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## Livestock Show Planned For January 11

The annual Merkel Livestock show has been set for January 11, 1975, according to Benny Melton, Merkel Chamber of Commerce manager. Melton said that the judging of the animals would

start at 1 p.m. The show will be held at the ag barn.

Judge for the 1975 show will be Billy Riley, FFA teacher from Santa Anna, Mr. Riley has ties with Merkel as his wife is the former Karen

### Trent Show To Be Jan. 4th

The Trent Stock Show will be held Jan. 4, 1975, at the Trent Vocational Ag show barns. Clovis McElmurray will be Superintendent of the

The show will begin at 9:00 a.m. with the judging of the poultry and rabbits, followed at 10:00 a.m. with the judging of steers. The FFA and FHA will

have a Bar-B-Que dinner at the Trent High School lunchroom from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00

Mrs. Emily Lavenia Hor-

ton, 87, Taylor County resi-

dent since the turn of the cen-

tury, died at 1:45 p.m. Friday

in Hendrick Memorial Hospi-

tal in Abilene after an ex-

tended illness. Services were

held at 2:30 p.m., Sunday in

First Baptist Church here.

Kenneth Jones, pastor, as-

sisted by the Rev. C. G. Sew-

ell, former pastor. Burial

followed in Rose Hill Ceme-

tery, directed by Starbuck

on Feb. 1, 1887, at Grapevine,

she moved with her family to

Merkel in a covered wagon

in the early 1900s. Two years

later they settled in the Mul-

berry community, where she

met and married Joseph A.

Hollis O. Irvin, 64, a long-

ime Noodle resident, died at

4:30 a.m. Saturday in Hend-

rick Memorial Hospital after

a five-week illness. Services

were held at 3 p.m. Sunday in

Abilene and the Rev. Ed Now-

ell, pastor, officiated, Burial

was in Rose Hill Cemetery

in Merkel directed by Star-

Born Sept. 21, 1910, in

Jones County, he married

Irene Moore Jan. 5, 1935,

in Abilene. He was a stock

farmer and a member of

Noodle Baptist Church, where

he was a past deacon and

Dr. Thomas Lawrence of

Noodle Baptist Church ..

buck Funeral Home.

church treasurer.

Hollis Irvin, Buried Sunday

Born Emily Lavenia Martin

Funeral Home.

Officiating was the Rev.

Mrs. Emily Horton, Longtime

Merkel Resident Buried Sunday

The judging of sheep will be at 1:00 p.m. followed by swine at 2:00 p.m.

Ray of Merkel. Serving as announcer for this years show

will be L. J. Gray. Melton said that final entry date for animals to be entered will be noon, January 8, 1975. All animals are to be in their stalls by 10:00 a.m. on the Saturday

morning of the show. Melton said that it looks like there will be about 50 lambs and 35 hogs to be judged. He said there would be no steers this year.

Serving as Superintendent of the lamb division will be Lloyd Gilmore. Serving as Superintendent of the Hog division will be George Eng-

Melton pointed out that prize money for the show has always been donated by Merkel merchants and that everyone has always been good to see that the young exhibitors had prizes and trophies. Serving on the Collection Committee this year are Lloyd Gilmore, Dave Gamble Arthur Browning, Leon Harris, L. J. Gray and Benny Melton.

Giving the Showmanship Trophy will be Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc. The Merkel Chamber of Commerce, sponsors of the show, will award the champion lamb and champion hog trophy.

Horton on May 25, 1908.

members of the Salt Branch

Baptist Church until it was

disbanded, moving their

membership then to Merkel

Fred of 3926 Concord in Abi-

lene, Buster of Rt. 3 in Mer-

kel and Joe of Midland; two

daughters, Mrs. Euel (Mary)

Mashburn of Hawley and Mrs.

Joe (Dorothy) Hester of 3802

Wisteria in Abilene; nine

grandchildren; 15 great-

grandchildren; a brother, Le-

land Martin of Austin; and a

sister, Mrs, nOmega Reese of

Abilene. Two sisters and

three brothers preceded her

He served for many years

on the Noodle School Board

and was president at the time

Noodle schools consolidated

Survivors include his wife;

a son, Glen of 2450 Yorktown,

Abilene, a daughter, Mrs.

Norman (Jeanne) Current of

Hickman AFB, Honolulu, Ha-

waii; two brothers, Clyde and

Calvin, both of Merkel; and

One daughter, Mrs. Joe

Pallbearers were Carol

Dawkins, preceded him in

Best, Winifred Dobbs, A. D.

McCain, Hubert Sullivan, Er-

nest Tate and A. J. Richard-

with Merkel schools.

eight grandchildren.

Survivors are three sons,

Baptist Church.

### Mrs. Calloway Noodle **Homecoming Queen** The Noodle Homecoming Anson, taught at Noodle for presented an orchid corsage a number of years as vo-

ing Queen at Noodle Homecoming December 1.

Mrs. Calloway, longtime ed her eighth birthday with The couple lived in Mula party given by her chilberry until his death Nov. 16. 1962. They were charter

Troy Sloan of Noodle was honored as Mr. Ex. He was elected from a field of ten candidates.

