



## Merkel Bank Deposits Up, Merchants See Good '74

1973 was an excellent year for Merkel merchants and area farmers according to a survey of local merchants. Deposits were up at the Farmers and Merchants National Bank over a year ago. In response to a bank call, at the close of business on December 31, 1973 the bank showed deposits of 6,278,261 verse 5,293,845 at the same time a year ago. Loans were also up over the previous year. Loans this year totaled \$1,536,155 versus \$1,484,958 for 1972.

Booth Warren, president of Farmers and Merchants said, "We've experienced the best year in the history of our area and our people are in better shape financially than I've ever seen them. We have a better than average cotton crop and combined milo crop and a wheat crop which brought high prices. "We have experienced a sensational increase in deposits since January 1 due to receipts for cotton, milo and cattle that were deferred for income tax purposes. Our deposits are now considerably in excess of \$7,000,000," he said.

Warren said he is taking a conservative look for the ensuing year and that there

are several factors that could effect our economy. "Fuel for our farmers, the shortage and higher price of fertilizer, and the need of a good rain are some of the uncertainties that we face. It has been over 3 months since we had a good rain and our small grain is in need of moisture," he said. "Also the fact that there will be no government subsidies will hurt the farmers if they don't make a good crop," Warren pointed out. "Despite these caution signs, I think that 1974 will be another good year for us," Warren said.

Warren also commented that cattle price are relatively good and that rancher and farmers are feeling better about them remaining strong for the coming year.

Fred Starbuck, owner of Starbuck Furniture and Starbuck Funeral Home said that his companies had experienced a very good year. "The only thing that looks bad for us this coming year is the prospect of shortages. However, we have increased our normal order for furniture and we expect to have an adequate supply for the coming year. Unless something develops that is unforeseen,

we should experience another good year. We have had two local service station operators assure us that they would make fuel available to us for the operation of our emergency vehicles. Merkel residents don't have to worry about ambulance service being available to them," he said.

Onis Crawford, owner of Crawford's Department Store said his store had had a good year and that he didn't see anything for the coming year that would cause him to have a bad year. "The farmers and ranchers have had an exceptional year and the prospects for the coming year look bright. Of course none of us can say what will happen as far as the fuel shortage is concerned, but I expect that our area will not be as adversely affected as will some other parts of the country," Crawford said.

Speaking for Circle A Western House, Waymon Adcock said that he had experienced one of the best years ever and that 1974 looks good also. "The only cloud on the horizon as far as we are concerned, is the prospect that some clothing will be in short supply. If we get adequate supplies of clothing, I expect about 30 per cent growth during 1974," he said.

Mrs. Dee Grimes, owner of Bragg's Department Store, said that the past year was a good one for her store. "We were pleased with the past year, and see no reason why this coming year won't be just as good or even better. So far our suppliers haven't mentioned any shortages. We go to market the 27th of January and will know more about that then," Mrs. Grimes said.

Mrs. W. H. Bullock of Bullock Hardware and Gifts said, "We had an excellent year in 1973. We experienced a good Christmas season and so far this year we have started out good. As for shortages, we had some trouble getting steel products and some glassware. However, we have been able to get them, they are just slow coming. I see no reason 1974 won't be a good year also," Mrs. Bullock concluded.

David Gamble, owner of Merkel Drug said that 1973 was a good year for his firm. "The first 7 days of this year are ahead of last year and I think that it will continue throughout the year he said. We may experience some shortages with sundry goods, but there will be no shortage of prescription drugs. I expect 1974 to be a good merchandising year," Gamble said.

Ray Wilson, of Wilson Food Store said that he had had a very good year and that he felt 1974 would continue with a strong economy. "With our farmers and ranchers having a good year and with the general economy good, I think that we will see 1974 another strong year," he said. Wilson said his store was experiencing some shortage.

Herman Carson, speaking for Carson Super Market said that his firm had a good 1973 but that several factors didn't look too good for 1974. "I think that we will continue to have strong sale during the first half of 1974, but unless we get some rain, or unless some oil activity picks up in our area, we could experience some slow down in business the last half of the year," Carson said. As for shortages, he said that his store was experiencing some now and that it will probably continue for a while.

Nolan Palmer, owner of Palmer Pontiac and GMC, said that 1973 was an exceptional year for his firm. "1973 was the biggest and most profitable year in our history. I can see no reason that 1974 will not be another good year for us. As of now we are in need of a good rain, but other than that, I think we are in good shape," Palmer said.

J.W. Hammond, owner of Ben Franklin Store said that he had had a good year during 1973. "We don't anticipate any problems getting merchandise this coming year and we are optimistic that 1974 will be another good year for us," he said.

## Badgers Win 3rd Straight Dist. Game

By RONNIE ALDRIDGE

The Merkel Badgers won the third straight district 8-A game by soundly defeating the Roscoe Plowboys Friday night by a score of 81-57. This was also Merkel's seventh victory in their last eight games to bring the season's record to 10 wins and 7 losses. This was probably our best overall game of the season as we hit 53% of field goal attempts and were in complete control of the game from the first quarter on. The Badgers jumped out to a 22-11 first quarter lead, built it to 44-26 at halftime and held our biggest lead of the night at the end of three quarters by 62-34.

Darel Bunch took high-scoring honors for Merkel with 18 points as five Badgers scored in double figures. Other scoring went like this: David Copeland 16, Jeff Cox 15, Robert Morgan 10, Derrill Riggan 10, Terry Reed 8, and Billy Watts 4.

We want to thank the fans for your support as the Badger gym was about packed for the game. We play the Baird Bears this Friday night at Merkel. We would like for you to keep up your enthusiasm and support.

## Livestock Entry Deadline Is Jan. 12, Show Jan. 19

Deadline for entries in the Merkel Livestock Show which will be held January 19th at 1 p.m., is Saturday Jan. 12th. The judge for the show will be Lawrence Winkler of Albany. He is the Shackelford County Agent. Mr. Winkler is a known judge having judged in Abilene in the past years. There will be 2 classes of Barrows, lights and heavies.

## Alice Cooper Services Held

MERKEL --Alice L. Cooper, 82, died at 8 a.m. Monday in the Anson General Hospital. Services were at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the First Baptist Church in Merkel.

The Rev. Kenneth Jones, pastor, officiated. Burial was at Rose Hill Cemetery.

Born Feb. 23, 1891, in Arkansas, she moved to Bosqueville at an early age. She worked in the school cafeteria at Noodle for several years.

Mrs. Cooper moved to Merkel in December 1970. She married George H. Cooper in 1910 at Meridian. He died in March 1957.

Survivors are a daughter, Mrs. Rita Faye McLain of Houston; seven grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. E. O. Fields of Moody, and Mrs. Bess Parker of Meridian.

