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Merkel Bank Deposits Up, Merchants See Good '74

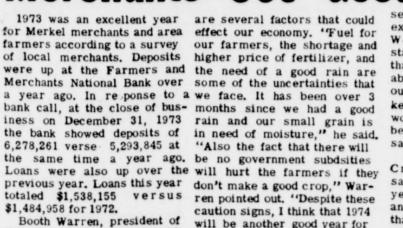
\$1,484,958 for 1972.

Booth Warren, president of Farmers and Merchants said, us," Warren said. "We've experienced the best

said.

Merkel

a conservative look for the thing develops that is unforensuing year and that there



year in the history of our area cattle price are relatively good and our people are in better and that rancher and farmers shape financially than I've ever are feeling better about them seen them. We have a better remaining strong for the coming can say what will happen as

crop which brought high prices. buck Furniture and Starbuck "We have experienced a sen- Funeral Home said that his sational incrase in deposits companies had experienced a since January 1 due to re- very good year. "The only thing Crawford said. ceipts for cotton, milo and cat- that looks bad for us this comtle that were deferred for in- ing year is the prospect of come tax purposes. Our de- shortages. However, we have said that he had experienced posits are now considerably increased our normal order in excess of \$7,000,000," he for furniture and we expect

to have an adequate supply for only cloud on the horizon as Warren said he is taking the coming year. Unless some-

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.

will be another good year for

Warren also commented that

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 of the game from the first ranchers have had an exceptional year and the prospects

for the coming year look bright. Of course none of us than average cotton crop and year. combined milo crop and a wheat Fred Starbuck, owner of Star- concerned, but I expect that far as the fuel shortage is our area will not be as adversely affected as will some other parts of the country,"

Speaking for Circle A Western House, Waymon Adcock one of the best years ever and that 1974 looks good also. "The 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 Braggs 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



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 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 highscoring 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, Derrell Riggan 10, Terry Reed 8, and Billy Watts

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.



and the second s

tary student, leaves her bus at 8:15 a.m. Tuesday after the group of working mothers there change in Daylight Savings time and steps into the dark- asking for the time to remain ness. (Photo by LaVonne Bunch.)

light.

Daylight Savings Makes Writer Wish for 5¢ Cigar! of unrest prevailed the entire

By LAVONNE BUNCH day.

But the real perplexity came Daylight Savings Time has provoked a variety of problems Monday morning when the for area re-idents. Aside from breadwinner left for work amid church attendance dropping darkness. "I feel cold, broke steeply Sunday because of the and confused," is how one such ill-timed set-back, a feeling worker summed it up. Road work and construction vehicles



School Board Leaves Class Starting Time Same Under DST children being returned, 130

wanted schools to continue

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

In other board actions they

accepted a bid from Fisher

Fina Gasoline Company to sup-

ply gas for the coming year,

and accepted a bid from Fore-

n. st Milk Company to supply

The members turned down

a bid from Cyrus Pee Insurance

Company to change the coverage

The brses and pick-ups are

on the system's twelve buses

now covered with medical pay-

ments, up to \$1,000.00 for one

year. Cost to school is \$26

The new plan would have

cost \$356 per year, with a

would pay up to three years.

It was reported to the school

board members that from Sep-tember 1, 1973, through Dec.

31, 1973, a total of \$142,778.41

in taxe- had been collected. In

the same period last year there

The Board authorized band

director Glenn Reed to secure

three bids for new band uni-

forms for the band. Reed said

that they needed at least 75

had been \$105,727,19 collected.

coverage of \$2,500.00 and

one through six.

milk this yer.

and two pick-ups.

per year.

starting classes at 8:30; 96

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 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

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 Merwere at a standstill until daykel ruled death by natural cause. Funeral was held at Later as the school buses p.m. Saturday in Merkel United Methodist Church. aglow, heaters humming) sev-

Burial was in Rose Hill Ce-metery in Merkel under direction of Starbuch Funeral Home.

Born May 26, 1909, in Taylor

Nephews were pallbearers.

new uniforms, at a cost o approximately \$135,00 e The last time new uniforms

our suppliers haven't men-

Taken from The Merkel Mail October 11, 1901 to December 6, 1901. nts love to christen their infants with high-falutin names. Religious parents search the Scriptures before the baptismal ceremony. Parents in search of a fortune will label their luckless babes with the surnames of the expected testator. But, nevertheless, the list of common English Christian names is a very small one. Out of every hundred fathers and mothers of male children some 84 limit their choice to 15 familiar name. The favorite name is undoubtedly William. In all ranks of society -- in the peerage as in the workhouse --William is the commonest of male Christian names. Stop the first thousand men you meet in the street -no fewer than 170 are Williams. A long behind come the Johns, closely followed by the Georges. Of every thousand men 94 are called John and 92 George. The next commonest is Thomas which has 74 owners while Jame Of these about one in four has received the name of Harry at the baptismal fount. Following them come Frederick, with 57; Charles with 48; Alfred with 45; and Albret some ways behind with 31.