Honored as ex-teacher was Ernest tate of Abilene, Mr. Tate, presently teaching in

Mrs. Lena Margaret Fos-60, longtime Merkel resident, died at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday at Central Nursing Home in Abilene after a lengthy illness. Services in addition to many from

were held at 2 p.m. Thursday Texas. at First Baptist Church. The Rev. Kenneth Jones pastor, officated. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery, directed by Starbuck Funeral

Home. Born Lena Margaret Dean

Survivors are one son, Elthy) Denning of Irving; one brother, Elbert Dean Jr. of Mrs. Buster (Pauleen) Hester and Mrs. Quannah (Boots) Dudley, both of Merkel, Mrs. morning session beginning at John (Mildred) Rister of Lev- 10 o'clock, to two subjects: elland and Mrs. J. E. (Maureen) Jaynes of Tucumcari, cattle industry in addition N.M.; five gradchildren; two great-grandchildren; and

to Mrs. D. C. (Simmons) Cal- cational agriculture, science loway of Anson as Homecom- and history teacher and served as coach and principal

BILLY WATTS

. . . making free shot

**Badgers** 

Sweep

Jim Ned

The Varsity girls gave the

Jim Ned Indians quite a hassle

Tuesday night but they came-

out on the short end of the

deal., Scoring 6 points to the

Indians 8 points the first

quarter and 18 points to the

Indians 24 points at half time.

At the end of the third quar-

ter the Badgers with 22 points

to the Indians 35 points and at

the end of the game the In-

dians came out with a vic-

tory, winning 45 to the Bad-

gers 37. High pointer for the

Badgers was Netta Stephan

scoring 19 points to Mendy

Marshalls 30 points for the

Indians. Gayla Toliver

brought down the most re-

bounds for the Badgers with

8. She is a guard. The Bad-

gers had 10 team fouls to

the Indians 9, the Badgers

made 11 free throws out of

an attempt of 15 - the In-

dians made 7 free throws out

The Varsity boys who are

David Copeland with 10 points

and David Riggan with 9

points. High points for the

Jim Ned Indians was Pier-

Winners in the Door De-

son with 9 points.

Winners Told

Decorating

of an attempt of 16. The Bad-

Darwin Hill was president resident of Noodle, reared of the 1974 Homecoming. Eueight children in the Noodle lan Hatfield was elected the recently celebrate president for the 1976 coming and Carl Best as vice president, Mrs. Vernon Stanley was re-elected secretary. The 1976 Homecoming will be held the Saturday following Thanksgiving at a larger

The welcome address was given by Joe Tarpley of San Antonio, a 1940 graduate of Noodle. He told of Noodle as he remembered it when in school and when he taught at Noodle. He presently teaches English in a Junior College in San Antonio. Roy Justice of Fort Worth

was Master of Ceremonies for the occasion. Former residents were present from Oklahoma, Kansas, Arizona and California

### gers made 73% of their shots to the Indians 44% now 13-0 in the season defeated the Jim Ned Indians 59-45 with Buddy Morgan high pointer for the Badgers with 26 points, next in line was

SAN ANGELO - What type on Aug.n26, 1914, in Taylor of calf will feeders and order County, Mrs. Foster was a buyers pay top dollar for to-

A team of feeders, buyers, bert of Buffalo Gap; one bankers and educators will daughter, Mrs. Henry (Doro- take up the foregoing question and others during the West Texas Cattle Conference. Sterling, Ill.; four sisters, Jan.n7 at the Producers Livestock Auction in San Angelo. Speakers will restrict the

corating at Merkel Schools are as follows: Elementary, 1st, Mrs. McHugh's room; 2nd, Mr. Martin's room; 3rd, Mrs. Hart's room. Primary, current conditions in the 1st, Mrs. Watson; 2nd, Mrs. to an outlook of that indus-Malone; 3rd, Mrs. Wade's try, and attitude of bankers room, (High School, 1st, Ronseveral nieces and nephews. toward cattle feeding in partinie Aldridge's room; 2nd, Three sisters preceded her cular and the catile business Mrs. Dudley's room; 3rd, Mrs. Penick's room.

# Don Hensley To Head **Industrial Foundation**

dustrial foundation, Thename of the organization is Merkel Development Foundation. Don Hensley, president of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank has been named president of the corporation. The foundation received its charter from the state of Texas recently...

The purpose of the foundation is to foster the economic development of Merkel and the immediate area. The foundation will assist with new businesses which areinterested in locating in Merkel and the immediate area. However, the foundation is not limited to just new businesses. It will assist existing development.

"The primary objective of the cooperation will be to benefit the community as measured by increased empoloyment, payroll, business volume, corresponding factors and establishing of hospitals and similar institutions," Hensley said. He pointed out that all of this would be accomplished without monetary profit to its officers, trustees or mem-

'It is imperative that we have an organization that is properly organized and active to develop the necessary information and make proposals to interested new businesses which have a desire to locate in Merkel," Hensley said "You have to have an industrial foundation first to attract new businesses."

Hensley continued. Officers of the Foundation besides Hensley are Don Hart, 1st vice president; Nolan Palmer, 2nd vice president: Herman Carson, 3rd vice president; and Max Murrell, secretary-treasurer.