Two sons and two daughters preceded her in death. Pallbearers were Kent Satterwhite, Will Hendon, Curtis McAninch, Cal McAninch, Westdon McAninch and Carol Best.

**Band Boosters To Sponsor Chili Supper**  
The Band Boosters will sponsor a Chili Supper Friday, Jan. 11 from 5-7 p.m. at the School Cafeteria.

Chili, crackers and coffee or tea will be \$1.00. Dessert is extra. Proceeds will aid the club project for the school bands.

Mrs. John Brady, president, urges fans of the Merkel-Baird basketball games to come by for a "good old Texas Chili Supper."

Band Booster meeting will be Thursday, Jan. 10 at 7:30 p.m. at the Band Hall.



STEPS INTO THE DARK--Mary Pannell, Merkel Elementary student, leaves her bus at 8:15 a.m. Tuesday after the change in Daylight Savings time and steps into the darkness. (Photo by LaVonne Bunch.)

## Daylight Savings Makes Writer Wish for 5¢ Cigar!

By LAVONNE BUNCH

Daylight Savings Time has provoked a variety of problems for area residents. Aside from church attendance dropping steeply Sunday because of the ill-timed set-back, a feeling

of unrest prevailed the entire day.

But the real perplexity came Monday morning when the breadwinner left for work amid darkness. "I feel cold, broke and confused," is how one such worker summed it up. Road work and construction vehicles were at a standstill until daylight.

Later as the school buses made their route, lights aglow, heaters humming, several students didn't "catch" said bus because it seemed so early. The path of mothers, driving car pools (lights aglow, heaters humming) were seen inching along for fear of hitting little figure darting out of shadows.

This writer can't see any reduction of energy in this crisis nor would the problem be solved by starting school later. Actually, a time change would be a burden on working mothers and to students with after school jobs.

What this country needs is a good 5¢ cigar, two chickens in every pot and a car which runs on political hot air.

## School Board Leaves Class Starting Time Same Under DST

Merkel schools will remain the same, despite Daylight Savings Time.

In their first regular board meeting of 1974, after hearing the pro and con on what effect Daylight Savings Time is having on the students, the board members voted unanimously to leave the starting time the same.

Merkel students will attend classes from 8:30 to 3:30. Tye will go from 8:00 to 3:00. There was no one present to ask the board to change the time, but there was a small group of working mothers there asking for the time to remain the same. Most mothers go to work at 8 o'clock and did not want to leave their children alone until a latter school time, a spokesman for the group said.

With 272 out of 349 questionnaires sent to parents of school

children being returned, 130 wanted schools to continue starting classes at 8:30; 96 would like for classes to start at 9:00; and the remaining 46 asked for a 9:30 starting time. The questionnaire was sent to parents of students in grades one through six.

In other board actions they accepted a bid from Fisher Fina Gasoline Company to supply gas for the coming year, and accepted a bid from Forest Milk Company to supply milk this year.

The members turned down a bid from Cyrus Pee Insurance Company to change the coverage on the system's twelve buses and two pick-ups.

The buses and pick-ups are now covered with medical payments, up to \$1,000.00 for one year. Cost to school is \$26

per year. The new plan would have cost \$356 per year, with a coverage of \$2,500.00 and would pay up to three years.

It was reported to the school board members that from September 1, 1973, through Dec. 31, 1973, a total of \$42,778.41 in tax had been collected. In the same period last year there had been \$405,727.19 collected.

The Board authorized band director Glenn Reed to secure three bids for new band uniforms for the band. Reed said that they needed at least 75 new uniforms, at a cost of approximately \$135.00.

The last time new uniforms were bought was in 1955.

## Mrs. Hallie Burden Services Held Sat.

Mrs. Hallie Burden, 64, of Merkel died at 5 a.m. Thursday at her home. Justice of the Peace Roy Buchanan of Merkel ruled death by natural cause. Funeral was held at 2 p.m. Saturday in Merkel United Methodist Church.

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

Born May 26, 1909, in Taylor County, she had lived in Merkel all her life. She had worked for the Sadler Clinic for several years and worked at the Warren Clinic for eight years.

Survivors are a son, Dewell of Merkel; three sisters, Mrs. Ruth Cox of Merkel, Mrs. C. W. Guthrie of Big Spring and Mrs. Bill Hunt of Abilene; two stepbrothers, Kenneth Pee and Cyrus Pee, both of Merkel; a sister, Mrs. Anna Dunn of Merkel.

Nephews were pallbearers.

## Dan Butler Rites Held

Dan R. Butler, 75, of Trent, died at 6:55 p.m. Tuesday Jan. 1 at Hendrick Memorial Hospital after a short illness. Services were held at 2 p.m. Thursday Jan. 3 in Trent Baptist Church.

Sigma Phi sponsored the fund raising drive.

Alves issued the following statement: "I would like to thank Pat Neff, president, and Minvon Seymour, chairman of service committee, along with the rest of Lambda Beta Chapter for their help in raising this money."

The girl scout program is one of the most worthwhile in our community. I would like to thank everyone who contributed to the drive."

## Merkel Girl Scout Drive Nets \$215.83

Joe Alves, campaign chairman for Merkel Girl Scouts, has announced that a total of \$215.83 was collected for the Girl Scout Fund Drive.

Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta

## Charlie C. Gouge Rites Held Sat.

Charlie C. Gouge, 79, longtime Merkel resident, died at 4:10 p.m. Thursday in Hendrick Memorial Hospital following a lengthy illness. Services were held at 4 p.m. Saturday in the Calvary Baptist Church of Merkel.

The Rev. P.T. Stewart, pastor, officiated. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery under the direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

He was born May 9, 1894, in Durant, Okla. He married Nancy Elizabeth Massey July 21, 1920, in Denison. He served in World War I in the European Theatre. They moved to Merkel in 1940. He was employed as a mechanic by the Merkel Independent School District from 1942 until he retired in 1957. He was member of the Calvary Baptist Church since 1930.

He is survived by his wife; two sons, J.D. Gouge of Laurin and Billy C. Gouge of Warren, Ohio; three daughters, Mrs. C.M. Corcoran of Abilene, Mrs. George McMillin, and Mrs. Lloyd Mashburn, both of Mesquite; two brothers, Bruce of Weatherford and Howard of Arizona; five sisters, Mrs. Bill Plumlee of Breckenridge, Mrs. Millard Massey of California, Mrs. Andrew Johnston of Weatherford, Mrs. Ernest Waley of Granbury, and Mrs. Elmer Riggs of California; 14 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Billy Bob Neff, Billy Haynes, H.W. Higgins, Bob Garner, Beauford Hinds and John W. Smith.

