A. McCarthy, Rio Hondo; and Don Marble,

Ginners -- Orville Bailey,

Anton; B.J. Mikeska, Eola; Bill

Weaver, Lamesa; and Ross

Bigham, Harlingen; Ware-

housemen--Jame Manly, Galveston; Stanton Brown, Jr.,

Waco; Guy Nickles, Sudan; B.B.

Merchants--Hans Bohl-

Max B. Vernon, Raymond Coo-

per, Heinz H. Molsen, Jr., and

Charles C. Wisler, all of Dal-

las; Cottonseed Crushers--

Cooperatives -- Emory

Moore, Harlingen; Wilmer

II, Odem; J.W. Borders, Jr.,

Sweetwater; John Herzer, Lub-

bock; John McQuien, Plain-

Named alternate producer

and cooperative delegates

were: David Baumgardner,

Wellington; J.D. Smith, Little-

field; Tommy Mayfield, Pecos;

Joe B. Pate, Jr., Lubbock;

Lloyd Cline and Jack D. Hines,

both of Lamesa; J.G. Dobbs,

Grandview; A.J. Richter, El

Campo; N.J. Moore, Pro-gresso; Joe D. Unfred, New

Home; B.W. Heath, Wolfe City;

C.W. Browning, Lyford; Carey

Bickley, Pecos; Curtis Jensen,

D. Gooch, Shallowater; W.R.

and W. C. Thompson,

Turner, Dallas;

Other Texas delegate are:

programs and policies.

Tournament by beating Albany half-time, Bunch and Sims had third period saw Petrolia scor-70-25. The tournament was 11 points each and the Badgers ing 24 points to Merkel's 9. held in the Taylor County Coli- had widened their lead to 40- From that point on it was Peseum. This is the third trophy 19. Merkel was successful with trolia's ball game. Shortly befor the team this year and their fast break attack, winning fore the half, Merkel had the brings the Badger's season 69-53 over the smaller Anson lead. The 26 and 23 points of record to 9 wins and 7 losses. Tigers. The Tigers outscored Darrel Massie and Buddy Rec-Darel Bunch gained honors Merkel in the 4th period 17- tor, all staters last season, for Merkel by making the all- 10. Darel Bunch was high point was too much for the Badgman for the game with 23; ers. Leading scorer for Merkel was Robert Morgan with 17 points. Area Cotton Men Merkel took third place in the tournament by winning its

third tournament game 70-52. The Badgers proved to be too much for the weak Albany team, To Attend National Meet as they paced the Lions by 42-23 at half-time. The Badgers came back to finish off the Lions after intermission, 70-52. High scorer for the game CORPUS CHRISTI, Tex. -- from Texas to the National was David Copeland with 11. (Special) - Leon Bernsen, Cor- Cotton Council's annual meet-

Tournament scoring for the Badgers went like this: Robert Morgan 47, Jackie Sims 38, Darel Bunch 33, Jeff Cox 20, David Copeland 18, Derrell Riggan 14, Johnny Gray 13, Larry Toliver 5, and Terry

Reed 1. The Badgers will return to district play this Friday by hosting the Roscoe Plowboys. We hope everyone will support the Badgers during this second half of the basketball season.

Round-up

VISITORS in the home of Mrs. O.J. Reynolds and Bob during the Christmas holidays were her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Garland Sisk of Odessa and teenage grandsons Royce and Douglas Watkins of Mesquite, Texas.

HOLIDAY VISITORS in the Russell McAnally home have been Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lewis of Friona, Texas; Mrs. Gerald McAnally and children, Robin and Karla of Monohans, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Matthews, Nandy and Annalisa Mc-Anally of Albuquerque, New Mexico; Mr. and Mrs. Dan Mc-Anally and children Karla, Mike, and Danny of Copperas Cove, Texas; and Mr. and Mrs. Keith Jackson and children Dwight, Wade and Boyd of Lockney, Texas. Also Mr. Dan Sell and grandsons David Sell and Doak Bechthold of Brooker, Texas; and Mrs. W.F. Smart.

MRS. MYRTLE WALKER has undergone emergency surgery recently, and is seriously ill, but slowly improving.