The present board of direc-

tors and trustees are Don Hensley, Max Murrell, Herman Carson, Dr. Donald Warren, Mack Fisher, Don Hart, Darryl Farmer, Nolan Palmer, and William H. Button, The Board of Directors pledged itself to working with the officers of the corporation and pledged to fully support

this progra.n. The officers and directors are serving on the Industrial Foundation to further develop the future growth of Merkel and enhance the possibilities of attracting new business firms to this area, the presi-

Jerrie Stephan, Merkel

High School senior, is the

Outstanding Student of the

Month for December. Spon-

Society, this monthly award

honors a deserving student.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stephan

of Rt. 4, Merkel. Her list

of accomplishments shows

that she is worthy of this

Jerrie is now serving as

president of the senior class.

president of F.H.A., vice-

president of the band, in which

she plays clarinet, and vice-

Jerrie is the daughter of

Jerrie Stephan Named

sored by the National Honor music, and sports, playing

**Outstanding Student** 

"This is not entirely limited to officers and directors of the foundation," Hensley said, "it is a totally local effort of every citizen and merfort and every citizen and merchant of Merkel will have the opportunity to work with committees in establishing this goal,"

Hensley said the Merkel Development Foundation will

have a meeting of all interested parties in this community to further the goals and objectives of the group. The time and place of the meeting will be announced at a later time he said.

Hensley emphasized that the foundation wasn't strictly for new businesses, but was intere ted in expansion and growth of businesses already established in Merkel also.



COTTON HARVEST IN PROGRESS . . . at Merkel Cin

## **Cotton Harvest At** Halfway Point In Area

At the U.S.D.A. Cotton Classing Office in Abilene, 24,850 cotton samples were classed during the week ending December 19. This brought the seasonal total to 92,000 samples classed, which is about one-half of the total expected to be classed from the 1974-75 crop. By the same date last year 404,000 samples had been classed.

president of the National Hon-

or Society. Jerrie is also a

member of the Student Coun-

cil. She is interested in art,

forward on the M.H.S. bas-

Jerrie was honored ear-

This versatile young lady

lier this year as Merkel

High Homecoming Queen and

is active in the youth group

of the Zion Lutheran Church

in Abilene and was a busy

4-H member for seven years.

Even with this much in-

volvement in school, church,

and clubs. Jerrie still maintains an A average, having

been named on the honor roll

for each grading period this

year. Jerrie also has time to

be friendly and cooperative

with everyone at M.H.S. Such

a dedicated, dependable, and

industrious person as Jerrie

Jerrie hopes to further her

The National Honor Society

interests in art at West Texas

deserves recognition.

State next year.

as Miss Merry Christmas.

ketball team.

little changed from those of the previous week, with 44 per cent grading 42. Twentyone per cent graded 52; 15 per cent graded 41, and 8 per cent graded 51. Eleven per cent of the sample was reduced in grade because of bark content. Staple lengths were 42 per cent stape 31; 31 per cent

Grade distributions were

staple 30; 15 per cent staple 32, and 6 per cent staple 33. Micronaire readings were 72 per cent within the 3.5

to 4.9 range. Three per cent was high mike and the remaining 23 per cent fell into low micronaire ranges.

Cotton prices reported to the U.S.D.A.'s, Agricultural Marketing Service had declined by 200 to 325 points. Local markets continue generally inactive, with no market for cotton in some areas. Too few prices of specific cotton qualities were reported to provide accurate quotations. Cottonseed prices paid farmers ranged from 120 to 145 dollars per ton.

### Subscription, Classified Rates Increase

Due to increased production, postage, and labor costs, the Merkel Mail is raising the subscription rates of the paper to \$4.75 for Taylor and surrounding counties and \$5.50 for others. The new

rates are effective immediately. Classified rates will become 8 cents a word with a \$1.25 minimum on

### is pleased to honor Jerrie the same date. Aliens Must Report During Jan.

District Director, Joe F. tain international organiza-Staley, San Antonio, of the Immigration and Naturalization Service estimated that 104,000 aliens will report their addresses in the San Antonio Area during January under the Federal Alien Address Report Program..

Mr. Joe F. Staley said that all non-citizens, except those in diplomatic status and foreign representatives of cer- 10 days after their return.

tions are required to file the address report. He added that any alien

who willfully violates the address report requirement may be subject to serious penalties. In addition, aliens who are

not in the United States during January must report their addresses to the Services within

# Dr., Mrs. Williams Donate Merkel Property

liams of Merkel and Abilene have donated their Merkel ranch and home to the Hendrick Medical Center Foundation in Abilene. It is the first

major gift for the foundation. The announcement was made at a noon luncheon Tuesday, December 17, in Abilene. The gift of the home and 235 acres of land was "conservatively set at \$150,000." Dr. Williams has practiced medicine in Abilene since 1949. He has lived on his Merkel property for about 15 years. He is senior pathologist and continuing education center director at

Hendrick Memorial Hospital. The land donated to the hospital is part of the historic old Largent ranch. The land was formerly owned by Tom Largent and was part of the original Largent Ranch founded by Tom's father, the

quarters of the original Largent Ranch was not far from Foundation President

the present Williams home. Richard L. Spaulding said at the meeting that the property, two miles north of Merkel, has not been appraised but the "conservative estimate is that the land and home will net the foundation at least \$150,000,"

Spaulding said Dr. and Mrs. Williams will continue living on the property for a time and that the foundation probably will sell it at some point in the future.