## City Police News

The Merkel Police Department received a call at 11:00 p.m. January 2, 1974 indicating that someone had broken into a room at the Merkel Hotel. Investigation revealed that a Rafael Soto Ramirez, 18 years of age from Laredo, Texas had entered a room in the Merkel Hotel without the consent of the owner.

Ramirez stated that he was working for the Police in Laredo and that he was looking for drugs when he broke into the room. Further investigation revealed that Ramirez did not work for the Laredo Police Department, and he was charged with Burglary With Intent to Commit Theft, a second degree Felony under the new Texas Penal Code.

On Friday, January 4, 1974, Ramirez waived Grand Jury Proceedings and plead Guilty to the charge in the 104th District Court in Abilene and received three years Probation from Judge Neal Daniels.



OMAR BURLESON ... to run again

## Burleson Files For Re-Election

Congressman Omar Burleson, who represents the 17th District of Texas in the United States House of Representatives, has announced for reelection. He has filed for a place on the ballot in the Democratic Primary Election on May 4, 1974.

Burleson was elected to the 80th Congress from the 17th District and has been re-elected to each succeeding Congress. He is a member of the Ways and Means Committee, considered to be the most powerful and prestigious in the House.

## Vets Will Meet 15th

The regular meeting of the World War I Veterans and Auxiliary of Merkel-Trent Barracks will meet at Taylor Electric Co-op Tuesday, Jan. 15. There will be a covered dish supper. All members are urged to be present.

## Starr Nursing Home News

By Mary Outlaw

As this year starts we have a lot to be thankful for, I could name lots and lots but I'm most thankful for my health and second that I am sole owner of the Starr Nursing Home as of Dec. It has been ten long years of toil and worry at the new home but I think it was worth it all and I have a person much higher than I to give the credit to and that is our God. Without His help and the love of my friends I would never have reached the goal, but anyway I am most gracious.

Rev. A.S. Watson, pastor of the Stith Baptist Church filled his appointment Dec. 23rd. There was a large number that came to sing. Space won't permit everyone who came but we had such a nice service and they played Santa and visited each patient and brought them fruit. Thank you good people.

Ned Newson and daughters from Pittsburg, Texas, visited Mrs. Charlie West Sunday Dec. 23rd.

The Salvation Army from Abilene came and sang carols and brought gifts and candy during Christmas Holidays. Our thanks goes out to them.

During Christmas we had lots of caroling. The Tye Baptist Church and the Calvary Baptist Church came one night besides other people who didn't register.

Miss Ruby Griffin visited her sister in Abilene during the Christmas Holidays.

Our thanks goes out to Mr. and Mrs. J.L. (Luke) Clay of Merkel for the homemade chocolate covered mints. They brought a box for all three shifts. They were very delicious not counting the pounds they caused.

We had a lot of company during Christmas and if I slighted any of you, I'm sorry but everyone is welcome.

We would have had this News off but Carolyn, my niece, who works for me gets all the blame. I went to Arizona to see Jim, Brenda, Pam and Ricky the week after Christmas and she forgot to deliver the News so we are late.

Joyce Minnich, my daughter, flew to Chandler, Ariz. to visit Brenda and family for Christmas. The weather is beautiful there and Jim's Alfalfa is real green. At this time of year. Besides working on his farm on the side.

Mrs. Cleo Douglas daughters came in from Christmas, the one from Midland and the other from Mississippi. They took Mrs. Douglas home for Christmas which was very nice for all the family.

We would like to thank the 30 children that came from the First Baptist Church Merkel and brought fruit and sang carols at Christmas. We still have fruit salad and whipping cream.

W.C. Landers spent Christmas at lawn with his brother, Bill Boyer and because he was gone but we were glad he could go. Bill and W.C. are roommates.

We really miss Mrs. Nola Spratlin. We lost her by death, and loved Nola very much. She was one of the nicest people we have ever had the plea-

sure to meet. She used to visit our patients for years before she became so ill. She was a diabetic for over thirty years. I'm sure it was a relief for her to go on to a better world. Our sympathy goes to Lewis and Carol and to her sister, Mrs. Luther Orsborn.

Mrs. Bressendine has had as visitors lately, Mr. and Mrs. Red Carol of Abilene, and Mrs. Bob Cole of Clyde.

Thank you so much, Mr. and Mrs. Waymon Adcock for the dozen new dresses you gave the Nursing Home. Some of the patients are enjoying them.

Neva Stinson of Clyde worked for us two days last week. It seemed like old times. We were so glad to have her again. She is Mrs. Bressendine's daughter, who has been with us five years. Granny is the one who is past 90 and hollers help when she wants a dip of snuff which is too often.

Mr. and Mrs. H.W. Shaw of Galveston, Texas, visited her father William Wines during the Holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver of Ft. Worth and her two daughters visited Mr. Easterwood for Christmas. Pat is Mr. Easterwood's ex daughter-in-law but she has been real nice to visit him since he has been a resident here. It is nice to know someone care. He only has one son who is in the service in California.

There was a large number from the Hodges Baptist Church that came to the home to sing songs and bring gifts. Each patient received a nice gift. Thank you good people.

We would like to thank C.A. Holder for the homemade candy and cookies he brought the home. I'm sure that Mrs. Holder had a hand in it. The Poinsettia they sent for the Piano was beautiful and everyone enjoyed it.

Mr. Russel Fagan of Clyde visited Mitchell Fagan, his father, last week.

Sunday Dec. 30th the Church of Christ people of Merkel came for the service. We are grateful to Mr. Pribble for bringing them. It was a very good song service. When some one forgets to come it is nice to know you have a good friend you can depend on to come and cheer the people in our home.

Ruth Smith, our relief nurse, visited her children in Abilene during Christmas holidays. Her daughter, Jean Morris and family from Sedalia, Mo., were also guests.

The Calvary Baptist, Merkel, filled their appointment this Sunday Jan. 6. There was a large attendance and everyone reported a nice service. Lots of good singing.

## Vet Questions And Answers

Q--I know a veteran's widow who draws death pension from the Veterans Administration and lives in a nursing home. Is she eligible for additional benefits if she is in need of regular aid and attendance?

A--Yes. She would be entitled to an additional special monthly pension of \$5 if she draws benefits under the current pension law, or an additional \$50 monthly under the "old" law.

## Accent on Health

J.E. PEAVY, M.D., Commissioner of Health

New Year's resolutions are those often-abused commitments that people make to themselves, and to others, for a better life in the coming year. If your list of resolutions is a little short this year, the Texas State Department of Health offers a few suggestions:

First, and most important, see that every member of your family has a thorough check-up. Let your family doctor give you a complete physical examination, especially if you're over forty, even if you do "just gettin' older." A regular, complete physical exam is the best way yet devised to head off health problems.