MR. HOLLIS MITCHELL is coe; W.E. Miller, Springlake; now at home after a lengthy stay and Everette Miller, Petersin the hospital following an ac-

C of C Announces **New Fence for Park**

for a chain link fence.

the committee, said that the already there, and to put tables fund raising drive has almost and benches in the park for use been completed and that enough by persons having picnics. With A bid of \$1,900 from Abilene Fence Co. has been accepted this spring." and work is scheduled to begin in January as soon as the weather permits.

contributed to make the park a reality," Mrs. Hewitt said. "We still need some donations

to complete the fencing project but we haven't had an opportunity to contact some mer-chants," she said. "Anyone wishing to donate may do so at the Chamber office or by contacting any member of the Beautification Committee," Mrs. Hewitt said. Members serving on the committee with Mrs. Hewitt are Mrs. Larry White, Mrs. Larry Justice, and Jimmy Atkinson.

Bennie Melton, Chamber manager, is coordinating the efforts of committee and Abi-

The city park for Merkel came a step closer to reality over the holidays with the announcement that the Beautifi- ment we have received from the cation Committee of the Cham- Merkel merchants, we have ber of Commerce has nearly made plans to proceed with the reached their goal of \$1,900 development of the park. We plan to fix up and repair the Blanche Hewitt, chairman of playground equipment which is money had been raised that help from the city, we plan to the committee was going ahead mow and clean up the park as with the building of the fence. soon as the weather permits. We also plan to plant grass

The City Park is located on Ash Street by the water tower. Long range plans for the park "We are so proud that the include playground equipment goal has been almost achieved for children and construction and would like to express our of a pavillion for persons appreciation to the business- holding summer outings. The men and individuals that have park covers approximately a city block.

Sorority Meeting Held

Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held their regular 2nd monthly meeting in the home of Mrs R. L. Castille, Tuesday, Dec. 18.

Meeting wu called to order by President Mrs.Billy Bob Neff. Rollcall was anwered by naming your favorite piece o

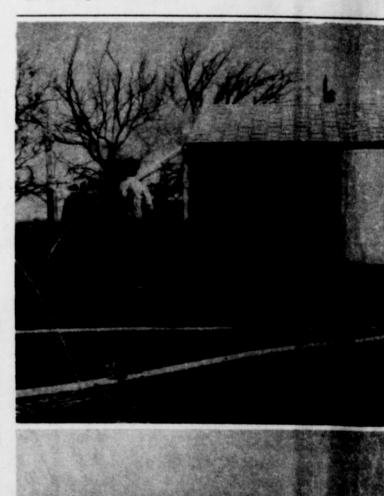
Following a short business meeting the program on Music With No Words was given Mrs. Robert Harris, capta and Darla Mawson, co-capta

Gospel Singers Meet Jan. 6th To Celebrate 7th Anniversary

The Victory Gospel Singers bring a basket lunch and atwill meet Sunday Jan. 6 at the Victory Baptist Church at 307 El Paso to celebrate their 7th year of singing. All the singers are invited to

tend the singing from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

F. E. Sipes will be director throughout the day.





FIRE IN DOWNTOWN MERKEL . . . house, farm equipment damaged

SHOP IN MERKEL SATURDAY --- TRADES DAY

Neff, Robert Harris, Larry Danevaug; R.H. Whorton, Ros-





Door Decorating Contest At Merkel Schools

FIRST PLACE, PRIMARY . . Mrs. Malone's 4th Grade THIRD PLACE WINNER, HIGH SCHOOL . . . Mrs. Beasley's Homemake Room

FIRST PLACE, ELEMENTARY . .. Mr. Wilson's Science Class

lia beat us, and in the third

game, we beat Albany to get

third place in Division II of

Darel Bunch was named on

the All-Tournament team and

top scorers in our division.

Robert Morgan was one of the

And guess what else? Wylie

was beaten by Petrolia for first

place in the H-SU Tourney, so

that's another good thing that

ing in, the Student Council wants

to wish everyone a very Happy

New Year and may it be one of

your best years yet!

With the new 1974 year com-

happened.

TRADES DAY

Factory Sale

Fall line on close out

Gllene Mfg. Co.

over 200-1st quality Blouses

in this Group

Saturday Jan. 8th

By JANIE CLARK

Nothing much has been hap-

pening since Christmas vaca-

the A Basketball boys were in

the H-SU Tournament over the

Anson, second game, Petro-

In the first game, we beat

Nursing homes are the leading

inpatient health facilities in the

United States according to the

American Nursing Home Asso-

ciation. In 1972 there were

1.142,000 nursing home beds, com-

pared to 1,007,000 general hospital

weekend

tion's been going on. In fact,

the only thing I know of is the tournament.

