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Plans Are Being Made For Annual CofC Banquet

Plans were finalized for the annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet at a meeting of the Chamber Monday night. Mrs. Ray Wilson, chairman of the banquet committee, told members present that plans were being finalized for the banquet to be held in March.

She said that the banquet will be held at a local restaurant this year. Due to the high cost of catering a banquet it was decided that this

would be the best approach for the affair.

Plans were also announced to recognize Merkel's outstanding citizen. Chamber president Don Hart will appoint a committee to select the honoree.

Don Hart will be in charge of securing a speaker for the banquet and Bennie Melton will be in charge of ticket sale.

In other action, president Hart appointed a committee to nominate new directors for the coming year. Members of the committee are: Bill Button, chairman, Duane Shugart, Betty Jane Tittle, and Truett Thompson.

The Chamber meeting was told that the fence posts for the new city park has been installed. It was also announced that the Beautification Committee, headed by Blanche Hewitt, was within \$130 of its goal of about \$1,900 to pay for the fence.

Next meeting of the Chamber will be held Tuesday, February 4th.

Trent Graduate Entomologist For Munday

Danny Kiser, son of Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Kiser of Sweetwater, Texas, is now working as a Consulting Entomologist in the Munday, Texas area. A graduate of Trent High School, he received his Bachelor's and Master's Degree in Entomology from Texas Tech in Lubbock and has been doing work in his PHD Degree at Texas A & M University while working for the USDA Cotton Insect Research.

Danny is married to the former Ann Riney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Riney of Merkel, and they now reside in the community of Munday. They have a 13-month old daughter, Tessa, and are all members of the First Baptist Church there.

Jim Whorton Advances To Area Band Meet

Jim Whorton, a junior tuba player with the Merkel High School Band, was selected as one of the top eight tuba players at the Region II band tryouts held at Vernon January 5th.

Whorton and band director Glenn Reed will go to the area tryouts to be held at Hurst on Saturday, January 19th. Three other regions will send 3 players each to compete for the right to compete for the All-State Band. Only three players will be chosen to go to state at the area meeting. They will be competing against band members from the Dallas-Fort Worth-Waco area.

All-State Band members will go to Houston February 7, 8 and 9 for the annual Texas Music Educators Clinic.

Merkelites Mother Buried

Funeral for Mrs. Jimmie Gammons Noah of Mt. Airy, N.C., mother of Wiley Noah of Merkel, was at 2 p. m. Friday at the Moody Funeral Home in Mt. Airy.

Burial was in Mt. Herman United Methodist Church Cemetery in Mt. Airy.

Other survivors are four daughters, Mrs. Viola Maynor of Hickory N. C., Mrs. Odell Hildebrand of Mt. Airy, Mrs. Lucille Dobson of Winston-Salem N. C. and Mrs. Rada Bowman of Mt. Airy; two sons, James and Vestel, both of Mt. Airy; and two sisters Mrs. Pearl Kirkman and Mrs. Etta Jessup of Mt. Airy.

Trent Resident's Father Succumbs

Willis Evans, 85, a retired employee of U.S. Gypsum Co. of Sweetwater, died at 4 a. m. Saturday at Holiday Retirement Center. Funeral was at 4 p. m. Sunday in the Cate-Spencer Chapel.

The Rev. Jene Greer, pastor of Highland Heights United Methodist Church, officiated. Burial was in Sweetwater Cemetery.

Born July 16, 1888, in Galion, he grew up in Paducah. He married Kellie May Frazier Sept. 16, 1913, in Matador. They then moved to Sweetwater, besides working for U.S. Gypsum he also farmed and ranching.

Survivors include his wife; three daughters, Mrs. H. H. Windham of Trent, Mrs. Mondel Rogers of Sweetwater and Mrs. Florence Pressly of Lincoln, Neb.; two sons, Roy of Van Horn and Wayland of Carlsbad, N.M.; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Mrs. W.S. Barnes Services Held

Mrs. W.S. (Margaret Melissa) Barnes, 81, of Sweetwater died at 1:10 a. m. Saturday at Holiday Retirement Center. Services were at 2 p. m. Sunday at Highland Heights United Methodist Church.

The Rev. Jene C. Greer, pastor, officiated. Burial was in Trent Cemetery under direction of Cate-Spencer Funeral Home.

Born Nov. 17, 1892 in Avalon, she married W.S. Barnes Aug. 27, 1911 in Trent. He died recently. She grew up in the Goodman and Eskott communities. She moved to Sweetwater in 1968 when the Barnes home in Eula was destroyed by fire. She was a member of Eula Methodist Church.

Survivors are four sons, Jake of Merkel, Osmo of San Antonio, Odell and D.F., both of Abilene; four daughters, Mrs. Roy H. (Arlene) Corley of Killeen, Mrs. Alvin (Modene) Chastain of Sweetwater, Mrs. D.L. (Willie) McDonald of Grand Saline and Mrs. L.L. (Idell) Kinsey of Lubbock; a sister, Mrs. Amy Callahan of Coalinga, Calif.; a brother, Albert Dyess of Avalon; 29 grandchildren and 35 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Lloyd. Grandsons were pallbearers.



HELPING THE GIRLS--Anetta Stephan, (no. 41) shoots as Baird tries to block the shot. Jody Barnes (no. 43) is pictured in front. Baird defeated the Merkel girls 42-32 Friday night. (Staff Photo)

Badgers Have Easy Time Defeating Baird 77-56

In the first minute or two it was obvious that the Merkel Badgers would have an easy time handling the Baird Bears 77-56 district defeat Friday night at the high school gym.

At the end of the 1st quarter, the Badgers lead the Bears 26-12. This was pretty much the story throughout the game. Behind the scoring of Robert Morgan and David Copeland with 16 points each, the Badgers lead 40-25 at half time. David Copeland stole 2 or 3 passes in the first quarter and Jackie Sims stole 1.

With all the Badgers seeing action, the score was 59-33 at the end of the 3rd quarter. Before the fourth quarter was over Darel Bunch had made 13 points and Jeff Cox had netted 12.

In the girls game it was a different story. The Merkel girls lead in the first half, but the Baird girls proved too much, winning the contest 42-32. Sheri Price led the Baird team with 19 points while Anetta Stephan was top for Mer-

kel with 14 points, Nancy Fudge 10, and Jody Barnes 8.

Merkel won the B-team Boys game 56-31.