73 Years Ago

The chief secret of success is to remain cool, calm and collected in every emergency of life. Napoleon's cooliness, decision and ability made his success. Similar qualities served Washington, Lee, and Wellington equally well. Generals, admirals, clergymen, lawyers, physicians must have at all times absolute control of themselves or failure inevitably awaits them. Dull men achieve more coolness than brilliant men who lose their nerve just when it is most needed. Above all men, sailors most require absolute control of their nerves, for peril always confronts them at sea.

*********** A Thoughtful Mother Says

That if you want your children to be courteous, you must treat them with respect.

That when it's necessary to administer reproof it should be given in private.

That they will invariably copy your manners, so you must take care that they are the best.

That you should be as careful of their feelings as you wish them to be of the feelings of others.

That most children are sensitive on this point; it injures their self-respect and they feel it acutely, though they are not able to express it in words.

That to tell a child in public that it has been rude or lacking in good breeding is as unwarrantable as it would be to tell a guest so.

That it is no excuse to argue that you are doing it for the purpose of making the child better and more thoughtful.

That this can be accomplished much better if you take the child aside at the first convenient opportunity and gently but firmly point out what the error was, and what should be done on the next occasion.

That it is possible to callous a child's conscience by too rigid discipline, and this is a mistake made by too many mothers.

Farmers Advocate.

Aunt Lucindy

Always carries Hunt's Lightning Oil around with her says its fine for swellings, toothache, colic, weak back and back-ache, cuts, burns, neuralgia, catarrh. Aunt Lucindy has sixty-nine grandchildren and ought to know what she is talking about.

A Fiendish Attack

An attack was lately made on C. F. Collier of Cherokee, Iowa, that nearly proved fatal. It came through his kidneys. His back got so lame he could not stoop without great pain, nor sit in a chair except propped by cushions. No remedy helped him until he tried Electric Bitters which effected such a wonderful change that he writes he feels like a new man. This marvelous medicine cures backache and kidney trouble, purifie- the blood and builds up your health. Only 50¢ at Rust and Pittard's Drug store.

another good year for us," he said.

tioned any shortages. We go

Alice Cooper

--Alice L.

to market the 27th of January and will know more about that will be held January 19th at then," Mrs. Grimes said. 1 p.m., is Saturday Jan. 12th. Mrs. W. H. Bullock of Bul-The judge for the show will lock Hardware and Gifts said, be Lawrence Winkler of Al-"We had an excellent year in

bany. He is the Shackelford 1973. We experienced a good County Agent. Mr. Winkler is Christmas season and so far a known judge having judged this year we have started out in Abilene in the past years. good. As for shortages, we have had some trouble getting steel Barrows, lights and heavies 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 Mer-

Services Held kel Drug said that 1973 was a MERKEL good year for his firm. "The Cooper, 82, died at 8 a.m. first 7 days of this year are Monday in the Anson General ahead of last year and I think Hospital. Services were at 2 that it will continue throughp.m. Wednesday at the First

out the year he said. We may Baptist Church in Merkel, experience some shortages The Rev. Kenneth Jones. with sundry goods, but there pastor, officiated. Burial was will be no shortage of preat Rose Hill Cemetery. scription drugs. I expect 1974 Born Feb. 23, 1891, in Arto be a good merchandising year," Gamble said. kansas, she moved to Bosque-

Ray Wilson, of Wilson Food ville at an early age. She Store said that he had had a moved to Jones County in 1927. She worked in the school cafevery good year and that he teria at Noodle for several felt 1974 would continue with years.

a strong economy. "With our Mrs. Cooper moved to Merfarmers and ranchers having kel in December 1970. She mara good year and with the genried George H. Cooper in 1910 eral economy good, I think at Meridian. He died in March that we will see 1974 another 1957. strong year," he said. Wil-Survivors are a daughter.

son said his store was ex-Mrs. Rita Faye McLain of periencing some shortage . Houston; seven grandchildren; Herman Carson, speaking 20 great-grandchildren; three for Carson Super Market said gret-great grandchildren; that his firm had a good 1973 two sisters, Mrs. E.O. Fields but that several factors didn't of Moody, and Mrs. Bess Par-

look too good for 1974. 'I ker of Meridian. think that we will continue to Two sons and two daughters have strong sale during the preceded her in death.

first half of 1974, but unless Pallbearers were Kent Satwe get some rain, or unless terwhite, Will Hendon, Curtis some oil activity picks up in McAninch, Cal McAninch, Welour area, we could experience don McAninch and Carol Best. some slow down in business

the last half of the year," Car-**Band Boosters** son said. As for shortages, he said that his store was exper-

The Band Boosters will spon-11 from 5-7 p.m. at the School Cafeteria.

Chili, crackers and coffee or tea will be \$1.00. Dessert

Mrs. John Brady, president,

Band Booster meeting will District Court in Abilene and

Deadline for entries in the in the Swine Division of the Merkel Livestock Show which annual Merkel Show.