Table

Boys Long Sleeve

Group Playtex

Bras

Group

advantage of our Specials.

A weekly public service feature from-

Death and taxes may be inevitable, but many people are being killed or sickened by a preventable illness -- carbon monoxide poisoning.

The autumn chill in the air has brought heating units and gas stoves into play in many houses and businesses. With the relighting of these appliances should come a sense of caution because of the odorless, colorless and tasteless gas which is present in all combustible substances. This gas can lull a person into unconsciousness before the victim knows he's introuble, says the State Health Department.

In Texas last year, 102 persons were victims of this lethal killer. Automobile exhausts accounted for the bulk

of deaths. In Fort Worth this summer. one woman died and four other persons suffered serious illnesses from carbon monoxide poisoning. The tragedy revolved around an automobile which was inadvertently left running in a garage. Underthe floor air conditioning

vents opening into the garage picked up the carbon monoxide fumes and circulated them into the home, health authorities reported.

Similar tragedies can occur on the highway from leaking exhaust pipes. A Central Texas family had their vacation interrupted only a short distance from home when the deadly gas seeped into their vehicle, causing death and illness.

While carbon monoxide is sinister, it doesn't have to be fatal if handled with caution and respect. With Texas in the midst of its fall and winter hunting season, hunte. 3 should check ventilation in their stoves, and should examine smokestacks and chimneys to be certain they aren't clogged.

In the home, make sure the damper is open before lighting the fireplace. Have your gas refrigerator service-checked annually even though newer models have improved control systems. All furnaces, regardless of fuel type, should be checked and properly vented to the outside. Combustionchamber leakage is a serious hazard, particularly if the heating unit is old. All individual room-type gas heating equipment should be vented. And, say safety experts, don't use your gas cooking range for heating.

Automobiles and trucks, as well as other engines, shouldn't be run indoors for long periods -- even with the garage door open. A charcoal grill or hibachi should be used only outdoors.

While carbon monoxide poisoning is sneaky, there are re cognizable symptoms-if you are alert.

Early symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning include yawning, headache, nausea, dizziness, ringing in the ears, and abdominal pain, Difficult breathing and unconsciousness quickly follow. The victim should get fresh air immediately and should be kept lying down and warm. A physician should be called promptly, and inhalations of oxygen or an oxygen-carbon dioxide mixture should be administered.

A little bit of carbon monoxide can go a long way. It is an insidious killer. Its physical properties -- no ordor, taste or smell--make it almost impossible to recognize unless you understand the symptoms listed above.

Once the gas is inhaled, it invades the blood stream through the lungs. It unites with the hemoglobin in the red blood cells so they cannot carry oxygen to the cells of the body. Asphyxiation results.



MACK SEYMORE 102 Edwards 928-5379 Merkel, Texas

THE MERKEL MAIL, MERKEL, TEXAS January 3, 1974

Another Pine Texas Recip

BACON WRAP AROUNDS

Wrap bacon around liver cubes

1 lb. liver cut 1/2 inch thick 1/2 lb. bacon

Cut liver into 1½ inch cubes. Cut bacon slices in thirds crosswise.

and secure with toothpicks. F on rack in shallow pan broiler pan. Bake at 350 da 30-35 minutes until baco crisp. Turn half way the baking time. Makes abo appetizers.

For additional recipes, John C. White, Commissi Texas Depar ment Agriculture, P.O. Box 1: Austin, Texas 78711.

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The consumer's right to know:

n open letter from **Lone Star Gas**

In 1962, President Kennedy sent an historic message to Congress – the first of its kind devoted entirely to consumer interests. He pointed out that two-thirds of all spending in our economy is by consumers, that the problems consumers face today are greater than they have ever been in history and are likely to become more complex as time goes on. In the intervening years, Presidents Johnson and Nixon restated this message and cited the four basic rights of the consumer: The right to safety, the right to choose, the right to be heard and the right to be informed

Lone Star Gas recently launched a new advertising program to inform consumers about our company and our principal product—natural gas. We believe that only by knowing the facts can you fully understand issues such as gas supply, rates (your cost of natural gas service) together with the rising costs of finding and delivering natural gas to our more than one million customers.