Smoking has been identified as a major contributor to cancer, heart disease, and other forms of body abuse. If you do smoke, don't start. If you at least cut down drastically.

Take a minute to check your children's immunization records. If you don't have them, give your family doctor a call and ask him to see that your children have received all their immunizations. If not, give your children full protection immediately. You're better safe than sorry.

Remember that children are not the only ones susceptible to tooth decay. Visit your dentist at least once during the year. If he finds more cavities or periodontal disease than you expected, ask him about the latest techniques in preventive dentistry and oral hygiene.

Eating the right food is essential to your health, so resolve to eat a balanced diet from the four food groups. And remember that meat isn't the only source of protein. Seafood, milk products, beans, soy beans, nuts, and cereals are also excellent sources of protein.

Is there a bulge in your body that shouldn't be there—especially around the midsection? You should know that too much weight can contribute to high blood pressure, heart disease, and many other physical problems, all of which could lead to an early death. Promise yourself to start avoiding those delicious little tidbits that put on pounds. Just as important, begin an exercise program to tone up those muscles and give you new vigor.

Don't forget the pets in your family. Be sure that they're fully protected against rabies and other animal-borne diseases. If everyone who owns a pet had him vaccinated, under control, and away from wild animals, the incidence of rabies could be reduced to almost nothing.

What about your family's natural habit—is it safe? Check to see that your up-to-date on safety measures. All electrical outlets should be properly wired, not overloaded, and empty outlets should be covered with a simple plastic cap to keep out curious children's fingers. Make sure all poisonous items, including bleach, dyes, soaps and detergents, shoe polish, moth balls, and all kinds of medicines, are kept with a prescription or "over-the-counter"—are safely out of children's reach. Double-check your heating system, especially if you use portable space heaters. You could become a victim of carbon monoxide if stoves aren't vented properly.

Become involved in community activities that help improve everyone's environment. Volunteer your services to any of the fine organizations that are dedicated to the fight against disease, poverty, and disability. You'll be amazed by how much you can do with just an hour or two a week of your time.

Last, but not least, tack your list of resolutions to the wall in your bedroom or bathroom so you'll have to face it every morning.

We hope you'll get the good health habit in 1974. Good luck, and good health, from your Texas State Department of Health!

The end of the year is a time for reflection, and the season provides the occasion for taking note of the many blessings received during the past 12 months.

Among these, says the State Health Department, are the many gifts in public health provided with the use of your tax dollars.

Loans and grants for upgrading and adding hospital beds for Texans were channeled through the Health Facilities Construction Section. Your gift included assistance to 1,157 school districts in implementing new Texas immunization laws and purchasing 2 1/2 million doses of protective vaccine.

Crippled children were aided through hospitalization, medical or surgical care, artificial appliances and other services. Your gift went to 12,358 crippled children living in the state.

Better emergency medical care was assured through the

Emergency Medical Services Division by the training of 2,283 ambulance attendants and inspecting and licensing of 825 ambulances.

Your health budget provided Health Care Division to oversee payments of overwhelming medical expenses for many Texans who must undergo life-sustaining dialysis treatment with an artificial kidney machine or have a transplant operation.

Through the Title XIX dental and medical programs, thousands of Texas youngsters received screening, diagnosis and treatment.

Confidential venereal disease treatment went to 60,000 Texans.

For safe drinking water you paid some 250,000 water analyses for bacteriological quality in Health Department Laboratories. Plans for 700 water-related projects were appraised and sanitary surveys made on 1,350 public water systems. Approved water supplies serve more than 90 percent of the Texas population.

More than 6,000 certified water supply operators and some 4,000 wastewater plant operators have been tested and found competent.

To help prevent public health and environmental problems from developing, State Health Department personnel surveyed more than 400 disposal sites and made 80 engineering evaluations on new and existing sites.

Your technicians collected 953 water samples from 953 water samples from major streams and lake to help protect your surface water supplies. They collected water samples from oyster growing areas along the Texas coast and made 3,482 field tests aboard the Department's inspection boat.

Your gift budget funded operation of three Public Health Regions providing needed services to 60 counties with a population of more than two million persons. Addition of two new Public Health Regions during the year is bringing health service to 53 counties and 1.5 million others.

Your gift budget this year also included money for: --Sixty-nine state participating local health departments covering 81 percent of the population.

--Laboratory services for millions of tests and doses of vaccine and toxoids in support of your good health.

--Operation of three chest hospitals and a network of chest clinics under the Tuberculosis Control Program, plus contractual arrangements with private physicians and hospitals for hospital, laboratory and X-ray services.

--More than 8,200 sanitary inspections of food and drug manufacturers and their warehouses and the removal of more than 276,000 pounds of contaminated and drugs unfit for human use.

--Public health nurses to provide service to more than 630,495 persons.

--Maintenance of more than 17 million Vital Statistics.

--Operation of the nation's largest public health education film library furnishing more than 3,900 educational films on a free loan basis.

--Giving Maternal and Child Health Services to more than 50,000 children and twice that many maternity and family planning patients, extending nutrition, vision and hearing programs, and screening newborns for a condition which could cause retardation.

--Surveying 920 nursing and convalescent homes for health and safety.



ALBERTO CASTILLO finishes training

## Seaman Castillo Graduates

Seaman Recruit Alberto Castillo, son of Mr. Antonio S. Castillo of Route 1, Merkel, graduated from recruit training at the Naval Training center in Orlando, Fla. recently.

## HONOR ROLL

John Cain, Merkel Elementary School principal, has released the following list of students making the honor roll.

### HONOR ROLL "A"

1st Grade

James Allday  
Benny Allgaier  
Donny Brady  
James Allday, Benny Allgaier, Donny Brady, Connie Branton, Jason Castille, Jerry Davis, David Glasscock, Tim Jacobs, Cody Johnson, Missy Jones, Darren Pack, Gayle Rickie, Kenny Sims, Tamara Watson, Cindy Williams.

2nd Grade  
Lori Aldridge, Angie Allen, Scott Alves, Bonnie Anderson, Steven Davis, Jill Douglass, Jay Gibson, Traylor Gregory, Tommy Hays, Brenda Hobbart, Carlton Kincaid, B.J. Kinder, Russell Lucas, Billy McKeehan, Kimberly Pack, Cindy Sims.

3rd Grade  
Greg Arnwine, Rosie Biera, Tammye Cloyd, Melinda Holmes, Pam Massey, Melissa Tomlinson, Windi Whisenand, Kyle Wolf.

4th Grade  
Rene Aiken, Susan Allgaier, Kristi Alves, Loyce Baker, Nancy Clink, Roberta Duran, Mary Fariello, Larry Hines, Janice Jacobs, Paul Kannel, Sharryl Luckey, O.C. Khan, Maria Moreno, Lay Ray, Connie Page, Stacy Seymour, Yvonne Swinney, David Wilkerson, Deborah Williams.