Planned for the annual Merkel Show, will be 2 classes of Barrows--lights and hea-

vies: four classes of lambs --Hampshire, Cross Bred, Finewool and Southdowns. There will be a grand and reserve champion chosen from both There will be 2 classes of the Barrow and Lamb classjobs es.

Benny Melton of the Merkel Livestock Association said, "We are anticipating about 75 to 80 head of other livestock." Serving as Barrow Super-

intendent will be Johnny Gray. son of Mr. and Mrs. L.J. Gray. Serving as his assistant will be George English. Lamb Superintendent will be David Robertson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Robertson. Serving as his assistant will

be Lloyd Gilmore. Serving on the finance Committee this year will be David Gamble, Wyman Wilkerson, Freddie Toombs, Lloyd Gilmore, George English, Eddie Glenn Sandusky and L. J. Gray. A Showmanship Trophy will

be given by the Taylor Electric Co-op again this year with another award to be given by Fred Crenshaw of the Wylie Truck Stop, Also the Merkel Chamber of Commerce plans to present some special awards.

The Show will be held at the Merkel FFA Barn.



The Merkel Police Department received a call at 11:00 PM, January 2, 1974 indicating that someone had broken into a room at the Merkel Hotel. District of Texas in the United Investigation revealed that a States House of Representa-Rafael Soto Ramirez, 18 years tives, has announced for reof age from Laredo, Texas had election. He has filed for a

mocratic Primary Election on May 4, 1974. Burleson was elected to the 80th Congress from the 17th redo and that he was looking 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

Ramirez waived Grand Jury Proceedings and plead Guilty to the charge in the 104th

received three years Probation from Judge Neal Daniels.

driving car pools (lights aglow, heaters humming) were seen all her life. She had worked inching along for fear of hitfor the Sadler Clinic for sevting little figure darting out eral years and worked at the of shadows.

made their route, (lights

eral students didn't "catch"

early. The path of mothers,

said bus because it seemed so

Warren Clinic for eight years. This writer can't see any re-Survivors are a son, Dewell duction of energy in this crisis of Merkel; three sisters, Mrs. nor would the problem Ruth Cox of Merkel, Mrs. C. solved by starting school later. W. Guthrie of Big Spring and Mrs. Bill Hunt of Abilene; two Actually, a time change would be a burden on working mothers stepbrothers, Kenneth Pee and and to students with after school Cyrus Pee, both of Merkel; a stepsister, Mrs. Anna Dunn of

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

OMAR BURLESON

... to run again

Burleson

Files For

Re-Election

Congressman Omar Burle-

place on the ballot in the De-

Joe Alves, campaign chair-Girl Scout Fund Drive.

Merkei.

man for Merkel Girl Scouts, has announced that a total of \$215,83 was collected for the 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. He was a retired mechanic. 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 Dennison. He served in World War I in the European Theatre. son, who represents the 17th 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 Luikin and Billy C. Gouge of Warren, Ohio; three daughters, Mrs. C.M. Corcoran of Abilene, Mrs. George Mc-Millin, and Mrs. Lloyd Mash-

burn, 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-grand-

children

were bought was in 1955 County, she had lived in Merkel

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.

Merkel Girl Scout **Drive Nets \$215.83**

> Sigma Phi sponsored the fund raising drive.

Alves issued the following statement: "I would like to thank Pat Neff, president, and Minvon Seymore, 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."

James W. Teaff **Buried Sunday**

James W. (Bill) Teaff, 71, of Merkel died at 9:30 p.m. Friday in Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene. Funeral was held at 3 p.m. Sunday at Grace Presbyterian Church. The Rev. John Gordon of Santa Anna officiated with burial following in Rose Hill Cemetery in Merkel, directed by Starbuck Funeral Home. Born March 24, 1902, 10 Bell County, Mr. Teaff moved with his parents to the Salt

Branch Community, northeast of Merkel, in 1902. He married Johnnie Ruth Hinds Dec. 24, 1931, at Tye.

Mr. Teaff was a past elder of the church and had also served as Sunday school super-

Survivors include his wife of the home: two daughters, Mrs. Bill (Carolyn) Nelson of Midland and Mrs. Zan (Marolyn) Dalton of Midland; two grandsons; two brotheri two grandsons; two brothers, Nim and Holland, both of Merkel; and a sister, Selina Tel: of Merkel.

Pallbearers were Billy Bob Neff, Billy Haynes, H.W. Hir gins, Bob Garmer, Besuford Hinds and John W. Smith.

urges fans of the Merkel-Baird Felony under the new Texas basketball games to come by Penal Code.