"This Gift...is a marvelous way to launch the foundation, which was formed to develop support for Hendrick hospital." Spaulding said.

"The gift is more meaningful because Dr.n Williams knows Hendrick Hospital well and knows its work, and because he personally has done so much the last 25 years to upgrade the Cuality of health care here in Abilene and throughout this area."

Dr. and Mrs. Williams both were present in a hospital meeting room for the ceremony, but Dr. Williams, asked for his comment, said only that he has always "felt like I was getting more out of the hospital than the hospital would ever get out of

Spaulding said other donations are expected in coming months, but the Williameses' year-end gift provides the foundation "a far better beginning than we had cause to expect,"

The foundation was founded this year "to broaden financial support for Hendrick Memorial Hospital so that the ill and injured of the region ... . will be assured the best of health care at the lowest possible cost," and to "serve friends and benefactors of the hospital by the formation of trusts and the management of funds so as to provide donors maximum earnings and tax benefits,"

Dr. Williams is a former dean of the University of Texas School of Medicine at Galveston.

When he came to Abilene in 1949, he was the only pathologist in this part of the state.

He has been president of the Taylor-Jones Medical Society and in 1971 was awarded the Gold-Headed Cane by a rea doctors as a "symbol of excellence in medical service."

Mr. Williams is immediate past president of Abilene Woman's Club and is active in Merkel clubs.



Here is is ... the New Year! We hope you really enjoy it and find success in all your endeavors!

## Rain Makes Mesquite **Chaining Condition Ideal**

this fall have provided almost the following year," the ideal conditions for getting rid of mesquite by chaining, says a brush control scien-

C. E. Fisher, a 40-year veteran researcher who heads the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station's brush control field team, says that heavy rains during the fall months have made it considerably easier to uproot mesquite trees and brush by the chaining method.

He explains that two or sometimes three powerful crawler tractors are used to pull a 400-foot chain weighing up to 36,000 pounds over the ground, destroying any dead brush or trees in its

"Chaining when the soil is wet helps to pull up larger trees. Smaller brush plants are at least knocked down to ground level," Fisher says. Best results have been obtained in the late fall and

quite is dormant and brittle so that it breaks up readily. "We have found when the soil is dry, most of thre trees are broken off at ground level

winter, he adds, when mes-



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scientist reports.

Chains, much like anchor of large ships, are able to cut a swath through the mesquite, knocking down everything in their path.

Fisher notes that the chains most commonly used range from 300 to 400 feet and weigh 60 to 90 pounds per

Costs of this method vary from \$1.50 to \$2.50 per acre, he reports, depending on the type of growth and terrain and whether the brush has been sprayed before.

'Chaining mesquite that has not been aerial sprayed is usually more costly and ineffective," Fisher says. 'On unsprayed mesquite, more power is required to pull up large trees while small ones either bend or break off at ground level, easily sprouting back again. Sprayed mesquite pulls up much easier since most of the roots are dead and are

not clinging to the soil." According to Fisher, one of the most effective and economical methods of controlling mesquite on extensive areas of rangeland is to aerial

pray with 2, 4, 5-T, Tordon 25 or Banvel 2 + 2, and then chain the treated area one to three years later. The spray kills a high percentage of the small brushy plants and the chain uproots most of the large tree

"This combination of hemical and mechanical method yields good control at ow cost, opens up vastacreages of productive rangeland, and reduces the cost of gathering cattle by as much as 50 to 80 per cent," he

will be riding in the Invita-

finals go-round on Feb.,2



MR. AND MRS. O.D. BLAND ... golden wedding anniversary

## O. D. Blands Have 50th Anniversary

will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday, Dec. 29, from 2 until 4 o'clock in the Noodle Community

Hosting will be their children and grandchildren.

Mr. Bland was born in Fisher County and Mrs. Bland the former Mable Storey, daughter of Mr., W. G. Storey and the late Mrs. Storey, was born in Midland County. The couple grew up in Martin County and were married Midland Dec. 25, 1924.

With its invitational po-

during the summer and the

feature will be Mr. Rythm,

billed as the King of Dancing

Horses. The American Sad-

dlebred Horse, which does

over 50 various tricks, has

mastered a canter pace while

Rodeo tickets are available

50, Fort Worth, Texas

76101, or at the Rodeo tic-

ket office in the lobby of Will

Luke. Mrs. Denzel Cox gave,

"A Christmas Prayer," by

Gifts were exchanged from a beautiful lighted tree. The delicious traditional

dinner was served on attrac-

tively decorated tables to the

following members and guests: Rev. and Mrs. Rus-

sell McAnally, Rev. and Mrs.

Newt Daniel, Mmes. Smart,

W. W. Toombs, Leon Toombs,

O. E. Harwell, Anna Dunn,

Kenneth Pee, Dewell McLean,

Wilmer Criswill, Chester

Cox, Etta McWilliams, Ken-

neth Switzer, Oswald Everett

son, Winnie Cypert, Georgia

Zimmerman, W. A. Stockbridge, Herbert Patterson,

John Shannon, Floyd Davis.