This in large part relates to the much publicized Energy Crisis as

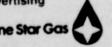
This in large part relates to the much publicized Energy Crisis, a label which suggests there are timely remedies available. There are Studies by experts show there are vast potential reserves of natural gas - enough in the United States to last well into the 21st century. But adequate financial incentives are needed before enough producers will accept the risks of costly deep drilling. As most of you know, Lone Star has undertaken ultradeep wildcat drilling in Oklahoma's Anadarko Basin. Be assured that we and the natural gas industry will diligently pursue the search for those potentially vast energy reserves so necessary to sustain and improve the quality of life for everyone.

The subject of rates is much abused because many consumers and

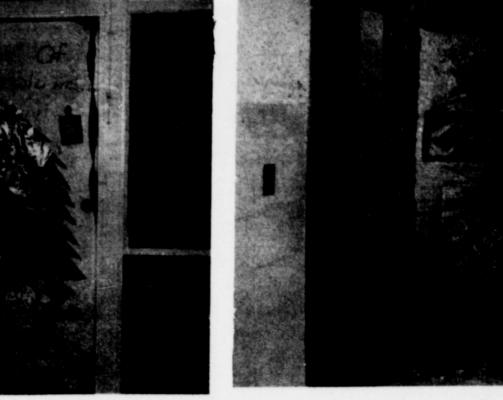
public representatives seem not to understand that cheap energy is a public representatives seem not to understand that cheap energy is a thing of the past. You may not have known that just a few years ago, the most expensive gas that Lone Star purchased cost less than 20 cents per thousand cubic feet. By comparison we now have paid in excess of 85 cents a thousand for major new supplies. We pay the price because we must if you, the consumer, are to be served. And because the consumer must pay his share of the cost, we have asked that your gas bill be adjusted fairly. Meanwhile, we continually strive to keep our operating costs in line with the requirements of efficient management of all resources, whether they be natural gas, manpower, plant and equipment, or the exercise of good judgment on advertising plant and equipment, or the exercise of good judgment on advertising

The right to be informed by industry and government is a protection of the consumer's right to safety, to be heard and to choose. Lone Star, in the years to come, will continue to inform you about matters vital to both ourselves and you-to assist you in the proper exercise of those rights.

> Warren Fulks Director-Public Relations and Advertising







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Crisco Oil	APPLES LB 25¢
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Bold

KING

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BLACKEYE PEAS.... 12 oz. 39¢

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79¢ TOMATOES...crin. 49¢

MASONIC MEETING

Stated meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 710 on 2nd Saturday and 4th Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Vistors welcome. Members urged to attend.

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: Jim Griffin, DEF EN-

DANT, Greeting: YOU ARE HEREBY COM-MANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 14th day of January A.D. 1973, to Plaintiff's Petition

filed in said court, on the 20th

on the docket of said court and styled John Freeze, Plaintiff, vs. Jim Griffin and wife, Gaye Griffin, Defendant, A brief statement of the

nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Suit on account of \$7,512.47, plus reasonable attorney fees, and for attachment of property described as Lot 17, Block P of Lightner Subdivision of H. Ward Survey #90, City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, known as 802 Ross Street, Abilene, Texas, 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 10th day of December A.D. 1973 (SEAL)

Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD Clerk, 42nd District Court Taylor County, Texas By Marie Adkins, Deputy. 43-4tc

concerned," said Agriculture Commissioner John C.

to Agriculture Commissioner John C. White.

RECORD GRAIN SORGHUM CROP-Projections for this year's grain sorghum crop were

100,000,000 bushels above 1972 figures, a record yield and number of bushels, according

He pointed to good moisture before and during the planting season and good rains throughout the growing season as factors in the quantity and quality of '73's crop. Quality is expected to be above average around the

Nearly a billion bushels of grain sorghum had been projected for the United States in 1973. Texas is the

country's leading producer. The state's previous production high had been set in 1967 with 343,485,000 bushels.

In the Lower Rio Grande Valley a 37-million bushel harvest was double of that last year. As a result, many growers replanted, anticipating a good market. Currently the crop is bringing \$4.50 a hundredweight or 100 pounds. Second planting harvest is expected to continue into January.

Harvest begins in the Valley in July and progresses into Central Texas, the Blacklands, the Low and Rolling Plains and finally into the High Plains. Harvest in December was 99 per cent complete as compared with 89 per cent at the same time

a year ago. The Northern High Plains remained the chief producer of grain sorghum in the state with 148 million bushels. Sixty-seven million bushels were harvested in the Low Plains and 44 million in the Blacklands.