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

iencing some now and that it will probably continue for Nolan Palmer, owner of Palmer Pontiac and GMC, said that 1973 was an exceptional year for his firm. "1973 was

a while.

the biggest and most profitable year in our history. I can see no reason that 1974 will not be another good year

problems getting merchandise

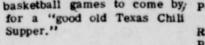
this coming year and we are

optimistic that 1974 will be

for us. As of now we are in need of a good rain, but other

bands. 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



To Sponsor Chili Supper sor a Chili Supper Friday, Jan. working for the Police in La-

is extra. Proceeds will aid not work for the Laredo Police the club project for the school Department, and he was charged prestigious in the House.

commit theft, a second degree

Vets Will Meet 15th The regular meeting of the

On Friday, January 4, 1974, World War I Veterans and Auxiliary of Merkel-Trent Barracks will meet at Taylor Elec-

tric Co-op Tuesday, Jan. 15. There will be a covered dish supper. All members are urged to be present.

entered a room in the Merkel Hotel without the consent of the owner. Ramirez stated that he was for drugs when he broke into the room. Further investigation revealed that Ramirez did

with Burglary With Intent to

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January 10, 1974

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 some 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 1 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.

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. visit Brenda and family for Christmas. The weather is beautiful there and Jims Alfalfa is real green. At this of year, Besides workng ne does farming on the

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 Carrol and to her sister, Mrs. Luther Orsborn.

Mrs. Bresendine has had as visitors lately, Mr. and Mrs. Red Carrol 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

problems.

SOFFY.

tein.

you new vigor.

thing.

properly.

morning.

Become involved in commu-

teer your services to any of the

fine organizations that are de-

dicated to the fight against di-

sease, 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 batroom so you'll have to face it every

We hope you'll get the good

health habit in 1974. Good luck, and good health, from your Tex-

as State Department of Health!

The end of the year is a time for reflection, and the

occasion for taking note of the

many blessings received dur-

many gifts in public health

provided with the use of your

grading and adding hospital beds for Texans were chan-

neled through the Health Facilities Construction Section. Your gift included assistance

to 1,157 school districts in

implementing new Texas im-

munization laws and purchas-

ing 2 1/2 million doses of pro-

through hospitalization, medical or surgical care, artifi-

cial appliances and other ser-

vices. Your gift went to 12,358

crippled children living in the

care was assurred through the

Better emergency medical

Crippled children were aided

Loans and grants for up-

Among these, says the State Health Department, are the

ing the past 12 months.

tax dollars.

tective vaccine.

state.

season provides the

for us two days last week. It seemed like old times. We were so glad to have her again. She is Mrs. Bresendines 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 Gainsville, 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

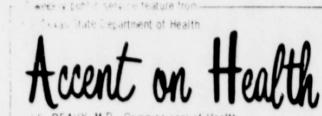
patient received a nice gift. Thank you good people. We would like to thank C.A. Holder for the homemade candy and cookies he brought the home, I'm sure that Mrs. Holder had a hand in it. The Poin-

setta they sent for the Plano We had a lot of company was beautiful and everyone enjoved it. Mr. Russel Fagan of Clyde visited Mitchell Fagan, his fa-

> ther, 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 Christus holidays. Her daughter, Jean Morris and family from Sedila, Mo., were



New Year's resolutions are Emergency Medical Services those often -abused commit- Division by the training of 2,283 HONOR ROLL "A" ments that people make to ambulance attendants and inthemselves, and to others, for specting and licensing of 825 a better life in the coming year. ambulance

If your list of resolutions is a Your health budget provided httle short this year, the Tex- Health Care Division to overas State Department of Health see payments of overwhelmoffers a few suggestions: ing medical expenses for many

First, and most important, Texans who must undergo lifesee that every member of your sustaining dialysis treatment family has a thorough check-up, with an artificial kidney ma-Let your family doctor give you chine or have a transplant a complete physical examina- operation.

tion, e pecially if you're over Through the Title XIX denforty, even if you do think you're tal and medical programs, "getting better, not just getting thousands of Texas youngsters received screening, diagnosis older." A regular, complete physical exam is the best way and treatment, vet devised to head off health Confidential veneral disease

treatment went to 60;000 Tex-Smoking has been identified ans.

as a major contributor to can-For safe drinking water you cer, heart disease, and other paid some 250,000 water anaforms of body abuse. If you lyses for bacteriological quadon't smoke, don't start. If you lity in Health Department Lado smoke, try to stop -- or at boratories. Plans for 700 least cut down drastically. water-related projects were Take a minute to check your appraised and sanitary surchildren's immunization reveys made on 1,350 public cords. If you don't have them, water systems. Approved wagive your family doctor a call ter supplies serve more than and ask him to see that your 90 percent of the Texas popchildren have received all their ulation. immunizations. If not, give your

More than 6,000 certified children full protection imme- water supply operators and diately. You're better safe than some 4,000 wastewater plant operators have been tested and Remember that children are found competent.

not the only ones susceptible To help prevent public health to tooth decay. Visit your denand environmental problems tist at least once during the from developing, State Health year. If he finds more cavi- Department personnel surties or periodontal disease than veyed more than 400 disposal sites and made 80 engineer- Sharryl Luckey, O.C. * you expected, ask him about the latest techniques in preventive ing evaluations on new and dentistry and oral hygiene. existing sites.