Other Badgers scoring in the Baird game was as follows: Jackie Sims, 4; Derrel Riggan, 2; Johnny Gray, 4; Bill Watts, 1; Terry Reed, 2; and Larry Toliver, 7.

High scorers for Baird were Terry Bates and Russell Vanderlinden with 18 points each. The Badgers closed out the first half of district play with impressive victories over Jim Ned and Baird. This brought the first half district record to 5-2 and the season record at 12-7.

The Badgers meet Wylie Friday night in Wylie in an important district contest. Tuesday night they will play Rotan for the next home game.

The Merkel Badgers defeated Aspermont, No. 1 in district, Tuesday 56-55. The Badgers will play Wylie Friday at Wylie.

Miss Effie Jones Named Homemaking Teacher at MHS

Merkel High School has a new Homemaking teacher, Effie Jones, who replaces Mary Caton. Miss Jones was employed as a Home Economist with West Texas Utilities before coming to MHS. She taught Homemaking at Throckmorton High School prior to her job at W.T.U.

A graduate of Durango High School in Colorado, she graduated from Abilene Christian College in 1971, with a major in Home Economics.

Miss Jones has 25 students in her Consumer Education, Home and Family Living and the HECE program, of which she is supervisor. The HECE is a program where students go to school 1/2 day and work 1/2 day. She will be sponsor for the Future Homemakers of America and the Taylor County Chapter of Young Homemakers of Texas.

Miss Jones is presently making her home in Abilene since taking over her position January 2.



EFFIE JONES
...Assumes duties Jan. 2

No Candidates Have Filed for City Election

With the April elections not too far away, several candidates have announced their intentions to run for office for the first time or seek re-election. Omar Burleson of the U.S. House of Representatives has announced on the national level and several of the state officials had said they will seek re-election to office. On the county level only one race is being contested thus far. That race is for county superintendent of schools. The four candidates running for the post being vacated by Cleve Pierce are Billy G. Yarborough, Bob Thompson, Charlie T. Horton and Wayne Harris.

Joe McDuff of Merkel has said that he will seek re-election as county commissioner. His precinct includes Merkel and part of Abilene proper. There is a total of 11 county offices to be filled by the voters this year.

In the Merkel elections, the voters will be asked to elect a complete new school board. Due to the consolidation of the Merkel and Tye school districts, the terms of the entire board expires this year. The voter will be required by law to elect two board members from both Tye and Merkel and three at large members this year. This is the only year that the voters will be required to do this. In the next election, board members will be elected from anywhere in the school district.

Three places on the city council will be up for voters to fill. Council members whose terms expire are Ted Smith, Connie Mack Seymore and Pete Morgan.

Deadline for filing for a

Catholic Church To Have Mexican Dinner

Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church will have a Mexican Dinner, Sunday, Jan. 20.

The Dinner will be served from 12 to 2 p. m. in the high school cafeteria. Tickets will be \$1.75 for adults and \$1.25 for children.

Proceeds from the Mexican Dinner will go to help pay for their new classroom building. They will also raffie off a radio and 3 laundry baskets of food.

Tickets for the raffie will be 25¢ each.

Livestock Show Will Be Saturday

The Merkel Livestock Show will be held this Saturday, January 19 at the show barn in Merkel. There will be no steer division this year.

Trophies will be awarded to the winners of each division by the Merkel Chamber of Commerce. Several local merchants have announced that they will give the winners of each division prize. They are the Farmers and Merchants National Bank, two \$25 gift certificates along with their regular donations and Circle A Western House, two hats.

Taylor Electric will give a showmanship trophy and Wylie Truck Terminal will give a silver belt buckle.

Telephone Co Has New Number For Service Calls

Effective as of December 1, to reach West Texas Telephone Repair Service dial 0 and ask for Enterprise 8-4037. To telephone the Business Office, dial 0 and ask for Enterprise 271.

There is no charge for Enterprise calls. The numbers are on page 1 of the new telephone books.

Tom Massey, Carl Hulsey Discuss Making a Will at Lions Luncheon

"A will must be in writing and the will must show your intentions to dispose of your property at death to be a legal instrument," Carl P. Hulsey told members of the Merkel Lions Club Tuesday.

Speaking to the noon luncheon meet, Hulsey and T.O. (Tom) Massey discussed the subject "Should I make a will." Hulsey, speaking first to the group, said that younger people don't take to heart the need for having a will even if their estate isn't too large. Especially is this true when minor children are involved. If you don't have a will, a guardian must be appointed by the courts, plus other legal problems which can tie up the estate for a long time. Hulsey also pointed out that older people should have a will if minor grandchildren will be involved with the estate.

"A person must be at least 18 years of age and of sound mind before a will is legal," he said. He said that a will needs to be in a proper manner. He explained that to probate the will is to prove to the court that the instrument is in fact the last will written by the person and that it is genuine.

Hulsey pointed out that if the will is typed or written by someone else, it must have 2 witnesses. "Should you make a will" is a question that has

to be answered on an individual basis Hulsey said. "If there is no children, you do not necessarily need a will."

"The law of descent and distribution will go into effect at your death, leaving your estate to your surviving spouse. If there are children, they will inherit all of your estate if you do not leave a will," he said. He further pointed out that should you go to an attorney to draw your will, it will have to be your will and not the attorney's. He cited a case where a client asked him what to do. He told the client that it was up to him to dispose of his property. Hulsey also said that if it can be proven in court that the will was unduly influenced by the attorney, the will can be broken. He also explained the procedures of verifying the signatures of the witnesses to the will if they are dead.

Tom Massey told the club that if a couple with two children had an estate valued at \$100,000 and one member died leaving no will the children would inherit \$25,000 each. He said that in Texas the children would not be required to pay state taxes as this is the amount exempted from taxes by law. He went on to explain that the federal government allowed \$60,000 inheritance tax free. "If a larger estate may be handled,"

place on either the city council or the school board is March 6, 1974. This is 30 days prior to the election which will be held the first Saturday in April. No new candidates or the incumbents have announced for the vacancies. Voters will also have to pick a new justice of the peace.

After serving 16 years as J.P. Roy Buchanan has announced that he will not seek re-election. Judge Buchanan took office in January of 1959. He has lived in Merkel since 1936. No one has filed for this position.

Elmer Martin of Colorado City has said that he will seek re-election to his post in the 61st district. To date he has drawn no opponent.