Most of the grain sorghum grown in South Texas is exported. Sorghum grown in the North finds its way into Panhandle feedlots.

January 3, 1974

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And to all other persons and parties, and each of the persons and parties, interested in the Estate of Tullie Reid Edson, Deceased. GREETING:

You and each of you are hereby cited, required and commanded to appear before the County Court of Taylor County, Texas, to be held in the County Court Room in the Court House of said County, City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, such appearance to be at or before 10:00 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of ten (10) days from the date of service, exclusive of the day of such suervice, which day and date of service shall be the date of publication that this newspaper bears, and which appearance shall be at such time on such Monday, which will be the 14th day of January, 1974, by filing written answer to the application hereinafter mentioned, showing cause why the by such application should not be made, which application will at such hour and in such court be acted on, said application having been filed by Jean Whitworth, Administratrix of said Estate in said Court on the 21st day of December, 1973, and now pending there, in a proceeding on the Probate docket of said Court, styled Estate of Tullie Reid Edson, deceased, the file number which application, and the docket number which proceeding is 10,955, the nature of such application

being that it alleges reasons for and requests partition and distribution of such Estate, and such application substantially being as follows, to-wit:

The names of all parties interest in this Estate and their addresses and the interest to which they are entitled is set out and the reasons why partition and distribution should be had are listed and the statement is made that the application was made and filed after the expiration of twelve months after the original grant of letters of administration in such estate have been had, and the applicant prays that partition and distribution be ordered and effected in the manners provided by law and for such other orders and such other respect as may be requisite or proper. Said application having attached to it an " exhibit reflecting in detail the assets that have come into the hands of the Administratrix, such disposition thereof that has been made and the assets remaining in hand together with a list of unpaid claims and estimated costs.

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Given under my hand and seal of said court at office partition and distribution sought in the City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, on this the 27th day of December, 1973.

> Mrs. Chester Hutcheson Clerk of the County Court of Taylor County, Texas Carol Perkins, Deputy

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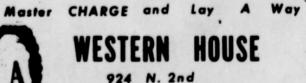
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CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: Don Vittitoe, DEF END-

ANT, 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 fortytwo days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 21st day of January A.D. 1974, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 16th day of October A.D., 1973, in this cause, numbered

8621 on the docket of said

toe, Plaintiff, vs. Don Vittitoe,

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Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD By Sandra Van Cleave, De-

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turned unserved. 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.

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6th day of December A.D. 1973.

A brief statement of the na-

Placements Decline . . . Pecan Crop Unchanged . . . Texas Ranks Among the Top 10. Cattle feeders are losing \$100 and more per head as beef prices have declined more than 30 per cent since summer high levels. As a result, the number of placements

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the major feedlot states. Texas continues to be the number one cattle feeding state in the nation with 2,277,000 head on feed as of Dec. 1. This is three per cent below a month ago.

going into feedlots is down 20 to 26 per cent throughout

Placements into Texas feedlots during November are 10 per cent below November a year ago and 26 per cent below the previous month.

In the seven major feeding states-Texas, Arizona,

California, Colorado, Iowa, Nebraska and Kansas-placements are down 20 per cent. TEXAS pecan crop as of Dec. 1 is still set at a puny

production. Nationwide, the 1973 pecan crop is forecast at 263,000,000 pounds, 43 per cent more than last year's

23,000,000 pounds, almost two thirds below the 1972

Pecan harvest is active throughout the state with most of the crop having been gathered. SMALL grain statistics for Texas for 1973 are now

available. Texas ranks in the top 10 in production of oats, wheat, rye, and flaxseed. Texas ranked 17th in the nation during 1973 in production of barley. The state was sixth in oat production, sixth in wheat, 10th in rye, and fifth in flaxseed.

The top 10 counties in oat production during 1973 in Texas are Coleman, Hamilton, Collin, Denton, Bosque, Cooke, Medina, Coryell, Grayson and Brown.