Eating the right food is es-Your technicians collected sential to your health, so rewater samples from ja 053 solve to eat a balance diet 953 water samples from mafrom the four food groups. And jor streams and lake to help remember that meat isn't the protect your surface water only source of protein. Seafood, supplies. They collected wamilk products, beans, soy ter samples from oyster growbeans, nuts, and cereals are ing areas along the Texas coast also excellent sources of pro- and made 3,482 field tests aboard the Department's in-Is there a bulge in your body spection boat.

that shouldn't be there--espe-Your gift budget funded opercially around the midsection? ation of three Public Health Re-You should know that too much gions providing needed services weight can contribute to high to 60 counties with a population blood pre-sure, heart disease. of more than two million persons. Addition of two new Puband many other physical problems, all of which could lead lic Health Regions during the to an early death. Promise year is bringing health seryourself to start avoiding those vice to 53 counties and 1.5 delicious little tidbits that put million others on pounds. Just as important.

Your gift budget this year begin an exercise program to also included money for: tone up those muscle and give --Sixty-nine state participating local health departments



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

James Allday Benny Allgaier

James Allday, Benny Allgaier. Donny Brady, Connie Branton, Jason Castille, Jerry Davis, David Glasscock, Tim Jacobs, Cody Johnson, Missy 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, Trayla Gregory, Tommy Hays, Brenda Hohhertz, Carlton Kincaid, B.J. Kinder, Russell Lucas, Billy McKeehan, Kimberly Pack, Cindy Sims.

3rd Grade

Greg Arnwine, Rosie Biera, Tammye Cloyd, Melinda Holmes, Pam Massev, Melissa Tomlinson, Windi Whisenhunt, Kyle Wolf.

6th Grade

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Linda Williams.

Susan Arnwine, Kay Lyn Butman Suzanne Byrd, Scott Cain, Becky Carter, Chris Cox, Robert Cunningham, Jeannessa Cypert, Brian Fariello, Robert Fowler, Susan Hewitt, Carmen Lerma, Gwen Tarpley, Becky Watts.

7th Grade

Pam Crenshaw, Roger Reed, Carla Rister, Dianne Roberts, Carla Shelton, Sheila Sloan, Janice South, Rusty Watts.

8th Grade

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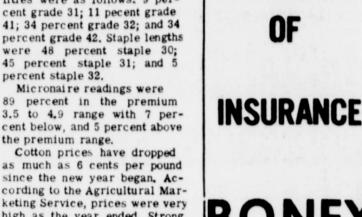
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Samples classed by the Abibrought 59.50 to 62.00. lene Cotton Classing Office hav now reached 482,600, according to B.B. Manly, Jr.; in charge of the USDA's Abilene Classing Office. This compare with 285,000 at this time last year, and the total classed 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 pecent 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

cent 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 predomi-



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Phone 8-5151 nant qualities (premium micronaire) this week were: grade 32 with staple 30 (3230) brought



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kins, Kim Mashburn, Marissa

Sandusky, Tomie Santee, Lisa

Shugart, Brad Wade, Dion Wil-

7th Grade

Lesa Hart, Gay Pfiester,

Grant Sandusky, Cindy Smith.

8th Grade

Ronnye Trull, Marlon White,

HONOR ROLL

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Gregory, Kelly Knight, Bart

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han, Maria Moreno. Luy ray, Connie Page, Stacy Sey more, Yvonne Swinney, David

HONOR ROLL "A"-"B"

1st Grade

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 camefrom the First Baptist Church Merkel and brought fruit and sang carols at Christmas. We still have fruit salda

have fruit salad and whipping cream.

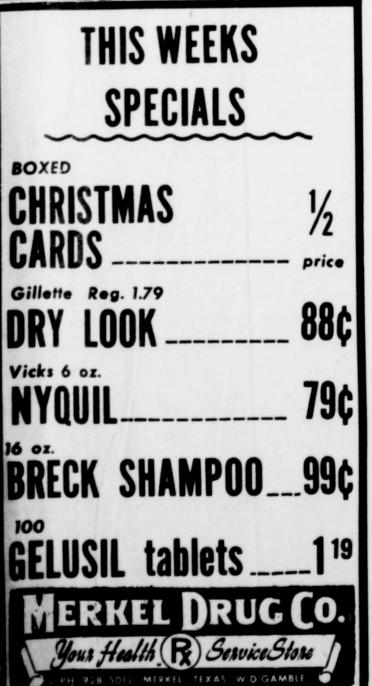
mas at Lawn with his brother. Is she eligible for additional Bill Boy cried because he was benefits if she is in need of gone but we were glad he could regular aid and attendance? go. Bill and W.C. are roommates.

We really miss Mrs. Nola monthly pension of \$55 if she Spratlin. We lost her by death. and loved Nola very much. She was one of the nicest piople we have ever had the plea-"old" law.

also guests. The Calvary Baptist, Merkel, filled their appointment this Sunday Jan 6. There was a large attendance and every-

dow who draws death pension from the Veterans Administra-W. C. Landers spent Christ- tion and lives in a nursing home

> A--Yes. She would be entitled to an additional special draws benefits under the current pension law, or an additional \$50 monthly under the



one reported a nice service. Lots of good singing.