Riding Club To Reorganize At Jan. 26 Meet

There will be a meeting Jan. 26, 7:30 p. m. in the Taylor Electric Cooperative Building for persons interested in reorganizing the Merkel Riding Club.

Mrs. Walter Whisenhunt, one who is interested in reorganizing the group up again said, "We will need to elect new directors and write up new by laws."

She also went on to say "With the gas shortages, people will have to cut down on trips to Rodeos, Playdays and Horse shows."

Before disbanding the riding club had around 40 members, comprised of a wide area surrounding Merkel.

The Merkel Riding Arena on Saturday nights was a popular spot for young and old and there was usually a large crowd on hand every Saturday night if not to participate just to settle back in their cars or the stands to watch participants put on a good show.

Mrs. Whisenhunt said, "There are a lot of new people who have moved to Merkel since the club disbanded and have inquired about the club."

If you do not have a horse but would be interested in seeing the club back together then attend this meeting and let them know about your interest. For those who cannot attend this meeting but would like to let their interest be known, can call 928-5884 or 928-5494.

City Park Fence Damaged By Vandals, Reward Offered

"The fence that is being erected around the new city park will be completed by the middle of this week we hope," said Benny Melton, Chamber of Commerce Secretary.

But the fence company is running into some trouble. It seems as though someone does not want a park to be there.

Since the start of the fence, a post or two would be jarred away from the concrete every morning. The fencing company would reset these at their own expense and not say anything about it, but Tuesday night after the fence had been completed

on the South side someone took their car and tried to tear it down in several places. This will mean that the fence will have to be restretched or reset at the expense of the Chamber of Commerce.

This could run into a lot of money, so the Chamber of Commerce is offering a \$25.00 reward for any information concerning the incident Tuesday night. This \$25.00 reward will stay in effect from now on. Any person who is caught destroying this property will be prosecuted. This park will have a police surveillance 24 hours a day, Melton said.

Council Discusses Phone Service At Thursday Meet

The Merkel City Council met in regular session Thursday evening, January 10. Appearing before the council, at the request of Mayor David Allen, were three representatives of Continental Telephone Company. Appearing was Allen Armstrong, Stan McCormack, and Jimmy Atkinson. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss complaints received by the mayor and council members concerning the company's service. Mayor Allen told the representative that one Merkel resident had complained that he could not get service to his trailer park. Armstrong told the council that the reason for the delay was that it required his engineer-

ing department's having to redesign equipment to be able to accommodate the extra phones. He pointed out that when a trailer park or any other development is started, the developers should notify his company several months in advance to allow them time to engineer the necessary equipment to take care of the extra load in that particular area. Armstrong assured the council that service would be extended to the trailer park as soon as possible. One council member told representatives that he had had complaints from citizens that it sometimes take two weeks to get telephone service hooked

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Ladies Golf News

Several ladies have been out playing golf since there has been some pretty weather lately. Many of them received new golf clubs, bags and shoes for Christmas and have been trying them out.

Remember, you can play any day you like for a while yet. It will be a few more weeks before we start playing on Tuesday again. If you are not a member, come on out and join early and get started playing golf.

Two Merkelites Make Dean's List at McMurray

Two former Merkel students made the Dean's List at McMurray College this past term. To be able to make the Dean's list a student has to have an average of 3.5.

Sandy June Hogan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Hogan Jr. of Merkel is a Senior majoring in Business Education and had a 3.64 average.

Randon Bond Ely, son of Mr. and Mrs. Orval Ely of Merkel is a Senior majoring in Religion and had a 3.69 average.

Starr Nursing Home News

By Mary Outlaw

We are having beautiful weather after all the cold weather we had for a while but it was real warm in the nursing home with no problems.

We wish to thank Mrs. Earl Baze for the old sheets she sent the Nursing Home. We are always in need of white rags and pads for the patients and they are appreciated.

Everyone enjoyed the services Sunday. The Assembly of God, Merkel, filled their appointment. Rev. Curtis came and Mr. and Mrs. Pat Cypert and daughters came and sang. Everyone always enjoys them. We thank Mrs. Zimmerman for the magazine she brought

the Nursing Home.

Mrs. Reidenbach went home after a month's stay, she reported good care, but of course its good for her to be at home with Ennis, her husband.

Joe Howser of Tye, our L.V.N. President of Div. 15 visited our nursing home Monday night. We always enjoy Joe's visit.

Our Welfare Inspector, Mrs. Williams from Stamford, visited our home Tuesday. She gave us a good report and said the food was delicious and appetizing as most of it was frozen food.

We are enjoying good fresh meat we had processed recently from some hogs we raised. We will get our hams, shoulders and bacon this week.

Jessie Martin, Carolyn's father-in-law, had surgery at Hendrick Memorial Hospital Thursday. He is doing nicely. Glad to have Carolyn back to work.

This Sunday January 20 will be the Church of Christ's day for services. See you then please.

Let me share a poem written by Billy Hudson an L.V.N. It was given to me and I would like to pass it on to you.

SOME ONE SPECIAL
Some one special don't you see
May be special just to me.
Their lives are mine to help
to guide,
Let me be a helping hand by
their side
They may be crippled and need
a walker
Let me help them not to falter,
Give them hope where all
seemed lost
Don't let them be lonely at
any cost.
Let my hands give a tender
touch
To the desperate ones that
needs so much,
Let my feet take me down the
long hall
To answer someone who calls,
Let my smile brighten the day
For each one I pass on the way
Make my heart big that I might
understand.
The aches and pains they have
to stand.
For the blind let me be their
eyes so they can see.
Let me do the little things
to make their day,
A little better than yesterday.
The rich and the poor, the
crippled, and the blind,
These are my people, "The
Special Kind."

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up. Stan McCormack told the council that some of the problem was a lack of help. He said that Mr. Atkinson had had more than he could do and that the company planned to hire one more service man for Merkel. He also said that the company had sent in extra help to get Atkinson caught up.

Councilman Connie Mack Seymore said that he sometimes had trouble with his phone during damp weather. The company spokesman said that the problem was with the cable and that it was being replaced as fast as possible. Also discussed was the problem with reaching the operator. McCormack said that the Bell System in Abilene was responsible for this and that they would talk to the proper people to get this corrected.

Johnny Hammond appeared before the council in behalf of the Senior Citizens Club. He told council members that the owner of the building was going to sell the building and he felt it would be a nice thing if the council could help the club members purchase the building. After a lot of discussion it was decided by the council that, while they would like to help the club, the city simply didn't have the funds available to undertake this kind of project at this time. All members agreed that the Senior Citizens Club was a worthy project and deserved the support of Merkel.