Denzel Cox, Mary Click, O.R.

Douglas, W. H. Bullock, E. L. Farmer, W. S. J. Brown,

Dee Grimes, Poss Fernier,

T. K. Anderson, Mamie Steck.,

Sallie Moore, and Mrs. John-

ny Cox, and Misses Bessie

The March of Dimes has

sponsored a National Com-

mittee on Perinatal Health,

to upgrade the quality of ma-

ternal, fetal, and newborn health services, Members

are obstetricians, pediatri-

cians and family practi-

Fred Bauer.

Rogers Coliseum.

Gleaner's Met

December 11

At Asteroid

Ann M. Rigby of Snyder at 8 p.m. for a \$620 purse.

tional Ranch Girls Barrel licy, the Stock Show assures

Race during the Fort Worth the rodeo fans they will be

Stock Show Rodeo Jan, 24 seeing only the best of barrel

through Feb. 2 at Will Rogers racers, Invitations are issued

Sponsored by Buster Welch first 90 returned appear at the

among 90 brightly costumed The 1975 edition of the

in prize money. The top 10 of Miss Toni Ingraham, coun-

racers will ride during a try music's newest song sty-

Ranches, Merkel, she will be Fort Worth Rodeo.

Noodle Community in 1961. Mr. Bland is a life long farmer and livestock raiser. Mrs. Bland enjoys gardening and seiving. They are members of the Noodle Baptist

The Blands moved to Tay-

lor County in 1940 and to the

The Bland's have four children, Mrs. Norman (Claudine) Gray of Abilene. Mrs. Durwood (Ruby) Doan of Abilene, Mrs. Robert (Billie) James of Merkel, O. D. Bland of Alta Loma, Fourteen grandchildren and ten greatgrandchildren.

### Buster Welch Ranches Sponsoring Lambda Beta Has Snyder Girl at Ft. Worth Rodeo Christmas Party

Lambda Beta held a Christmas Party on December 17, 1974 at the Methodist Fellowship Hall. A Pot Luck supper was

served with a choice of many delicious varieties brought by each family. The program for the evening's entertainment was pre-

ranch girls competing three World's Original Indoor Rosented by Ginny Yaddow, with nette Clark. A snow ball relay and a ballon burst were two of the list from Las Vegas. Another

> The Children enjoyed a game called Santa's Helpers. Each family was called upon and as the saying goes "Each did their thing." Family pictures were taken to be displayed in the soro-

games played by everyone.

by mail at Post Office Box rity's scrap book. Songs were sung and when "Here comes Santa" was sung very loud by the children -- Santa Claus made the scene with gifts for everyone. Santa even got a kiss under the mistletoe by one of

the Mommies!! Lambda Beta would like to express a very warm "Thank You" and a job well done to Santa.

Present were: Messrs. and Mmes, James Allday and Family, Rosey Castille and The Gleaner's Sunday School class of the United Family, ObieCoker and Family, Billy Whisenhunt and Family, Lee Yaddow and Methodist Church met for Family, Craig Jones and their Christmas Dinner at Family, Harold Hohhertz and the Asteroid December 11, Family, Paul Moore and Family, Billy Lucas and Mrs. Dewel McLean, president, welcomed the guests. Family, Larry White and Mrs. Johnny Cox read the Family, Mike Welch and Family, Larry Teaff and Christmas Story from Saint Family, Billy Bob Neff and Family, Ricky Elliott and Family, Phil Seymores, Mrs. Robert Louis Stevenson and "The C-C-Choir Boy," by J. H. Clark Jr. and Family, and Mrs. Glen Bright and

> Another Fine Texas Recipe

> > **CHUCK WAGON BAKED BEANS**

1 lb. dried navy beans 1 tart apple, chopped 1 small onion, chopped 1/4 lb, sliced salt pork ½ cup strained honey % cup barbeque sauce 1/2 tsp. dry mustard Roy Baccus, Tommy Patter- 1 tsp. chili powder

> 1/2 tsp. garlic salt Wash beans, cover with water and soak overnight. Cook slowly in salted water about 30 minutes, drain, saving cooking liquid. Put apple and onion in 2-quart bean pot; add half the beans and top

with half salt pork. Add remaining beans. Mix honey,

barbecue sauce, mustard, chili

Reidenbach and Mabel Mcpowder, garlic salt and butter with 2½ cups cooking liquid; pour over beans. Top with remaining salt pork; cover. Bake in 375-degree oven 1 hour. Reduce heat to 275 and continue baking 5 hours. Add more bean liquid or hot water. During last half hour uncover. Yield: 6-8

> For additional recipes write Commissioner John C. White, Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Tex. 78711.

## Harry Holt Honored By Farmers Union

farm reporters received awards for distinguished agricultural reporting at the 71st Annual Convention of the Texas Farmers Union held

The awards were presented by Texas Farmers Union President, Jay I. Naman, Waco before some 400 delegate to the farm organization's meeting. Receiving awards were

Harry Holt, radio-TV farm editor of station KRBC-radio and TV in Abilene; and Joe Brown, farm editor of the Wichita Falls Times and Record News.