Vet Questions And Answers Q--I know a veteran's wi-

safely out of children's reach. Double-check your heating sys-

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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.



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.

3rd Grade Amye Amerine, Tina Bicknell, Tonja Bicknell, Tim Brady,

Calvin Cooley, Mike Ha Eddy Harris, Randy Leve Stormy Magee, Eddie Man Chris Mashburn, Jackie On Kandy Richie, Jeff Scott. 4th Grade

Leighton Batey, Tamm Cunningham, Yolanda Flo Christine Franklin, Char Hendricks, Victor Ortega, Pannell, Mike Pape, Leisa burn, Kim Smith, Ann We

New Motion Pict

AUSTIN, Texas (Spl.)light-hearted treatment of home-buying escapades average couple, Mr. and Everyman, is the subject a new motion picture prod The film, "A Place of Own," was made by UT's dio-Television-Film De

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

Planning committees have worked out a fast-paced 81day 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



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 downto-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 main-

dizing a largely-non-controversial document because of a handful of hot potatoes. Eight substantive commit-

mittees are proposed to han-

in place for the 1974 primary Attorney General John Hill

Agriculture Commissioner John White announced for a Gov. Dolph Briscoc revealed his plans (back in late Octo-

ber) 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.

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

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 whosefederal 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

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of Texas.

Pine Seedlings To Be Given At Arbor Day Cermonies

Governor and Mrs. Briscoe will head the list of dignitaries attending and participating in the state-wide Arbor Day observance scheduled for the Abilene Civic Center on 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

mans 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 Trop Sampley, Chairman;

Texas Pecan Growers Asso-

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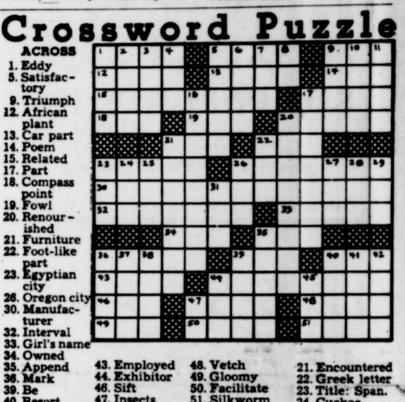
Mrs. Maurice Brooks, Arbor

Day Chairman, Abilene Wo-

H.P. Clifton, J.C. Hunter, Jr., Boone Powell, Jr., Jack Gres-sett, Richard Dillard, Mrs. Richard Bacon, Dr. Earl Harrison, Mrs. Jarrett Williams, Mrs. Maurice Brooks, Mrs. G.E. Swinson, Mrs. Margaret Tessier, Thurston Carter, W.H. Shaw, Cliff Caldwell, Roy Skaggs, Lynn Yantis, Dr. Harold Brinson, Mrs. Frank Scar-borough and Henry Doscher. As part of the Arbor Day

ceremony a pecan tree will be planted in honor of the late Rovert M. Wagstaff. Governor and Mrs. Briscoe will participate in the dedication of the tree.

The <u>rublic</u> 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 Com-merce and from the Abilene Womans Club.



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dle the initial hearings and study starting next week. POLITICAL SEASON ON -Major candidates are getting

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SPEED LIMIT CHANGE DUE on the docket of said court - With President Nixon's sigand styled John Freeze, Plainnature of the nationwide 55 tiff, vs. Jim Griffin and wife, miles per hour speed limitlaw, Gaye Griffin, Defendant, Texas has no choice but to A brief statement of the

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nature of this suit is as fol- follow suit. The State Highway Comlows, to-wit: Suit on account of \$7,512.47, plus reasonable mission, under a new law passattorney fees, and for attached in special session last month ment of property described giving it authority to establish as Lot 17, Block P of Lightnew speed limits to meet ner Subdivision of H. Ward emergencies, scheduled a Jan-Survey #90, City of Abilene, uary 8 public hearing. Taylor County, Texas, known

Result of the hearing was as 802 Ross Street, Abilene, clear in advance: the limit will Texas, as is more fully shown be lowered to 55 mph - proby Plaintiff's Petition on file bably enforceable by late Jan-If this citation is not served uary or early February.

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AG OPINIONS - political action committees have to report expenditures to infludates hereof, and make due ence elections, Atty. Gen. Hill Issued and given under my held.

hand and the seal of said court However, Hill said that deat Abilene, Texas, this the termining whether such com-10th day of December A.D. 1973 mittees come under campaign reporting and disclosure law Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD provisions is a question for Clerk, 42nd District Court factual determination in each Taylor County, Texas

By Marie Adkins, Deputy. 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 styled Fordia Noone Waldron Wildlife Commission is entitled to reimbursement for expenses for meetings which are not regularly scheduled.

seph Noone, Ronald Gordon Waldron, and Archie Byron · A person who spends in Shults and wife, Tony Jeanne excess of \$200 per calendar quarter by paying another to A brief statement of the nacommunicate directly with a ture of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Child Custody, as is legislator would not have to more fully shown by Plain-tiff's Petition on file in this register under the new lobby act.