Fire Chief Waymon Adcock appeared before the council at the council's request to discuss matter pertaining to the Fire Department. A bill for some \$500 was approved for payment of major repairs to one of the fire trucks. Adcock also told the Council that Merkel would have to buy another fire truck in the not too distant future. He told the council that the state required a 500 gal. per minute fire truck for each 1,500 population to maintain a favorable fire insurance rate. He said that Merkel was required to have two such trucks and that one would not qualify for much longer. Council members ask Adcock to get more information concerning when the truck would have to be purchased and other pertinent information and report back to the council at a later date.

Adcock also explained to the council the policy of the fire department concerning fires outside the city limits of Merkel.

Speed Limit Changed

AUSTIN--The Texas Highway Commission today set a statewide maximum speed limit of 55 mile per hour, effective at 12:01 a.m., Sunday, January 20.

The action was taken in keeping with the law passed by the recent special session of the Texas Legislature, empowering the Commission to set lower speed limits to comply with federal energy saving actions.

Stith HD Has First Meeting January 9th

Stith Home Demonstration Club met Wednesday, January 9th for the first meeting of the year, with Mrs. Fletcher Jones serving as hostess.

After the devotion by Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Ray Perry directed game. Roll call was answered with "Hints on Remodeling."

The Council report was given by Mrs. O.W. Dickerson. The Club voted to send a donation to the West Texas Rehabilitation Center in Abilene.

Mrs. Evelyn Wilburn, H.D. agent, gave the program on remodeling clothes, taking up, letting out and many more ideas.

The hostess gift went to Mrs. Wilburn.

Refreshments were served to 7 members, and 1 visitor.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 23 with Mrs. Ray Perry as hostess.

kel. He said that farmers and ranchers living outside the city limits did not pay taxes to support the department so when the local department was called to fight a fire outside the city, the owner was asked to pay a small fee for the service. He said that the owners of the land were billed once and that if they did not pay, they were not billed again. He said that the fire department used this money plus what they could raise through other projects to buy as much of the equipment as they could. He pointed out that this was done with no cost to the city.

Councilman Vernon Wade asked the council to review the existing city ordinances. He and other councilmen discussed the problem of receiving complaints from citizens and not having the authority to correct the problem. Problems mentioned were chickens, sheep and other livestock running loose in the city and the problem of junk areas. The council decided to contact the West Texas Council of Governments to see if they could provide them with any guidance on the matter.

Council members present were: Mayor Allen, Vernon Wade, Ted Smith, and Connie Mack Seymore.

GORILLA GROWL

By CINDY BEASLY

The Trent Livestock Show was this past Saturday. Robbie Freeman, Danny Freeman, Ty Martin, Steve Bland, Floyd Williams Jr., Rocky McKinney, and John McLeod were top winners.

District basketball is really going strong now. Both the boys and the girls teams have 2-1 district records. Trent has a home game this Thursday with Eula. Everyone be sure and come.

That's all for this week. More THS news next week.

Andrew Stephan On Dean's List

SNYDER--Students qualifying for the Dean's List during the fall semester at Western Texas College were named this week by Dr. Ben Brock, college vice president. The list included Andrew Stephan, a 1973 Merkel graduate.

The Dean's List is composed of students who earn a grade point average of 3.5 or more in at least 12 semester hours of work, exclusive of physical education. Stephan is studying automotive mechanics.

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Garden Club To Meet Thursday

The Merkel Garden Club met Dec. 20 for a covered dish luncheon in the home of Mrs. Aaron Sudderth, Mrs. Allan King was co-hostess.

Gloria Moore sang and Annette Clark accompanied her on the piano.

Gifts from the tree were exchanged. Members present were Mmes. Sudderth, Frank Breaux, Ora C. Griggs, Tom Fox, Mary Click, Dorothy Weatherbee, Allan King, Charlie Sherrill, W. T. Sadler, John Shannon, Lenora Rose Guitler, Herbert Patterson, H.N. Odom, W. L. Brown, Dee Grimes, Johnny Cox, and Miss Christine Collins and Miss Norah Foster.

The Merkel Garden Club will meet Thursday, Jan. 17 at 3 p.m. at the Asteroid Restaurant, Mrs. Charlie Sherrill and Mrs. S. D. Gamble will be hostesses.

Miscellaneous 1

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Card of Thanks

THE KINDNESS AND SYMPATHY of neighbors and friends in our recent sorrow will always remain with us as a precious memory. Our sincere thanks for the beautiful service, floral offerings and other kindnesses extended to us. The Family of Alice Cooper 47-1tp

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MRS. RONNIE LUKE formerly Marsha Nolte

Miss Nolte Becomes Bride of Mr. Luke

Marsha Elieta Nolte and Ronnie Louis Luke exchanged wedding vows Saturday, Jan. 5 at 2:30 p.m. in St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, Pampa. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Quenton C. Nolte, Pampa. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. Louis Luke and the late Mr. Luke, Merkel. Officiating for the double wedding ceremony was Rev. Wendelin Dunker, Assistant Pastor.

The church was decorated with red poinsettia and candelabras entwined with lemon and emerald leaves. Rosemary Eakin was organist and the vocalist was Patricia Hammit. She sang "The Wedding Song" and was accompanied on the guitar by Larry Hammit. At the conclusion of the wedding vows she also sang "May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You". Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a formal gown of satin organza and Venice lace designed with a fitted Empire bodice and victorian neckline. The sheer yoke was outlined in Venice lace and was accented by flower appliques centered by pearls. The soft full sleeves of sheer organza was caught by deep cuffs edged in lace. The skirt was full and unadorned to the hemline. Her chapel-length veil fell from a coil and was outlined in Venice lace. She carried a nosegay of white feathered carnations and red sweetheart roses.

Mrs. Janie Nolte of Dallas, sister-in-law of the bride served as matron of honor. Mrs. Patricia Hammit of Lubbock was bride-matron. The bridesmaids were Claudia Woodruff of Gainsville and Patricia Nolte, of Pampa, sister of the bride. They wore identical floor-length gowns of red crepe and chiffon, styled with gathered skirts and full length sleeves. Krissy Nolte of Dallas, niece of the bride, was flower girl and Leigh Ann Nolte, sister of the bride registered the guests. Clark Robertson of Austin

served as best man. Groomsmen were Larry Owen and Ray Leach, both of Lubbock, and Tom Watt Reynolds of Merkel. Five brothers of the bride assisted in the ceremony. The epistles were read by Alan Nolte of Dallas, Gary Nolte served as acolyte. Dale and David Nolte, both of Lubbock, and Dwayne Nolte of Pampa seated the guests.