### HONOR ROLL "A"- "B"

1st Grade  
Joe Biera, Billy Farquhar, Brian Ford, Jaral Pannell, Melody Pape, Michael Reddin, Shane Smith, Johnny Starbuck, Cindy Toney, Marsha Tutt, Dusti Whisenand, Jenny Wilde, Sean Woodard.

2nd Grade  
Kim Battreal, Brooks Boyd, Craig Cooley, Steve Foglie, Joan Fariello, Freddy Fortune, Wayne Horton, Judy Jinkens, Mary Ledford, Paula Massey, Kimberly Speaks, Charlotte Toney, Ray Walters, Pam Wheeler, John Ybarra.

3rd Grade  
Amye Amerine, Tina Bicknell, Tonja Bicknell, Tim Brady, Calvin Cooley, Mike Hagar, Eddy Harris, Randy Leverich, Stormy Magee, Eddie Martin, Chris Mashburn, Jackie Owen, Kandy Richie, Jeff Scott.

4th Grade  
Leighton Batey, Tammie Cunningham, Yolanda Flores, Christine Franklin, Charlotte Hendricks, Victor Ortega, Mary Pannell, Mike Pape, Leisa Rayburn, Kim Smith, Ann Wooten.

## New Motion Picture

AUSTIN, Texas (Spl.)-- A light-hearted treatment of the home-buying escapades of an average couple, Mr. and Mrs. Everyman, is the subject of a new motion picture produced at the University of Texas. The film, "A Place of Our Own," was made by UT's Radio-Television-Film Department for the Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae) of Washington, D. C.



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## COTTON CLASSING REPORT

Samples classed by the Abilene Cotton Classing Office have now reached 482,600, according to B.B. Manly, Jr., in charge of the USDA's Abilene Classing Office. This compares with 285,000 at this time last year, and the total classed from that crop was 464,000. An additional 60 to 70 thousand more samples are expected to be classed this season.

The quality of cotton classed shows little change from the last report. Predominant qualities were as follows: 9 percent grade 31; 11 percent grade 41; 34 percent grade 32; and 34 percent grade 42. Staple lengths were 48 percent staple 30; 45 percent staple 31; and 5 percent staple 32.

Micronaire readings were 89 percent in the premium 3.5 to 4.9 range with 7 percent below, and 5 percent above the premium range.

Cotton prices have dropped as much as 6 cents per pound since the new year began. According to the Agricultural Marketing Service, prices were very high as the year ended. Strong market conditions at the end of the year and weak conditions in early January are fairly normal. Prices possibly went higher in late December than at any other time in the year; with grade 31, staple 32 cotton bringing up to 72 cents per pound.

Some prices for predominant qualities (premium micronaire) this week were: grade 32 with staple 30 (3230) brought

52.95 to 56.95, grade 3231 brought 59.50 to 62.00.

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### REPORT OF CONDITION, CONSOLIDATING DOMESTIC SUBSIDIARIES, OF THE

Farmers & Merchants National Bank of Merkel, Texas

IN THE STATE OF TEXAS, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON December 31, 1973 PUBLISHED IN RESPONSE TO CALL MADE BY TROOPER OF THE CURRENCY, UNDER TITLE 12, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 161.

	Dollars	Cts.
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and due from banks (including \$ 0000 unposted debits)	1,316,660	53
U.S. Treasury securities	1,787,325	00
Other securities (including 12,000.00 corporate stock)	1,774,861	52
Obligations of States and political subdivisions	1,200,855	77
Other securities (including 12,000.00 corporate stock)	9,000	00
Trading account securities	none	
Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell	1,000,000	00
Loans	1,538,283	65
Bank premises, furniture and fixtures, and other assets representing bank premises	60,000	00
Real estate owned other than bank premises	none	
Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and "associated companies"	none	
Customers' liability to this bank on acceptances outstanding	none	
Other assets (including \$ 0000 direct lease financing)	7,086	96
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>7,086</b>	<b>96</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	1,116,658	80
Time and savings deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	1,503,524	16
Deposits of United States Government	28,805	46
Deposits of States and political subdivisions	291,351	08
Deposits of foreign governments and official institutions	none	
Deposits of commercial banks	none	
Certified and officers' checks, etc.	28,352	28
<b>TOTAL DEPOSITS</b>	<b>2,948,337</b>	<b>81</b>
(a) Total demand deposits	1,418,114	66
(b) Total time and savings deposits	1,530,223	15
Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase	none	
Liabilities for borrowed money	none	
Mortgage indebtedness	none	
Acceptances executed by or for account of this bank and outstanding	none	
Other liabilities	none	
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>1,418,114</b>	<b>66</b>
<b>RESERVES ON LOANS AND SECURITIES</b>		
Reserve for bad debt losses on loans (set up pursuant to IRS rulings)	none	
Other reserves on loans	100,000	00
Reserves on securities	100,000	00
<b>TOTAL RESERVES ON LOANS AND SECURITIES</b>	<b>200,000</b>	<b>00</b>
<b>CAPITAL ACCOUNTS</b>		
Capital notes and debentures	none	
Equity capital-total	608,291	66
Preferred stock-total par value	none	
No. shares outstanding	150,000	00
Common Stock-total par value	150,000	00
No. shares authorized	3,000,000	
No. shares outstanding	3,000,000	
Surplus	150,000	00
Undivided profits	308,291	66
Reserve for contingencies and other capital reserves	none	
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS</b>	<b>608,291</b>	<b>66</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES, RESERVES, AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS</b>	<b>7,086,961</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>MEMORANDA</b>		
Average of total deposits for the 15 calendar days ending with call date	6,189	55
Average of total loans for the 15 calendar days ending with call date	1,531	91
Interest collected net earned on installment loans included in total capital accounts	10,025	10
Standby letters of credit	none	
I, Betty Jane Tittle, Cashier, of the above-named bank do hereby declare that this report of condition is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.		
We, the undersigned directors attest the correctness of this report of condition and declare that it has been examined by us and to the best of our knowledge and belief is true and correct.		

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

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

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AUSTIN, Tex. -- Legislative leaders expressed optimism for success of the state Constitution Convention which opened at noon Tuesday (Jan. 8).

Planning committees have worked out a fast-paced 81-day schedule which may, or may not, hold up. Optimists see at least a 50-50-chance of success, noting that of 12 constitutions offered voters in other states during the last 12 years, half were rejected, frequently on a single issue. House Speaker Price Daniel Jr., projected presiding officer of the historic convention, the first since 1875, hopes to have committee hearings started by January 16. Preliminary briefings by corresponding committees of

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on the docket of said court and styled John Freeze, Plaintiff, vs. Jim Griffin and wife, Gaye Griffin, Defendants.