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hand and the seal of said court APPOINTMENTS - Gov. Briscoe appointed Ralph Durat Abilene, Texas, this the 2nd den of Corpus Christi to the Texas A&I University board Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD of directors, succeeding Will-Clerk, 42nd District Court iam H. Atkinson of Kenedy. Taylor County, Texas By Myrna Lawrence, Deputy. Briscoe picked Edwardo Marquez of El Paso to be65th

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.



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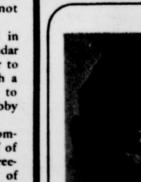


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This is the week for the 1st Semester Report Cards. Some people are happy about their grades and some people aren't.

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

Merkel 4-H Meets Thurs.

504 Cedar

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

See you next week. of the program.

night. Everyone is invited to game with Baird. I hope this year so far has

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Fortnightly Club Met December 11

Mrs. Comer Haynes was hoste s for the Fortnightly Study Club Christmas Program Dec.

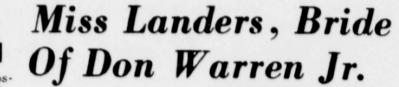
for the Drama and Speech 11. Club. Also, try-outs for the Christmas music was presented by Mrs. Edwin Read, Individual competitions will be held soon. Miss Vickie Babwho played the violin, and by Mrs. Andy Shouse and Miss Gloria Moore, who sang Christ-Last Friday night the Badgers played Roscoe here and mas Carols. Mrs. J. H. Clark defeated them. The girls had Jr. accompanied Mrs. Read, Mrs. Shouse and Miss Moore. some bad luck -- after one overtime play, they lost by 5 points. A delightful Christmas story "A Star For Christmas", was The B boys won their game. The Band Boosters are spon- given by Mrs. Carl Hughes. soring a Chili Supper Friday Those present were: Mmes. Edwin Read, J. H. Clark Jr., come and eat before the ball- Johnny Cox, Ray Wilson, David Gamble, Charle Eager, Stanley Toombs, Lem Dudley, been good for you and will W. R. Cypert, S. C. Dixon, Macl

stay good for the rest of the Fisher, N. S. Daniel, Andy Shouse, Carl Hughes, Bryan Dunagin, Don Dudley, Comer Haynes and Misse 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. an election and on Monday

night February 18 we will have our crowning service.



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.

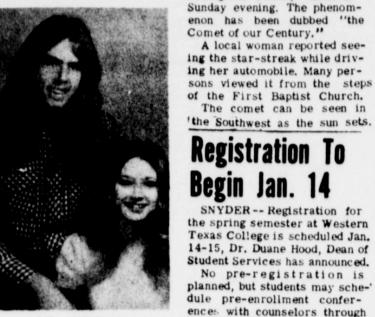
The bride is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. L.C. Landers of 519 N. Pope, and the bridegroom is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Donald W. Warren of Merkel.

Maid of honor was Miss Deloros 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 In three weeks we will have Linda Rivers and Miss Joyce Belmont of San Angelo.

The couple will reside in The bride is a graduate of San Angelo Central High School San Angelo.



MR. AND MR.

DONALD WARREN JR. ... wed in Dec. 29th rites

and em**fib**yed with a local firm. Her huseand is a graduate of Merkel High School and a senior biology major at Angelo State University.

from 8 a.m. to noon on Jan. 15. Classes begin the following day.

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Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Day liams of Merkel. The wedding will be Janya riage of their daughter, Rana- 26 at Saint Marks Episc Abilene announce the marda to Jerry Don Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Wil-beth are employ leen's.

Both are employed at #



goodies, 60-40 front seat Beige with Beige **\$3095** Vinyl Top was 3695.00 Now only 71 engine, turbo hydro transmis ion. air and power, two tone green Or \$1995 72 GMC SIERRA 1/2 ton pick-up, 400 engine, air and power. Gold and white color. \$2405 \$2495 EXTRA NICE. Only 2-70 dition and power. Both have two-...\$1495 72 PONTIAC GRANDVILLE 4 door, hurd top. This one has all the GOODIES. Beige color with \$3395 whyl top. Nice one owner car. Only 70 PONTIAC Bonneville 4 door hardtop, air and power, green color with gold vinyl top, electric \$1595 windows, cruise control, tilt wheel. REAL NICE 72 PONTIAC Cataline 4 door sedan, air and power, SOOD \$2095 with white top, nice for only 72 PONTIAC GRAND SAFARI 6 passenger wagon, air trol, power seats, power windows, light \$3495 green color. Real nice. One owner 65 PONTIAC TEMPEST 4 door sedon, our con- \$695 dition, power. Real nice for only . 69 PONTIAC GTO 2 door hard top, V-8, 4 speed, power steering, factory air, chrome wheels, \$895 new tires, brown color with brown vinyl top \$895 69 PONTIAC Tempest Custom wagon, air and power we sold it new, \$1295 gold with white top. nice for only

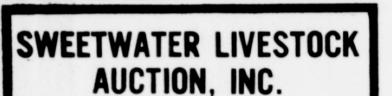
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power. Light blue \$1495 r. color. NICE. Only

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Couple Exchanged Vows Dec. 14th

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, of Merkel. Flower girl was Linda Holmes, sister of the bridegroom. Ringbearer was Danny Santee, brother of

Rebecca Lynn Santee and

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

The couple will live in Merkel.