The bride's mother wore a pink knit formal gown with a chiffon overskirt. The bridegroom's mother wore a Blue Skimmer formal with lace trim. Each wore an orchid corsage. A reception followed the wedding ceremony at the church. The serving table, covered with white net was centered with a silver candelabrum, holding blue and white cushioned mums. The three-tiered cake was topped with miniature wedding bells. The cake was served by Linda Cunningham of Clarksville, Tennessee, sister of the groom, and Linda Wilson of Dallas. Punch was served by Pam Hatcher of Gainsville.

The bridegrooms table was covered with a blue fringed cloth and held the bride's bouquet. Chocolate cake and coffee were served by Diane Duesterhaus and Jo Forsha, both of Pampa. The bride is a senior Special Education major at Texas Tech University, Lubbock. The groom is a 1973 graduate of that school and is employed by the State Comptroller Dept. The couple will re-side at 1902 26th St., Lubbock.

The rehearsal dinner was hosted by Mrs. Louis Luke, the groom's mother.

In December a shower for the bride and groom was given at Merkel. Another shower was hosted by Mmes. Larry Hammit and Minnie Morgan, at Lubbock. On Saturday, Jan. 5 a bride-maids brunch was given in the Coronado Inn, Pampa, by Mrs. Robert Echols.

PUBLIC NOTICE

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS:
1. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:
Project: Renovation of the Old Taylor County Courthouse for State, Department of Health Offices.
Owner: Taylor County Texas
Architect: Tittle, Luther, Loving-340 Beech - Abilene, Texas.
Site: Old Taylor County Courthouse, 300 Block of Oak Street, Abilene, Texas.

2. GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF WORK:
Renovation of existing courtroom and office space into office space. Work includes new resilient floor covering, drywall partitions, acoustical ceilings, air conditioning, plumbing and electrical items.

3. TYPES OF PROPOSALS: Bids shall be submitted in one single lump sum category entitled General Construction which shall include all portions of the work (General, Mechanical, and Electrical).

4. TIME AND PLACE: The Owner will receive sealed proposals until 10:00 A.M. February 12, 1974 in the Commissioners Courtroom of the New Taylor County Courthouse, 300 Block of Oak Street, Abilene, Texas. Proposals received after this time will not be accepted. All interested parties are invited to attend; proposals will be opened publicly and read aloud.

5. EXAMINATION OF DOCUMENTS: Plans and specifications may be examined at the Architect's office. General

Trent Essayists Enter Contest

With the subject this year, "Our Soil -- Our Strength", students in this Middle Clear Fork Soil & Water Conservation District have put their best efforts in the Texas Conservation Awards Essay Contest. The same grade level will be judged against each other in each school to determine winners for the first 4 places in each grade. Only the 1st place winner of each grade may be entered in the overall District Contest. District winners, first and second place, for each grade, will be honored at a banquet on March 26, sponsored by the Taylor County Electric Cooperative. Their parents, teacher, and principal, and spouses, are to be guests at the banquet.

Trent English teachers, Mrs. Garry Wofford and Mrs. Al Cogburn announced the following local winners, 1st through 4th place:
Seniors: Rose Chronister, Ty Martin, Bill Griffith, and Rocky Brenem; Juniors: Mike Chavez, Jan Beck, Charlie Hatfield, and Rebecca Freeman; Sophomore: Pam King, Patricia Boyd, Thelma Bever, and Tony Shugart; Freshmen: Teri Hamner, Alan Morse, Brenda Griffith, and Debbie Mitchell; 8th grade: Robbie Freeman, Pam Evans, Penny Hatfield, Bobby Brazelton; 7th grade: Jacki Reed, Robert Freeman, Velma Perkins, and Leanna West.

Trent winners sent to District contest are: Rose Chronister, Mike Chavez, Pam King, Teri Hamner, Robbie Freeman, and Jacki Reed.

James Lackey Services Held

James Roy Lackey, 52, retired Trent businessman, died at 4:30 p.m. Friday at Scotts-Scottsdale, Ariz., of an apparent heart attack. Funeral was held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the First Baptist Church in Trent.
The Rev. Roy Price, pastor, and the Rev. Jim Sellars of Ada, Okla., officiated. Burial was in Garden of Memories in Trent under direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born Oct. 18, 1921, in Oklahoma, he married Josie Reynolds Sept. 27, 1950, in Carlisbad, N.M. They moved to the Trent area in 1950, where he operated Roy's Cafe until his retirement in May 1973.
Mr. Lackey served in World War II. He was a member of the Trent Baptist Church.
He was visiting friends in Arizona at the time of his death.
Survivors include his wife; two sons, Eddie Lackey of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Pete Peterson of Abilene; four daughters, Mrs. Tom (Judy) Van Arsdale of Trent, Mrs. Larry (Dolores) Hummel of Eunice, N.M., Mrs. C. W. (Nellie Jo) Scott of Duncan, Okla., and Mrs. D. R. (Betty) Johnston of Eunice, N.M.; four brothers, Edgar and Johnny, both of Houston, Lloyd of Lawton, Okla., and Vernon of Hottelville; five sisters, Mrs. Helen Herring of Oklahoma City, Okla., Mrs. Jean French and Mrs. Pauline Schmidt, both of Houston, Mrs. Lola Urquhart and Mrs. Wanda Baily, both of Woodville, Calif.; his mother-in-law, Mrs. Nancy Reynolds of Trent and 12 grandchildren.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF TEXAS TO: EVELYN PAULINE SULLIVAN, Respondent GREETINGS:

"YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said County in Abilene, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of John William Bainbridge, filed in said Court on the 7th day of January, 1974, against Evelyn Pauline Sullivan, Respondent, and said suit being number 8848 on the docket of said Court, and entitled 'In the Interest of Sean Wyan Bainbridge, a child, and Ingrid Lenore Bainbridge, a child,' the nature of which suit is a request to terminate the parent-child relationship.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, this 9th day of January, 1974.
IRENE CRAWFORD Clerk of the District Court Taylor County, Texas
By Marie Adkins, Deputy. 47-1tc