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 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

STATE CAPITAL  
**Highlights AND Sidelights**  
by Bill Boykin

the 37-member Constitutional Revision Commission will precede the committee hearings. Daniel claims the convention, composed of 181 legislators, will be successful because delegates have a down-to-business attitude and are the best prepared group (thanks to work of the Revision Commission) ever to undertake such a task.

Such controversial issues as right-to-work inclusion in the constitution, legislative pay raises and appointive appellate judges, under Daniel's plan, would be submitted to voters as separate issues. That procedure, the speaker maintains, would prevent jeopardizing a largely non-controversial document because of a handful of hot potatoes.

POLITICAL SEASON -- Major candidates are getting in place for the 1974 primary races.

Attorney General John Hill announced for a second term. Agriculture Commissioner John White announced for a 13th.

Gov. Dolph Briscoe revealed his plans (back in late October) to seek a second term. Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby will be doing the same. Others already on the starting blocks include Railroad Commissioners Jim Langdon and Mack Wallace, Land Commissioner Bob Armstrong and Treasurer Jesse James (although some haven't announced formally).

Comptroller Robert Calvert remains a question mark. Whether or not he retires, former Secretary of State Bob Bullock is running for his office, and State Sen. Jim Wallace of Houston is a probable.

Republicans have fielded in the governor's race Henry Grover, Jim Cranberry, State Rep. Ray Hutchison and Odell McBrayer.

**SPEED LIMIT CHANGE DUE** -- With President Nixon's signature of the nationwide 55 miles per hour speed limit law, Texas has no choice but to follow suit.

The State Highway Commission, under a new law passed in special session last month giving it authority to establish new speed limits to meet emergencies, scheduled a January 8 public hearing.

Result of the hearing was clear in advance: the limit will be lowered to 55 mph -- probably enforceable by late January or early February.

The alternative: losing some \$240 million a year in federal highway assistance.

**AG OPINIONS** -- political action committees have to report expenditures to influence elections, Atty. Gen. Hill held.

However, Hill said that determining whether such committees come under campaign reporting and disclosure law provisions is a question for factual determination in each case.

In other recent opinions, Hill concluded:  
\* A law requiring financial statements by public officials is constitutional, and district judges are covered.  
\* A county commissioners court may transfer surplus road and bridge funds into the general fund.

\* A member of the Parks and Wildlife Commission is entitled to reimbursement for expenses for meetings which are not regularly scheduled.

\* A person who spends in excess of \$200 per calendar quarter by paying another to communicate directly with a legislator would not have to register under the new lobby act.

\* Texas Rehabilitation Commission can act on behalf of the state in entering an agreement with the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare to carry out provisions of the Social Security Act. The commissioner of TRC is the proper official to execute the agreement.

**APPOINTMENTS** -- Gov. Briscoe appointed Ralph Darden of Corpus Christi to the Texas A&I University board of directors, succeeding William H. Atkinson of Kenedy. Briscoe picked Eduardo Marquez of El Paso to be 65th

district judge, replacing the late Judge Jack Fant. Blake Allen of Corsicana was named by Briscoe to the Trinity River Authority. Joe Sage of San Antonio was appointed chairman of a new permanent House subcommittee on military and veterans affairs.

Frank Hildebrand, Texas Tourist Development Agency executive director, is new first vice-chairman of the National organization of the U.S. travel industry. "Discover America Travel Organization."

**COURTS SPEAK** -- U.S. Fifth Court of Appeals held the housing authority of Hidalgo County should not have been allowed to seize belongings of a migrant farm worker's wife for non-payment of rent.

The state's authority to prohibit public use of the term "engineering" by unlicensed persons or firms was upheld by the Second Court of Civil Appeals in Fort Worth.

Texas Supreme Court approved Lipscomb County school trustees' plans to annex most of Lipscomb ISD.

**FOOD STAMP CARDS SENT** -- Three hundred thousand needy Texans received cards authorizing food stamps for them early this month.

Welfare Commissioner Raymond Vowell, meanwhile, alerted his field offices to give special handling to stamps for the aged, blind and disabled whose federal assistance checks are late or incorrect. Vowell said steps were taken to assure that none of these go without food stamps this month because they do not have cash for bonus stamps or because of errors or late deliveries of supplemental security income checks.

### SHORT SNORTS

Internal Revenue has set up a toll-free long distance line by which Texans in the southern half of the state can get guidance on their income tax problems. The number is 1-800-252-1000.

Texas Aeronautics Commission set a January 11 hearing on application of Trans Western Airlines to provide five DC-3 round-trip daily flights between San Antonio and Corpus Christi. On the same agenda, TAC will consider Southwest Airlines' request to suspend weekend flights between San Antonio and Houston due to fuel shortages. Another application, by Maverick Airways, proposes two round-trip flights daily between San Antonio and San Angelo.

La Raza Unida party apparently will place its main emphasis on local races this year, although it is also considering some statewide races, according to leaders.

### Winter Fire Checkup Can Prevent Deaths

Some 278 persons died in Texas home fires last year, with peak death rates in the cold winter months, the Texas Safety Association reports with a reminder for heating device checkups.

Many fires caused by faulty heating devices are avoidable with basic precautions, says TSA.

## Pine Seedlings To Be Given At Arbor Day Ceremonies

Governor and Mrs. Briscoe will head the list of dignitaries attending and participating in the state-wide Arbor Day observance scheduled for Friday, January 18.

Others who will participate on the program include: Dr. Stephen H. Spurr, pre ident, University of Texas at Austin and a member of the Presidents Advisory Panel on Timber and the Environment; Mrs. A. C. Hughes, president, The Texas Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc., Commerce; Mrs. G. Browning Smith, president, Texas Garden Clubs, Inc., Harlingen.

Pine tree seedlings suitable for home beautification will be distributed to those who attend the Arbor Day ceremony in the Abilene Civic Center on Friday, January 18. This announcement came today from D. A. Anderson, Head, Information & Education Department, Texas Forest Service, College Station.

Both Austrian and ponderosa pine will be packaged in a moisture proof bag and will be ready for planting, Anderson said.

Additionally, Anderson continued, each participant in the event will be presented with a packet of Arbor Day materials and pecans. The pecans, he stated, were provided by the

Texas Pecan Growers Association. Pecan is the state tree of Texas.

Distribution of the tree seedlings will be supervised by Mrs. Maurice Brooks, Arbor Day Chairman, Abilene Women's Club, and Members of her committee.