Hammons Named



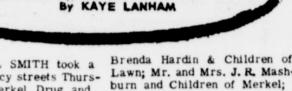
tumble on the icy streets Thursday beside Merkel Drug and broke her hip.

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.

tered the hospital this week for tests and diagnoses.

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.



Feb. 1.

Lawn; Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Mashburn and Children of Merkel; Mrs. John Shaw of Merkel and David Clyburn of Stith.

Merkelites

Sight 'Kohutec'

Several Merkelites rported

seeing the Comet, "Kohutec"

Jan. 11. Students who plan to

apply for Basic Education Op-

portunity Grants must do so by

Sophomore students are to

register from 1-5 p.m. on Jan.

14. Evening students will re-

gister from 6:30-9:30 on that

date. Freshmen will register

MRS. LUCY FORD attended A.C. Moore of Plainview Saturday.

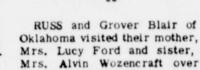
New Years Holiday.

CHARLIE SEAGO has en-

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, 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. MURL SMITH took a

--the funeral of her niece, Mrs.



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ON WINTER HEATING

- For savings on energy, set the thermostat on the temperature setting that provides adequate comfort (the President suggests 68°). Don't continually switch it up and down. Remember, the lower you set the thermostat in the winter the more money you save on energy.
- A routine service inspection by a qualified service 2. man is advisable prior to the heating season. Follow the manufacturers recommendations on this. Clean filters keep the heating unit operating at maximum efficiency and economy. Filters are the most neglected part of any forced-air heating system.
- A wood burning fireplace should be equipped with an efficient damper. Be sure to keep the damper closed when not in use. A chimney with the damper open carries warm air out the house, wasting heat.
- 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.
- Proper insulation and weather stripping will make your home more comfortable. It will help keep dust and dirt from blowing in, and will help to eliminate cold drafts in the winter time, thus saving money on your heating bill.



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SS Dist. Manager

MRS.

University.

HOLMES

. . . formerly Rebecca Santee

As assitant district mana-

ger for the Abilene district,

pervision of the Brownwood

branch office, trained new em-

ployees and served as coordi-

nator of the staff for Medicare

matters. He has attended var-

ious career development se-

minars, schools, and classes

as preparation for promotion

Hammons is an active mem-

ber of various civic organiza-

tions, namely, Kiwanis Club,

Combined Federal Campaign,

and is a member of the Me

thodist church. He is married

As District Manager, Ham-

mons will supervise the 15-

county district, which has over

50,000 beneficiaries. Since he

has visited and spoken to or-

ganizations in most of the coun-

ties of the district, Hammons

Council Searching

The search is underway for

The Rural Heroism Award,

sponsored by the Texas Farm

and Ranch Safety Council, is

presented annually to some de-

serving person who has per-

formed an act of exceptional

bravery during a time of cri-

sis, according to Ben Bullard,

sistant safety director for the

mitted by March 1, 1974,

to the Rural Heroism Award

Committee, Texas Farm and Ranch Safety Council, P.Q.

Box 489, Waco, Texas, 76703,

The heroic act or deed must

1973 and must be related to

farming or ranching operations

dent and the names of all

persons involved. Newspaper

clippings and pictures should

Nominations should include

written account of the inci-

All entries must be sub-

Council vice president and as-

Texas Farm Bureau,

according to Bullard.

tion, if available.

Texas' rural hero of 1973.

For Rural Hero

with the Administration.

and has three children.

is no stranger.

Hammons has assisted in su-

According to information re-Abilene office as assistant disceived from Wayman E. Regisrict manager in (early 1969, ter, Regional Commissioner, coming from El Dorado, Arand Eugene J. Riegler, Recansas. Prior to that he had served in social security ofgional Representative, of Dallas, M. Glyn Hammons. forfices in Santa Fe, New Mexmerly assistant district in na- ico, a: " "ulsa, Oklahoma. ger, has been named as district He : a native of Deport, manager for the 15-county Abi- in Northeast Texas. He was lene Social Security District. reared in Oklahoma and was

He will succeed Bob Tule , graduated from Oklahoma City who retired Dec. 28, 1973. The appointment of Hammons is to

be effective immediately. Hammons reported to the

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 compe-

titive 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, Committe e 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 have occurred in Texas during 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 stu-

dents. More thn \$2.2 million came also accompany the nominain the form of State-supported Hinson-Hazelwood Loans,

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 Gainsville, 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 Ma hburn 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