Holt has been an agricultural writer and broadcaster for 40 years, serving in the KRBC post since 1953. Before that he was agriculture editor of the Abilene Repor-

ter and News for 15 years. Brown began his news career as a student at Midwestern University at Wichita Falls where he worked for the Times and Record News. After serving as public relations director for two cattle organizations for five years, he returned to the paper and to KFDX-TV.

## **Brooks Buried Friday**

Ivy Lewis Brooks, 61, of Abilene and formerly of Merkel, retired truck driver, died at 2:45 a.m. Wednesday at Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene after a short illness. Services were held at 2 p.m. Friday at Calvary Baptist Church.

The Rev. P. T. Stewart, pastor, and the Rev. Howard Ingram, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiated. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery, directed by Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born July 19, 1913, in Evant, Mr. Brooks married Fannie Massey on Aug. 4, 1937, in Kilgore. They moved to Merkel in 1939.

He was employed by Tay-Electric Cooperative here for nine years and moved to Abilene in 1956.

Survivors are his wife; one son, Gary of Lancaster; three daughters, Mrs. Willard (Ro mona) Sanders of Goldsboro, N. C., and Mrs. Carl (Patricia) Powers and Mrs. Don (Rita) Vickers, both of Abilene; three brothers, Jimmy of Lampasas, W. T. of Houston and Wilbur of Gladewater; one sister, Mrs. Robert Reagh of Kilgore, and seven grandchildren.

Cytomegalovirus (CMV) is a little-known but wide spread infection which may be responsible for a range of development defects in babies born to infected women, according to the March of

## Mrs. Gregory Host TCYH

The Taylor County Young Homemakers met Dec. 12 in June Gregory's home.

Kathryn Crawley, from Lone Star Gas presented an inspiring program on Christmas Is Sharing. Hostesses were Joyce Da-

vis and June Gregory. Mary Caton thanked Jeanette Pursley for her hard work on the Christmas float. Gayle Taylor said the chapter sent Norma Bond a plant because she was so nice to let our artist use the front of her shop Satur-

day for portraits. Kathy Hendricks was nominated as Little Sister for De-

Ida Seymore, chairman of socials, told about the plans for the Christmas party Sat-

urday at the Methodist Fellowship Hall.

Visitors present were Mmes. Gordon Pursley, Homer Laney, Howard Laney, Holloway and Joe Henry. Members present were Mmes. Hugh Baker, Richard Caton, Travis Davis, Wayne Deen, Jerry Ross, Spencer Taylor, Jimmy Jacobs, Mack

Seymore, Larry Gill, Robert

Crawford, David Sumner,

Phillip Pursley, Joe Gregory

and Julie Shaffer.

vent birth defects.

Actress Jane Wyatt is both trustee of the March of Dimes, and National Chairman of Volunteer Services for the voluntary health organization's campaign to pre-

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"Food buyers, concerned tillage. with rising food costs, need to Pardons and Paroles and fa- be aware of their debt of grativor a TDC legal aid setup tude to herbicides," says a to help inmates in their court weed scientist, Dr. Allen Wiese with the Texas Agricultural

"Food costs would be a ed a staff recommendation to and ranchers didn't have these control weeds in fields and "Weeds reduce crop yields

and are a form of pollutant that greatly affects our stand-TEACHER GROUP ASKS and of living. One weed in a ers Association's executive cotton field costs from 2 to 5 committee voted to ask the cents, depending upon cotton legislative price. An average of one weed committee to reconsider its per 10 feet of row will cut cides include controlling water request for \$8,200 a year cotton yields about \$50 per weeds in ponds and streams so

"Unfortunately, many peo-

"Herbicides are used in

wind and water is markedly

"One weed per 10 feet of islative committee to ask the sorghum row cuts yields more increased by herbicide control legislature for a starting than 1,000 pounds per acre. of undesirable plants. \$12,000 salary base. The be- Most years, that's easily the difference between profit and

Texas Federation of Teach- loss. The TSTA executive com-

which would unify TSTA and water. many ways to improve environ-

port among lawmakers. Sen. Ron Clower of Garland will introduce a bill next decreased. Over a 6-year peri- Editor's Note - any questions month to establish a three-

private companies. as to best serve the people." provide for telephone rate below an estimated standard.

outside incorporated cities. Texas Municipal League and utilities companies are expected to fight the legisla-

100 per cent for January.