Wichita, Ochiltree, Wilbarger, Knox and Jones. Counties in the top 10 in winter wheat production in Texas are Ochiltree, Sherman, Hansford, Deaf Smith, Randall, Moore, Carson, Parmer, Swisher, and Hartley. Counties in the top 10 in rye production are Hale,

during 1973 are Parmer, Pecos, Reeves, El Paso, Hudspeth,

The top 10 counties in barley production in Texas

Henderson, Erath, Deaf Smith, Denton, Dallam, Motley, Castro, Collingsworth, and Wheeler. The top 10 counties in Flaxseed production in Texas during 1973 are Karnes, Atascosa, Bee, Live Oak, Wilson,

Duval, Guadalupe, Frio, Jim Wells, and La Salle. A limited number of copies of 1973 Texas Small Grain Statistics are available by writing the Texas Department of Agriculture, or the Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service, Austin, Texas.

A FINAL reminder--if you are one of the 75,000 Texas farmers or livestock producers who have received a questionnaire from the Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service be sure and fill it out and return it

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dent were duly and legally married on June 22, 1961 and conor about October 11, 1973; at that time they separated; there sult of this marriage, to-wit: Florence Vittitoe, and Jesse Vittitoe; there is no community property to divide, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's

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Clerk, Domestic Relations Court, Taylor County, Texas AUSTIP, Tex. - Richard M. Nixon would complete his term of office as president and Governor Dolph Briscoe would have a second term if Texas newspaper editors and publishers had their way.

Texas newspaper publishers polled last week by this column voted on the questions about President Nixon, Governor Briscoe and the 1976 presidential campaigns.

They voted 72 yea and 36 nay on the question "should President Nixon complete his term in office as president." The vote was 79 yea and 24 no on the question "should Governor Briscoe be elected to a second term.'

Leading the choices for Democratic nominee for president in 1976 was Henry Jackson. He received 26 hallots





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Republican nominees and the votes were: Leader Connally with 43 votes and Ford with 11; Reagan, 10; Percy, 3; Goldwater and Nixon 2; Bush, Tower, Rockefellar and Laird, 1. CONVENTION SET - Physical plans for the 1974 Texas Constitutional Convention, the first in 99 years, are complete.

The Convention will open in the House of Representatives chamber at the state capitol January 8, with the 181 state legislators as delegates. Speaker Price Daniel Jr. is assured of election as presiding officer.

Desks and chairs are arranged in a semi-circular pattern, with all delegates facing the podium. Seating was assigned by random drawing. Writing tables replace the historic desks on the House floor, and new chairs which are replicas of those used by delegates to the 1875 convention have taken the place of familiar high-backed swivel chairs.

A new voting machine has been installed for the delegates, with two boards registering "aye," "nay" or "not voting" for all 181 delegates.

Proposed convention committees include finance, local government, education, legislative, judiciary, general provisions, executive, rights, suffrage, amendments and separation of powers and style and

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SUPERPORT PLANS CON-TINUE - A Texas Offshore Terminal Commission member has recommended an onshore superport facility on Galveston

The Commission staff earlier suggested a \$400 million, state financed deepwater port 30 miles south of Freeport in the Gulf. Pete Miller of Galveston, the commission vice-chairman, put forward the alternative recommendation, with a cost pegged at between \$400 million and \$482 million.

Representatives of 13 oil companies said the Freeport project should be constructed and operated by private indus-

The Commission in Houston began a review of recommendations and was expected to continue here January 4 or January 7. Three public hearings are planned after the final report is adopted.

SPEEDLIMIT HEARING SLATED - A public hearing is set for January 8 on the new statewide speed limit authorized by the legislature in its recent special session.

Texas Highway Commission will conduct the hearing in the highway building auditorium, 11th and Brazos Streets, Austin. Written or oral testimony will be accepted from any interested

The new act gives the Commission authority to lower the speed limit for 15 months as a fuel-saving measure

Murray, Reddin Have Dec. 22nd Wedding Carla Kay Murray and Les- with Father Kro officiating.

MRS. LESLIE CHARLES REDDIN

. . . formerly Carla Kay Murray

lie Charles Reddin were married Saturday December 22 in Dyess AFB Catholic Chapel,



Why do babies cry? That's a good question. They cry to make their presence felt, their needs known-they have no other way.

You'll be wondering about it-and worrying about itwhen you are home with your newborn. You ask yourself if he's hungry, if he needs changing, if he has indigestion, if-heaven forbid-he's coming down with some-

Sometimes it's one answer, sometimes anotherand sometimes there seems to be no answer at all. That's normal, too. Very young babies, between the time they are about two weeks old and the time they reach the age of three months, are simply getting used to being in the world.