Plans for the state-wide Arbor Day ceremony in Abilene were developed by Anderson in cooperation with an Abilene planning committee made up of: Troup Sampley, Chairman; H.P. Clifton, J.C. Hunter, Jr., Boone Powell, Jr., Jack Gressett, Richard Dillard, Mrs. Richard Bacon, Dr. Earl Harrison, Mrs. Jarrett Williams, Mrs. Maurice Brooks, Mrs. G.E. Swinson, Mrs. Margaret Teasier, Thurston Carter, W.H. Shaw, Cliff Caldwell, Roy Skaggs, Lynn Yantis, Dr. Harold Brinson, Mrs. Frank Scarborough and Henry Doscher.

As part of the Arbor Day ceremony a pecan tree will be planted in honor of the late Robert M. Wagstaff, Governor and Mrs. Briscoe will participate in the dedication of the tree.

The public is invited to the state-wide observance which will commence at 10:30 a.m. and extend through a noon luncheon. Tickets for the luncheon are available at Abilene banks, the Chamber of Commerce and from the Abilene Women's Club.

## Crossword Puzzle

**ACROSS**

- Eddy
- Satisfactory
- Triumph
- African plant
- Car part
- Poem
- Related
- Part
- Compass point
- Fowl
- Renowned
- Furniture
- Foot-like part
- Egyptian city
- Oregon city
- Manufacturer
- Interval
- Girl's name
- Owned
- Append
- Mark
- Be
- Resort

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56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66
67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77

**DOWN**

- Values
- Shrubs
- Card
- the lion
- Confined to school
- Cattle
- Aged
- Prefix: away
- Texture
- Useless
- Require
- Resistor
- Repaired shoes again
- Impeded
- Vetch
- Gloomy
- Facilitate
- Silkworm
- Encountered
- Greek letter
- Title: Span.
- Cuckoo
- Asian mountain
- Limb
- Tin Tin
- Suffix
- Consumed
- Spread grass to school
- Ascended
- Mongrels
- On water
- Grass
- Greek god
- Isolated rock
- Elf
- Region
- Vegetable
- Indian
- Exist

**Answer to Puzzle**

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**Merkel Country Club**  
Saturday Night, Jan. 12th  
**Country Western Night**  
Back by popular demand  
**West Texas Wranglers**  
("Please Make Reservations")  
Dining 7:30-9:00  
Band 8:30-1:00  
Jan. 19  
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## BADGER TRACKS

By JANIE CLARK

**Hi!** This is the week for the 1st Semester Report Cards. Some people are happy about their grades and some people aren't.

Last Monday and Tuesday try-outs were held for the U.L.L. contest play and other

activities are being planned for the Drama and Speech Club. Also, try-outs for the Individual competitions will be held soon. Miss Vickie Babington is the Sponsor.

Last Friday night the Badgers played Roscoe here and defeated them. The girls had some bad luck--after one overtime play, they lost by 5 points. The B boys won their game.

The Band Boosters are sponsoring a Chili Supper Friday night. Everyone is invited to come and eat before the ball game with Baird.

I hope this year so far has been good for you and will stay good for the rest of the year.

See you next week.

### Merkel 4-H Meets Thurs.

The Merkel 4-H Club will meet this Thursday, January 10th at 7:30 p.m. at the Taylor Electric Co-op.

Shawn Moore is in charge of the program.

### Fortnightly Club Met December 11

Mrs. Comer Haynes was hostess for the Fortnightly Study Club Christmas Program Dec. 11.

Christmas music was presented by Mrs. Edwin Read, who played the violin, and by Mrs. Andy Shouse and Miss Gloria Moore, who sang Christmas Carols. Mrs. J. H. Clark Jr. accompanied Mrs. Read, Mrs. Shouse and Miss Moore.

A delightful Christmas story "A Star For Christmas" was given by Mrs. Carl Hughes.

Those present were: Mmes. Edwin Read, J. H. Clark Jr., Johnny Cox, Ray Wilson, David Gamble, Charlie Eager, Stanley Toombs, Lem Dudley, W. R. Cyfert, S. C. Dixon, Maci Fisher, N. S. Daniel, Andy Shouse, Carl Hughes, Bryan Dunagin, Don Dudley, Comer Haynes and Misses Gloria Moore and Christine Collins.

### Missionettes

By SUSAN ALLGAIER

At our weekly meeting this Friday we had 11 present.

We decided to make some new rules for the Missionettes.

In three weeks we will have an election and on Monday night February 18 we will have our crowning service.

## Miss Landers, Bride Of Don Warren Jr.

Miss Dana Kim Landers became the bride of Donald "Dee" West Warren, Jr. during a ceremony on Saturday, December 29th, in Johnson Street Church of Christ in San Angelo. The associate minister, Press Higginbotham officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. L. C. Landers of 519 N. Pope, and the bridegroom is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Donald W. Warren of Merkel.

Maid of honor was Miss Delores Kennedy, and matron of honor was the bride's sister-in-law, Mrs. Scott Landers. Bride maid was Mrs. Nicholas Hoelscher of Austin.

Jerry Barne of Merkel served as best man. Other attendants were the bridegroom's brother, Pat Warren of Merkel, and David Spurgers. The ushers were Mike Warren of Merkel, and Bud Campbell of San Angelo.

Reception houseparty included Mrs. Pat Warren, Miss Pamela Mashburn, Miss Debbie Mashburn of Merkel and Miss Linda Rivers and Miss Joyce Belmont of San Angelo.

The bride is a graduate of San Angelo Central High School



MR. AND MRS. DONALD WARREN JR.  
...wed in Dec. 29th rites

and employed with a local firm. Her husband is a graduate of Merkel High School and a senior biology major at Angelo State University.

The couple will reside in San Angelo.

## Merkelites Sight 'Kohutec'

Several Merkelites reported seeing the Comet, "Kohutec" Sunday evening. The phenomenon has been dubbed "the Comet of our Century."

A local woman reported seeing the star-streak while driving her automobile. Many persons viewed it from the steps of the First Baptist Church. The comet can be seen in 'the Southwest as the sun sets.

### Registration To Begin Jan. 14

SNYDER--Registration for the spring semester at Western Texas College is scheduled Jan. 14-15, Dr. Duane Hood, Dean of Student Services has announced.

No pre-registration is planned, but students may schedule pre-enrollment conferences with counselors through Jan. 11. Students who plan to apply for Basic Education Opportunity Grants must do so by Feb. 1.

Sophomore students are to register from 1-5 p.m. on Jan. 14. Evening students will register from 6:30-9:30 on that date. Freshmen will register from 8 a.m. to noon on Jan. 15. Classes begin the following day.

## Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Day of Abilene announce the marriage of their daughter, Randa to Jerry Don Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Williams of Merkel.

The wedding will be Jan. 26 at Saint Marks Episcopal Church in Abilene.

Both are employed at the high school.