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas--GREETING:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for four consecutive weeks, the first publication to be at least twenty-eight days before the return day thereof, in a newspaper printed in Taylor County, Texas, the accompanying citation, of which the herein below following is a true copy.
CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: Melvin Taylor, DEFENDANT, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 25th day of February A.D. 1974, to Plaintiff's First Amended Original Petition filed in said court, on the 8th day of January A.D. 1974, in this cause, numbered 8575 on the docket of said court and styled Ivy Ann Taylor, Plaintiff, vs. Melvin Taylor, Defendant.
A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Divorce; Married October 8, 1971, separated Sept. 28, 1973. No children and no community property as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's First Amended Original Petition to 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 8th day of January A.D. 1974.
Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD Clerk, Domestic Relations Court, Taylor County, Texas By Marie Adkins, Deputy. 47-1tc

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: Ronald Gordon Waldron, DEFENDANT, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 18th day of February A.D. 1974, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 2nd day of January A.D. 1974, in this cause, numbered 25,020-A on the docket of said court and styled Florida Noone Waldron Wood and husband, Tommy Wood, Plaintiff, vs. Peter Joseph Noone, Ronald Gordon Waldron, and Archie Byron Shults and wife, Tony Jeanne Shults, Defendants.
A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Child Custody, 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 2nd day of January A.D. 1974.
Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD Clerk, 42nd District Court Taylor County, Texas By Myrna Lawrence, Deputy. 46-4tc

BADGER TRACKS

By JANIE CLARK

Things are going kinda slow lately, so not much has been happening. About the most exciting thing is the basketball games, which lately have all been won by the boys, with the A girls putting up a hard fight and winning some, and the B boys doing pretty good. This week's schedule includes an encounter Tue-day with Aspermont, No. 1 in the district, here, and Friday's game is against Wylie, No. 2 in the district, there. That makes us No. 3, with both of these

teams beating us once before in district play. But since our Badgers are doing so much better now than at the first of the season, I think we have a good chance of beating both of the e teams. Right? Right! The major characters have been cast for the UIL play with the minor one still undecided. Our Drama Department is a pretty good one and needs the support of the town as well as the school. The Student Council is planning some activities for the coming months so no telling what's going to happen. Well, be good and I'll see ya next week.

Merkel-Tye School Menu

THURSDAY, JAN. 17
Chicken Fried Steak, Cream Gravy, Whipped Potatoes, Seasoned Green Beans, Peach Halves, Hot Rolls, Butter and Milk.

FRIDAY, JAN. 18

Hamburgers, Pork & Beans, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Onion, Potato Chips, Strawberry Short Cake, and Milk.

HONOR ROLL STUDENTS

The following students were left off the Elementary Honor Roll last week:

- FOURTH GRADE
"A"
Robert White
- SIXTH GRADE
"A"
Lynn Wade
- SEVENTH GRADE
"A"
Kelly Magee
- "A-B"
Mike Brady

Freeman Brothers Win Top Honors in Livestock Show

Trent held its annual Livestock Show Saturday, January 12. There were rabbits, poultry, cattle and swine shown. Robbie Freeman had the first place Angus steer of the show and his brother, Danny came through with the first place Hereford steer. But it was Robbie again, with the grand champion steer of the show, and Danny took home the reserve honors. Their parents are Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Freeman of Trent.

Ty Martin's crossbred steer won first place in its class. Steve Bland Jr. stood out in the commercial steer competition taking two high goods, two medium choice and one low medium choice. He is the son of R. L. Bland Jr. of Trent. Bland manages CalTex Feedlot. Lloyd Williams Jr. did well in the same competition in the feeder class, scoring two feeder class, scoring two medium choice. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Williams Sr.

In swine competition, Rocky McKinney had the champion Duroc with Bobby Brazelton exhibiting reerve. McKinney is the nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Beck.

Results of the show follow:
RABBITS
Buck rabbits--1. John McLeod; 2. Latrisa Powell; 3. John Stevens.
Doe Rabbits--1. McLeod; 2. McLeod; 3. John Stevens.

POULTRY SHOW
Capon--1. Bobby Brazelton, Broilers--1. McLeod; 2. McLeod; 3. Rocky Bryan.

CATTLE
Angus steers--1. Robbie Freeman; 2. Lloyd Williams Jr.; 3. Billy Williams.
Hereford steers--1. Danny Freeman; 2. Tina Hammer.
Crosses--1-2. Ty Martin. Grand champion steer--Robbie Freeman.
Reserve grand champion--Danny Freeman.

Commercial Steers
Slaughter--Steve Bland--two high goods; two medium choice; one low choice.
Feeder--Lloyd Williams Jr.--Two medium choice.

SWINE SHOW
Lt wt. Durocs--1. Rocky McKinney; 2. Russell Allen; 3. Tom Stevens.
Heavyweight Durocs--1. Brazelton; 2. David Hackney; 3. Brazelton.
Champion Duroc--Rocky McKinney.
Reserve champion Duroc--Brazelton.
Lt. Wt. Hampshires--1. McLeod; 2. Randy Scott.
Champion Hampshire--McLeod.
Reerve champion Hampshire--Scott.
Lightweight OPB--1. Alan Morse; 2. McLeod.
Heavyweight OPB--1. McLeod; 2. Bobby Webb.

Champion OPB--McLeod.
Reserve champion--Morse.
Crosses--1. Steve Bland; 2. Jan Beck; 3. Randy Scott.
Heavyweight crosses--1. McLeod; 2. Randy Scott; 3. Steve Shugart.
Champion cross--McLeod.
Reserve Champion--Bland.
Grand champion over-all breed pig--McLeod, heavy weight OPB.
Reserve grand champion--John McLeod, havyweight OPB.
Showmanship poultry and rabbit division--McLeod.
Showmanship on steer division--Lloyd Williams Jr.
Showmanship on swine--Randy Scott.
Over-all showmanship award--Rocky McKinney.
Honor Roll
Next Week
Due to lack of space, the Merkel High School Honor Roll will appear in next weeks paper.

Announcing
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And Foreign and Domestic Subsidiaries, at the close of business Dec. 31, 1973, a state banking institution organized and operating under the banking laws of this State and a member of the Federal Reserve System. Published in accordance with a call made by the State Banking Authorities and by the Federal Reserve Bank of this District.