The bride's parents are Mr. and Mrs. William F. Murray of Tye. Reddin's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Reddin of Merkel.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of chantilly lace with sabrina neckline and bouffant ruffled skirt, with detachable mantle chapel train. Veil of french illusion was caught to a crown of pearls and mixed flowers. Maid of honor was Joanne

Paschal. Bridesmaid was Vickie Reddin of Merkel, sister of the bridegroom. Best man was David Higgins of Merkel and Roger Ely of Tye was groomsman. Mark Maserang of Lubbock and

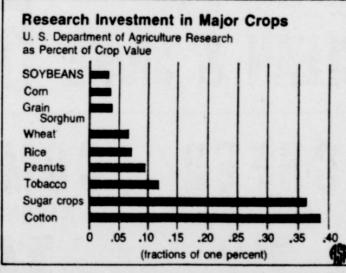
port, La., brother of the bride, seated guests. The bride is a senior at Merkel High School. Reddin attended Merkel High School and is associated with his father

Henry H. Huse Jr. of Shreve-

in farming. The bride's parents hosted a reception at the Dyess NCO Club.

After a wedding trip to Ruidoso, the couple are living in

Understaffed Soybean Research Labs Hold Key To Food Costs



Did you know that the price you pay for beef, pork and poultry, for margarine and shortening, and for salad and cooking oil, is directly related to the farmer's cost of growing soybeans?

That's one surprising fact. Soybean meal provides the protein feed essential to meat and poultry; soybean oil is the basic ingredient in cooking and salad oil, shortening, and margarine.

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That's why it's even more surprising that soybeans receive the smallest government research support, in terms of value, of any major U.S. crop. As a result, there are too few soybean researchers, and yield progress over the last twenty years has been the least of any major crop-less than 1.5 percent per year.

The U.S. Congress recently voted to put another \$1 million

into research to unlock the secret of increased soybean yields -thereby increasing farm income and reducing consumer costs. Soybean grower and processor groups have intensified their own support of research programs.

The U.S. government has not yet made a final decision on committing to this quest the additional soybean research funds voted by the Congress. These funds are essential, says Robert Judd, managing director of the National Soybean Crop Improvement Council, if sovbean scientists are to make the shift from defense - producing essentially the same soybean yield we have had for twenty years-to offense-improving the genetic potential for higher yields.

Our Congress needs to know that consumers support the decision to lower food costs through increased productivity. If you'd like further information, write Robert Judd at the National Soybean Crop Im-provement Council, 211 S. Race Street, Urbana, Illinois 61801.

E. L. Tarpleys Have 25th Anniversary

Ghronda, Buster and LeeAnn Mrs. E. L. Tarpley were host to a surprise 25th Anniversary party for their parents December 22nd, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Garth Gregory, 2533

Greenbriar, Abilene. Thirty friends and relatives Billie celebrate.

The Tarpleys were married Tarpley, children of Mr. and December 26th 1948 in Abilene. Mrs. Tarpley is the former Billie Gregory, of Merkel, daughter of Mrs. Gaston Gregory of Big Spring and the late Gaston Gregory.

Mr. Tarpley is the son of Mrs. Stella Tarpley of Abilone and the were present to help Babe and late David Tarpley of Merkel.

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The best way to prevent winter cold from robbing your heating budget is to take steps to keep more heat inside your home. Warm air leaking to the outdoors and cold air filtering in can cause your heating costs to go up as much as 30

Start your LP-gas saving campaign by searching out loose-fitting windows and doors, and other cracks where heat can escape. Then apply weatherstripping and caulking where needed. These are simple and inexpensive reme-

Storm windows and doors will pay for themselves in lower heating costs within 10 years, even less where winters are severe. The air barrier provided by properly fitting storm windows will cut in half heat needlessly lost through windows in your house. Leave storm windows on in summer if your home is air-conditioned. They effectively keep more cool air in your home in summer just as they prevent heat loss in winter.

If your home lacks overhead and sidewall insulation, this too may be a wise investment in greater comfort and lowering heating costs. Consult your propane-gas dealer or heating contractor for advice.

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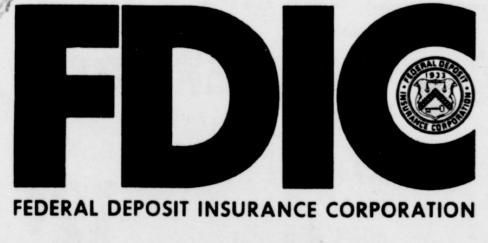
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