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- To decrease heat loss and reduce energy cost in rooms that are not in use at night or in extremely cold weather, draw the draperies and lower the shades over the windows, glass panels and doors. If the sun is shining on glass areas, open the draperies. The sun shining through the glass will supply additional heat at no cost.
- Some wall heaters have fan-forced circulation. To clean, turn the unit "OFF". Blow dust out of unit with vacuum exhaust attachment. Clean the grill cover with a vacuum or warm detergent water.
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## Couple Exchanged Vows Dec. 14th

Rebecca Lynn Santee and Jerry Holmes exchanged marriage vows Friday, Dec. 14th at the home of the bridegroom's aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny McDaniel, with Father Bridge of the Sacred Heart Parish in Abilene officiating.

The bride is the daughter of C.M.S. and Mrs. Thomas D. Santee of Merkel. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Holmes of Merkel. Matron of honor was Becky Acuna of Merkel. Best man was Mike Holmes, brother of the bridegroom. Flower girl was Linda Holmes, sister of the bridegroom. Ringbearer was Danny Santee, brother of the bride.

The bride is a senior at Merkel High School. The bridegroom is a graduate of Merkel High School and works for Sojourner Oil Co.

The couple will live in Merkel.



MRS. HOLMES ... formerly Rebecca Santee

## Hammons Named SS Dist. Manager

According to information received from Wayman E. Register, Regional Commissioner, and Eugene J. Riegler, Regional Representative, of Dallas, M. Glyn Hammons, formerly assistant district manager, has been named as district manager for the 15-county Abilene Social Security District. He will succeed Bob Tule, who retired Dec. 28, 1973. The appointment of Hammons is to be effective immediately.

Hammons reported to the

Abilene office as assistant district manager in early 1969, coming from El Dorado, Arkansas. Prior to that he had served in social security offices in Santa Fe, New Mexico, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

He is a native of Deport, in Northeast Texas. He was reared in Oklahoma and was graduated from Oklahoma City University.

As assistant district manager for the Abilene district, Hammons has assisted in supervision of the Brownwood branch office, trained new employees and served as coordinator of the staff for Medicare matters. He has attended various career development seminars, schools, and classes as preparation for promotion with the Administration.

Hammons is an active member of various civic organizations, namely, Kiwanis Club, Combined Federal Campaign, and is a member of the Methodist church. He is married and has three children.

As District Manager, Hammons will supervise the 15-county district, which has over 50,000 beneficiaries. Since he has visited and spoken to organizations in most of the counties of the district, Hammons is no stranger.

## Tractor Contest Set March 9

Paul R. Chilen, Department of Agricultural Engineering, Texas A&M University, met with service representatives of leading farm machinery manufacturers last week in Fort Worth to confirm the rules for the 1974 FFA State Tractor Mechanics Contest. This contest, with over \$2,000 worth of mechanics' tools as prizes, is held each year at the Southwest Farm Show in March. Ten FFA districts from throughout Texas hold elimination contests to determine which chapter will go to Fort Worth for this most competitive final event.

This year the competition will get underway Saturday morning, March 9, in Tarrant County Convention Center with preliminary judging and finals being held in the Tractor Pull Arena at 5:30 p.m. the same day. Winning teams will be announced and awards presented to the winning team prior to the Tractor Pull at 8 p.m.

"We are proud of the job the State is doing in training young farm boys to work on equipment," said Red Ewald, of Red Ewald, Inc., Karnes City, Committee Chairman.

"I am impressed with the ability shown by these young men after this training."

**Students Get Aid**

AUSTIN, Texas (Spl.) -- About one of every 10 students at The University of Texas has received some sort of financial aid for 1973-74.

Funds exceeding \$4.8 million went to more than 4,000 students.

More than \$2.2 million came in the form of State-supported Hinson-Hazelwood Loans,

## Council Searching For Rural Hero

The search is underway for Texas' rural hero of 1973. The Rural Heroism Award, sponsored by the Texas Farm and Ranch Safety Council, is presented annually to some deserving person who has performed an act of exceptional bravery during a time of crisis, according to Bullard, Council vice president and assistant safety director for the Texas Farm Bureau.

All entries must be submitted by March 1, 1974, to the Rural Heroism Award Committee, Texas Farm and Ranch Safety Council, P.O. Box 489, Waco, Texas, 76703, according to Bullard.

The heroic act or deed must have occurred in Texas during 1973 and must be related to farming or ranching operations. Nominations should include a written account of the incident and the names of all persons involved. Newspaper clippings and pictures should also accompany the nomination, if available.

MRS. MURL SMITH took a tumble on the icy streets Thursday beside Merkel Drug and broke her hip.

TRUMAN HOLLOWAY has been hospitalized this past week as a result of an accident while at work. His condition is good, and he is to be released soon.

MRS. MYRTLE WALKER is improving in West Texas Medical Center.

CHARLIE SEAGO has entered the hospital this week for tests and diagnoses.

VISITING with Mrs. Eva Denton and Mrs. Mae Bush during the Holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Bradford and Family, Oklahoma City, Okla., Mr. and Mrs. Manley Denton and Family, Birmingham, Ala., Mr. and Mrs. Kent Denton and family, Mesquite, Texas, and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bush and Janis, Dallas, Texas.

MR. AND MRS. DOUGLAS Barnhart and baby daughter, Karen of Ventura, Calif., were recent visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Barnhart. They also visited in the home of Mrs. Douglas Barnhart's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Godfrey of Anson, visiting in the home of the M.L. Barnharts over the holidays also was their daughter, Ann Barnhart of Lubbock.

MRS. A.V. (Dollie) HENSLEE of Granbury, Texas wrote The Merkel Mail to renew her subscription and said she used to live in Merkel and around Merkel. She stated that she had lots of friends and relative here and The Merkel Mail seemed like getting a letter from home.

VISITORS in the home of Mrs. John Shaw during the Christmas Holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Royce Mashburn of Wichita Falls, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Benny Mashburn and Children of Ontario, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Warren Shaw and Son of Irving, Tex.; Mrs. Brenda Hardin and Children of Lawn, Tex.; Mr. and Mrs. Wade Shaw of Gainville, Tex.; M.J. Shaw of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mashburn of Stith.

Samantha and Jo Nell Mashburn of Carlsbad, N.M., have been visiting with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Mashburn, Jason and Jennifer during the Christmas Holidays. They also have been visiting with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mashburn. Other visitors in the Mashburn home during the Holidays were Mr. Mashburn's mother, Mrs. R.B. Worley of Mountain Air, N.M.; Mr. and Mrs. A.R. Aman of Granbury, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Royce Mashburn of Wichita Falls; Mrs. Rodney Mashburn and Joshua of Merkel; Mrs.

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