ASSETS	
1. Cash and due from banks (including \$-0-unposted debits)	383,703.11
2. U.S. Treasury securities	175,000.00
4. Obligations of States and political subdivisions	4,220.65
5. Other securities (including \$3750.00 corporate stocks)	3,750.00
7. Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell	400,000.00
8. Other loans	296,795.54
9. Bank premises, furniture and fixtures, and other assets representing bank premises	3,428.50
13. Other assets	131.55
14. TOTAL ASSETS	\$1,267,029.35
LIABILITIES	
15. Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	1,022,083.08
18. Deposits of States and political subdivisions	80,518.99
22. TOTAL DEPOSITS	1,102,602.07
(a) Total demand deposits	1,102,602.07
27. Other liabilities	6,850.00
28. TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$1,109,452.07
CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	
35. EQUITY CAPITAL, TOTAL (sum of items 36 thru 40 below)	157,577.28
37. Common stock-total par value (No. shares authorized 250) (No. shares outstanding 250)	25,000.00
38. Surplus	100,000.00
39. Undivided profits	32,577.28
41. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS (Sum of Items 34 and 35 above)	\$157,577.28
42. TOTAL LIABILITIES, RESERVES, AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS (Sum of Items 28, 29, 33 & 41 above)	\$1,267,029.35

- MEMORANDA
- Average of total deposits for the 15 calendar days ending with call date ..1,083,413.83
 - Average of total loans for the 15 calendar days ending with call date ... 697,067.86
 - Unearned discount on installment loans included in capital accounts 9,978.55

I, Betty Hamner, Ass't. Cashier, of the above-named bank do hereby declare that this report of condition is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
Correct-Attest:
BETTY HAMNER
We, the undersigned directors, attest to 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.
DOW WILLIAMSON
J.G. WILKS
H. H. McLEOD
Directors
State of Texas, County of Taylor, ss:
Sworn and subscribed before me this 10th day of January, 1973, and I hereby certify that I am not an officer or director of this bank.
BETTY FREEMAN, Notary Public. My commission expires June 1, 1975.

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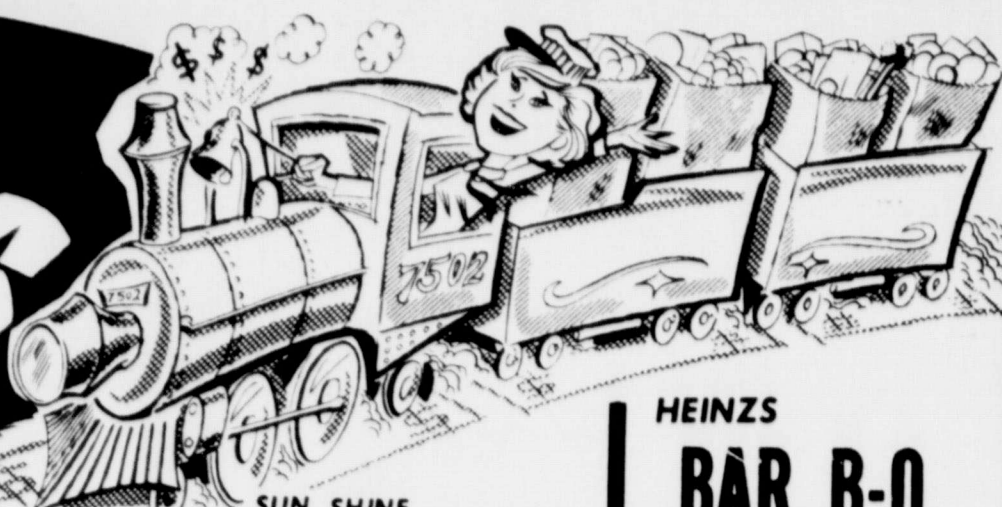
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<p>VITALIS GROOMS WITHOUT GREASE 7 oz. \$1.09 Mfg. list \$1.41</p>	<p>JOHNSON'S BABY POWDER 14 oz. 97¢ Save with the large 24 oz. size</p>	<p>POLIDENT EXTRA EFFERVESCENT TABLETS 40's 97¢ Mfg. list \$1.21</p>	<p>CORICIDIN 'D' Fast relief for congested colds. AT THE FIRST SIGN OF A COLD OR FLU 25's \$1.09 Mfg. list \$1.69 Save with the large 50's size</p>
<p>BAN ANTI-PERSPIRANT ROLL ON DEODORANT 1 1/2 oz. 88¢</p>	<p>JOHNSON'S BABY OIL 10 oz. \$1.19 Save with the large 16 oz. size</p>	<p>POLIDENT EXTRA EFFERVESCENT TABLETS 84's \$1.76 Mfg. list \$2.11</p>	<p>SCHICK FLEXAMATIC MENS #400 \$31.87 Mfg. list \$39.95 also available Schick Shaving Wand, Ladies X10</p>
<p>EXCEDRIN P.M. THE NIGHT TIME PAIN RELIEVER 50's \$1.17</p>	<p>MURINE Makes eyes feel good again! 0.6 oz. Plastic 78¢ also available glass 0.5 oz. Mfg. list \$1.09</p>	<p>LENSINE All Purpose Lens Solution 2 oz. \$1.42 also available 4 oz.</p>	<p>SCHICK STYLING DRYER 500 WATT MENS #339 \$14.87 Mfg. list \$24.98</p>
<p>EXCEDRIN THE EXTRA-STRENGTH PAIN RELIEVER 100's \$1.37 Mfg. list \$1.77</p>	<p>LISTEREX ACNE SCRUB GEL 1oz. 77¢</p>	<p>LISTEREX ACNE SCRUB LOTION 4oz. 83¢</p>	<p>EFFERDENT DENTURE CLEANSER TABLETS 96's \$1.87</p>
<p>SOACLENS SOAKING AND WETTING SOLUTION FOR CONTACT LENSES 4 oz. \$1.77</p>	<p>CLENSE For the optimum in Contact Lens care 2 oz. \$1.63</p>	<p>ANUSOL 12's \$1.37</p>	<p>CALDESENE MEDICATED POWDER 2 oz. 77¢ Mfg. list 98¢</p>
<p>MISS BRECK HAIR SPRAY Regular, Super, Unscented and Super Unscented 13 oz. 77¢ Save with the large 16 oz. size</p>	<p>KAOPECTATE ANTIDIARRHEAL 8 oz. \$1.07 Mfg. list \$1.32</p>	<p>ALKA-SELTZER 25's 59¢ Mfg. list 79¢</p>	<p>FLINTSTONES MULTIPLE VITAMINS Regular 100's \$2.59 Mfg. list \$3.39</p>
<p>BUFFERIN TWICE AS FAST AS ASPIRIN 100's \$1.32 Mfg. list \$1.75</p>	<p>4 WAY NASAL SPRAY 1/2 oz. 72¢</p>	<p>ONE A DAY MULTIPLE VITAMINS Regular 100's \$2.37 Mfg. list \$3.09</p>	<p>BROMO SELTZER 9 oz. 97¢</p>
<p>LISTERINE ANTISEPTIC 64 oz. \$3.67</p>	<p>LISTERINE ANTISEPTIC 20 oz. \$1.29</p>	<p>Scholl COCOA BUTTER SOFTENING LOTION 8 oz. 97¢ Mfg. list \$1.39</p>	<p>SCHICK DRY STYLER 9.34 oz. 77¢ Mfg. list \$1.49</p>
<p>ARTHRITIS STRENGTH BUFFERIN 40's 87¢</p>	<p>ARRID EXTRA DRY ANTI-PERSPIRANT SPRAY 6 oz. 93¢ Regular, Unscented, Light Powder Regular, Light Powder Unscented</p>	<p>SINE-OFF TABLETS 24's 76¢ Mfg. list .98¢</p>	<p>SCHICK LASTING CURLS HAIR SETTER #71LC \$17.95 Mfg. list \$24.98</p>
<p>Value prices are suggested, based on a survey by an independent auditing concern and may vary. THE ABOVE ADVERTISED ITEMS ARE AVAILABLE AT MOST TOPMOST PHARMACIES</p>			