Langdon said he sees "some encouraging signs" in the energy picture, including more drilling application and more operating rigs. SHORT SNORTS

Governor Briscoe has re-

State Welfare Commissioner Raymond Vowell figured \$272,269 in welfare benefits have been obtained illegally in Texas during a six months

A cutback in federal food stamps proposed by the presi-

dent would require 266,380 Texas households receiving them to pay an additional \$2 million for the same amount of stamps. The Governor has proposed

into a Texas Department of Highways and Public Trans-

In the continuing effort to provide better and faster service to the veteran population served by the Waco Regional Office, the Veterans Administration now provides local telephone service for use when seeking assistance. Jack Coker, Director of the Waco Region, reports that a veteran living in Merkel, may call 800-792-1110, and reach the Regional Office in Waco., Coker further states that the only expense involved will be the cost of a local call. Office hours are from 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

AUSTIN, Tex .- Auto insur- furlough, educational and vocational programs, endorse enlargement of the Board of

STATE CAPITAL

ance rates are going up again

-an average of 8.8 per cent

statewide, or from \$8 to \$39

for majority 1A and 1B adult

drivers, depending on the rat-

State Insurance Board an-

While the increase was

nounced the new rates effec-

judged necessary in view of

rising auto repair and hospi-

tal rates and other costs, it

was less than half the 18.3

per cent requested by the in-

surance industry. It was also

far below the boost recom-

mended originally-16.8 per

cent-by the Board's own

Overall cost to drivers is

estimated at about \$50 mil-

lion a year. Gov. Dolph Bris-

coe said the industry's re-

quest would have boomed the

"Double digit inflation" de-

stroyed potential savings

which might have been ac-

hieved due to lower speed

limits, reduced accidents and

curtailed driving, said State

Insurance Board Chairman

In a sample county (Tra-

vis), \$100 deductible collision

insurance will cost an aver-

age new car owner about \$13

more, property damage liabil-

ity another \$5, bodily injury

liability another \$1 and full

coverage comprehensive \$5

The Board also increased

from \$50 to \$200 the amount

of damages required for an

insurance report on a traffic

Texas motorists to take

the National Safety Council

defensive driving course (to

obtain a 10 per cent automa-

tic insurance discount for a

three-year period) and to

"shop" for companies offer-

ing competitive rates (with

savings of up to 15 per cent.)

BUDGET SOARING - An

estimated \$1.4 billion state

Legislative Budget Board

recommended a record \$3.343

billion biennial state general

revenue budget which reach-

which inflation and the ener-

set aside a remaining \$500

million into a "permanent

working capital account" to

provide stability in cash flow

and cover unexpected tem-

million of the surplus for the

legislature to play with in adjusting the 1976-77 biennial

appropriations bill, and price

tag of school finance formula

revision (not covered in the

LBB recommendations) could

run to \$1 billion. Lawmakers

could, of course, throw out all

the LBB proposals and start

APPOINTMENTS - An un-

usually-large number of ma-

jor appointments were an-

nounced during the last week.

Among them were the fol-

Kenneth W. Cook as Alco-

holic Beverage Commission

administrator; Harry Ledbet-

ter as deputy state comptrol-

ler; Randall "Buck" Wood as

assistant comptroller for leg-

al services; Charles Behrens

as director of the comptrol-

ler's new funds management

division; Charles M. Miles,

assistant comptroller for

staff services; Don W. Ray

director of comptroller's field

Don B. Odom reappointed

Insurance Commissioner; Joe

D. Gunn reappointed to Texas

Employment Commission; J.

D. Chastain to succeed Joel

Tisdale as chief of the De-

partment of Public Safety

Identification and Criminal

Records Division; Hal M.

Lattimore and Tom Cave to

be district judges in Tarrant

County; and John C. Mullen

of Alice to be district attor-

ney of the 79th judicial dis-

Joe Christie said he has

agreed to accept reappoint-

ment to a six-year term on

the State Insurance Board.

PRISON REFORM BACKED

-A legislative joint commit-

tee moved toward approval of

recommendations for Texas

prison reform but delayed a

cord for a new method of

judging inmates eligible for

parole, minimizing warden's

It also approved more gen-

erous visiting rights with

families, and called for study

of possible conjugal visits.

Other recommendations

would raise pay of Depart-

ment of Corrections person-

nel, provide for improvement

in medical services, support a

major expansion in TDC work

The committee went on re-

showdown vote.

evaluation.

trict.

operations division;

lowing:

That leaves less than \$100

However, LBB moved to

deep into the fat cushion

surplus is fading fast.

gy crunch provided.

porary deficits.

Governor Briscoe urged

Joe Christie.

accident.

cost another \$60 million.

ing territory they live in.

tive January 16.

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Highlights ^~°Sidelights

Committee members oppos-Experiment Station. ed a provision to pay inmates "a reasonable wage" for their prison labor. They also delet- great deal higher if farmers ban discrimination against 'chemical hoe hands' to help inmates due to political be-Mengden of Houston claimed pastures," Wiese contends. 'subversives" should be kept

MORE-Texas State Teachorganization's starting pay for teachers.

under close scrutiny.

The panel narrowly defeat- acre. ed a motion to direct the legginning minimum is now \$6,-

ers, an AFL-CIO affiliate with growing membership in ple still think that herbicides by using herbicides instead of major cities, has offered a are polluting the environment. legislative program calling for a \$10,000 minimum.

with National Education Association, subject to ratification in a statewide referendum.