Get back on the SAVINGS TRACK



PRICES GOOD
THURSDAY
FRI. & SAT.
JANUARY
17-18-19th

IMPERIAL
SUGAR
5 LB. BAG **59**

WITH 7.50 IN TRADE OR MORE EXCLUSIVE OF CIGARETTES

DEL DIXI
PICKLES
1/2 GAL. JAR **79¢**

SUN SHINE
H I-HO
CRACKERS
LB BOX **53¢**

HEINZ
BAR B-Q
SAUCE
16 oz. JAR **43¢**

CAPRI
BUBBLE
BATH OIL
1/2 GAL. **79¢**

DEL-MONTE sliced or crushed
PINEAPPLE NO. 2 CAN... 2 FOR **69¢**

DEL-MONTE JUICE
PINEAPPLE 46 oz. CAN **35¢**

HUNTS 300
SAUCE TOMATO with BITS... 2 FOR **45¢**

GRIFFIN CUT 303
Green BEANS..... 2 FOR **45¢**

LARSIN 303
VEGALL..... 2 FOR **45¢**

INSTANT TEA
NESTEA
100% TEA
3 oz. JAR **109**

I. G. DAIRY FRESH
BUTTER
MILK
1/2 GAL. CRTN. **65¢**

I. G. DAIRY FRESH
HOMO MILK
GALLON JUG **133** PLASTIC JUG

BAMA
GRAPE JAM
18 oz. GLASS **43¢**

DIAMOND
FOIL
WRAP
25 FT. ROLL **23¢**

STALEYS
PANCAKE
SYRUP
24oz. BOT. **59¢**

I.G. DAIRY FRESH
HOMO 2MILK
GALLON JUG **143** PLASTIC JUG

HUNTS
SNACK
PACK
4 PACK CRTN. **PUDDING**
59¢

POP RITE
POP CORN
2 LB. BAG **33¢**

Carson's Coupon
SAVE 60¢
WITH THIS COUPON WHEN YOU BUY A 3 LB. CAN OF
MAXWELL HOUSE® COFFEE
GARSON SUPER
3 LB. CAN ONLY **239**
WITH COUPON
ONE COUPON PER FAMILY
OFFER EXPIRES, MAR. 30

WESSON COOKING OIL
24 oz. BOTTLE **69¢**

CHILI MILK NO BEANS
ARMOUR TEX BRAND
19 oz. CAN **79¢**

MILK TOWELS PET TALL CAN (2 LIMIT) 2 FOR **45¢**

TOWELS BOUNTY Jumbo Roll (2 LIMIT) **33¢**

CRACKERS
KEEBLER
LB. BOX **43¢**

SKILLET MAGIC
SCHILLINGS
DINNER PKG. **43¢**

NEW FREEDOM SMALL
KOTEX 30 ct. BOX **79¢**

FABRIC SOFTNER
DOWNEY KING SIZE **123**



WHOLE SUN
ORANGE JUICE 12 oz. CAN **39¢**

MORTONS T.V.
DINNERS..... EACH **53¢**

CHUN KING 6 oz.
EGG ROLL..... PKG. **59¢**

Save 30¢
CARSON'S COUPON
SAVE 30¢
WITH THIS COUPON WHEN YOU BUY A 1 LB. CAN OF
YUBAN COFFEE
AT Carson's Super **83¢**
WITH COUPON
ONE COUPON PER FAMILY
OFFER EXPIRES, MAR. 30



STEAK PARKAY OLEO LB. **43¢**

Iceberg LETTUCE
19¢

FRESH COUNTRY
BUTTER lb **89¢**

CLUB
-LB. **139**

LUX LIQUID
GT. SIZE **49¢**

BIZ PRE WASH
GT. SIZE **63¢**

FRYERS STEAK FRESH Fresh USDA CUT UP UP LB. 49 whole only LB. **39¢**

STEAK choice Beef LOIN LB. **169**

TURKEY ARMOURS GOLD BAND 11-14 LB. **69¢**

BACON ARMOUR STAR POUND **105**

BANKS ARMOUR STAR 12 oz. PKG. **63¢**

PORK RIBS FRESH PORK..... LB. **79¢**

BOLD KING SIZE **119**

DASH JUMBO SIZE **198**

BANANAS DOLE.....LB. **12¢**

CABBAGE FRESH.....LB. **9¢**

Grapefruit RUBY RED..... 5 LB. BAG **53¢**

APPLES ROME RED BEAUTY LB. **19¢**

SPUDS RUSSET 10 LB BAG **89¢**

Authorized STORE FOR FOOD STAMPS CARSONS

WE GIVE GIFT BOND STAMPS
Double on Wednesday with \$5.00 or more

CARSON'S
SUPER MARKET
MCKEE, TEXAS