UTILITY REGULATION parently has increasing sup-

the state "must provide the and corn was planted without 77843. tools whereby public utilities can be properly regulated so Clower said his bill will rollbacks when service falls

He noted there is no control over utility rates and services

ALLOWABLE SET-For the 34th straight month. Texas Railroad Commision fixed the oil production allowable at

East Texas field, an exception, will be held to 66 per cent as a conservation mea-

Commission Chairman Jim

turned to duties after his recent illness, and promises regular weekly press confer-

Atty. Gen. Hill has asked the legislature to give him more authority to investigate deceptive practices in insur-

ance sales.

combining the Texas Highway Department and Mass Transportation Commission

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"Still other uses for herbithat fish can multiply. Food for wildlife on the land can be

"Innovative Texas research shows that soil moisture storage was increased over 3 inches in an 11-month fallow period tillage to control weeds from They have not been told about wheat harvest to sorghum the extensive research that planting. The extra 3 inches of mittee further endorsed a shows how rapidly herbicides soil moisture increased sorchange in the constitution disappear from air, plants, soil ghum yield by 1,200 pounds per acre.

"We no to increase food mental quality. They are revo- production and at the same lutionizing soil and water con- time hold down fuel usage. BACKED - Creation of a servation practices. When her- Innovations such as no-till state utilities commission ap- bicides are substituted for till- farming, made possible with age, and plant residues left on herbicides, are our best hope," the soil surface, soil erosion by concluded Wiese.

member elected commission od in Ohio, the total soil lost regarding this column should with authority over telephone, from 2-acre plots was 8.3 tons be addressed to Science Writer, electrical and natural gas with conventional tillage and Dept. of Agricultural Commurates and water supplied by only 0.1 ton where herbicides nications, Texas A&M Univer-Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby said were used to control weeds, sity, College Station, Texas

## in this cause, numbered 9699-

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: Edwin Lee Mills, De-

fendant, Greeting: YOU ARE HEREBY COM-MANDED to appear before the Honorable Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof. in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 27th day of January A.D.

1975, to Plaintiff's Petition

filed in said court, on the

Lee Mills, Defendant, A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit:

DR on the docket of said

court and styled Ruey Faye

Mills, Plaintiff, vs., Edwin

Divorce, no children, and

no community property. Parties married on or about September 26, 1973, Separated on or about August 15. 1974 as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs. Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 11th day of December A.D. 1974. (SEAL)

Attest: Irene Crawford, District Clerk Domestic Relations Court, Taylor County, Texas; By Judy Kiser, Deputy.

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20th day of August A.D. 1974

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court and styled Jim Vander-

veer, and wife Mary Vanderveer, Plaintiff, vs. Bernardo Paredes, and wife Guadalupe Paredes, and Mrs. L.J. Allison, Defendant. A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as

follows, to-wit: Lot 13, Block 2, R. L. Over Subdivision of Block 5, Over Place Addition to the City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, Trepass Try Title. pass Try Title as is more

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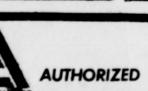
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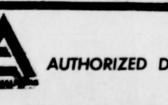
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from the date of commissioning of the LSM 266. We are naturally anxious that McKelvey is aware of this event. Perhaps one of the Mails'

whereabouts.

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chanic but I plan to start a the production of income. In a exempt interest or capital part-time business building hot given year, if no income or a gains, they will retain the rods from Model A's. Although small amount of income is same character in your hands I expect to make a profit from coupled with expenditures that for the purposes of tax treatthis business eventually, there produce a loss, there may be ment. You should report your fall of 1945 was Box 402, will be losses in the beginning a question whether a business dividends on line 10a of Form due to the large investments was carried on in that year. 1040, U.S. Individual Income Mr. McKelvey was aboard I'll make in equipment and However, absence of income in Tax Return. advertising. Can I deduct these itself does not prevent you losses even though my business from deducting the ordinary won't show much income?

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nected with your business. A. Yes, you can. An activreaders may have known Mr. ity is considered a business if Q. I just finished doing jury McKelvey and furnish a clue it is entered into and carried duty on a two-month long case. that may lead to his present on in good faith for the pur- Will I have to pay tax on the pose of making a profit. Two fee I received for serving on I would be extremely grate- characteristic elements of a the jury?

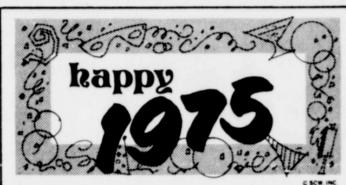
A. Yes, jury duty fees represent earned income and they are taxable.

income in the form of some tax-exempt securities.

A. Each item of income rehands of the trust. So, if items of income distributed to you Q. I work as an auto me- tivities and transactions and of domestic corporations, taxinclude, for example, dividends

> Q. I rent a large safe deposit and necessary expenses conbox for keeping some small pieces of art and important papers. Is the rent on the box tax deductible?

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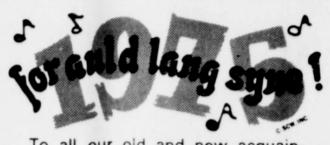
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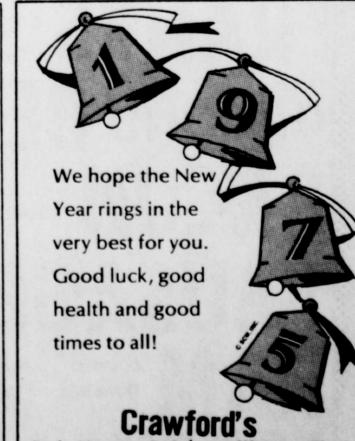
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