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## Resolution Honors Booth Warren

The Directors of the Merkel Cemetery Association meeting in a called session Jan. 17, 1975 in the home of Mrs. W.S.J. Brown, authorized and ordered that "A Resolution" with regard to the invaluable service rendered by Booth Warren to the Merkel Cemetery Association, be prepared and presented to the family of Booth Warren.

This resolution was presented to Mrs. Booth Warren Friday morning, Jan. 24, 1975 by Joe Cypert and Fred Starbuck, representing the Merkel Cemetery Association. The resolution reads as follows:

### A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Our Community of Merkel takes great civic pride and individual interest in the interment and care of our beloved deceased citizen and kindred, and  
WHEREAS, in order to perpetuate this concerned interest there was created a Merkel Cemetery Association, and  
WHEREAS, the longevity of this Association has been dependent upon the dedicated effort and personal support of many citizens of our Community, and  
WHEREAS, there was among our Citizens, Booth Warren, a man of unusual concern, interest and personal dedication in the administration of the Merkel Cemetery Association, and  
WHEREAS, his contribution of administration and leadership is self evident as reflected in the fiscal data of our Association together with the orderly and magnificent panorama of Rose Hill Cemetery, and  
WHEREAS, this one of compassion and love of his community has been removed from our number by death; now, therefore be it  
RESOLVED that the Merkel Cemetery Association express, by this Resolution, its great debt of gratitude and deep appreciation for the life and personal contributions of Booth Warren, and be it further  
RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be presented to his family and a copy be spread on the minutes of the Merkel Cemetery Association this the 17th day of January, A.D., 1975.

MERKEL CEMETERY ASSOCIATION  
Joe Cypert, President

ATTEST:  
Fred Starbuck, Secretary

## Merkelite Cited For 20 Years Service

Mrs. Evelyn Thames of Merkel was recently cited for 20 years of Federal Service, Making the presentation was Joe McEntire, Area Conservationist of Abilene. The certificate issued by the United States Department of Agriculture gives Mrs. Thames recognition for her 20 years of federal service.

The clerk-stenographer works primarily with the administrative portion of Great Plains Conservation Program covering a 10 county area.  
Mrs. Thames, a native of Taylor county has been with the Area Office of SCS in Abilene for 14 years.



RECEIVING CERTIFICATE - Mrs. Evelyn Thames receives certificate for 20 years federal service. The presentation was made by Joe McEntire, Area Conservationist of Abilene.

# SHOP MERKEL SATURDAY FOR TRADES DAY SPECIALS

## Dean King Resigns At Trent

Dean King, Superintendent of Trent Independent School District for the past three years has accepted the Superintendency of the Sundown Independent School District. His resignation from Trent ISD is effective June 30, 1975, at which time he will assume his new duties.

Mr. King received his B.S. degree from West Texas State University in 1957 and a Masters of Education degree from Texas Tech University in 1968. He has also completed additional graduate work in education at Texas Tech and Abilene Christian College.

Mr. King and his wife, Janie, have two children, Pamela 16, a Junior, and Vondi, 13, a 7th grader. He holds professional membership in TSTA, TASA, TASBA, Texas Small Schools' Association, Phi Delta Kappa, and has served on the board of directors for the Taylor-Callahan counties' Special Education Co-operative for the last two years.

He is assuming the Superintendency of Sundown Independent School District from Mr. Billy Key, who is retiring in June after 31 years in the Sundown system.



DEAN KING  
... resigning

## Little League To Meet Thursday

The Little League managers and ladies auxiliary will meet Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. at the Merkel Restaurant. Everyone is urged to attend.

## Merkelite's Kin Services Held

Mrs. Dessie Lewis, 88, of 1202 Matador St., died at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 21, at her home after a three-month illness. Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday at Elliott-Hamil Chapel, Burial was at the Fort Phantom Cemetery.

## B.F. Cox's Son Dies in Hobbs

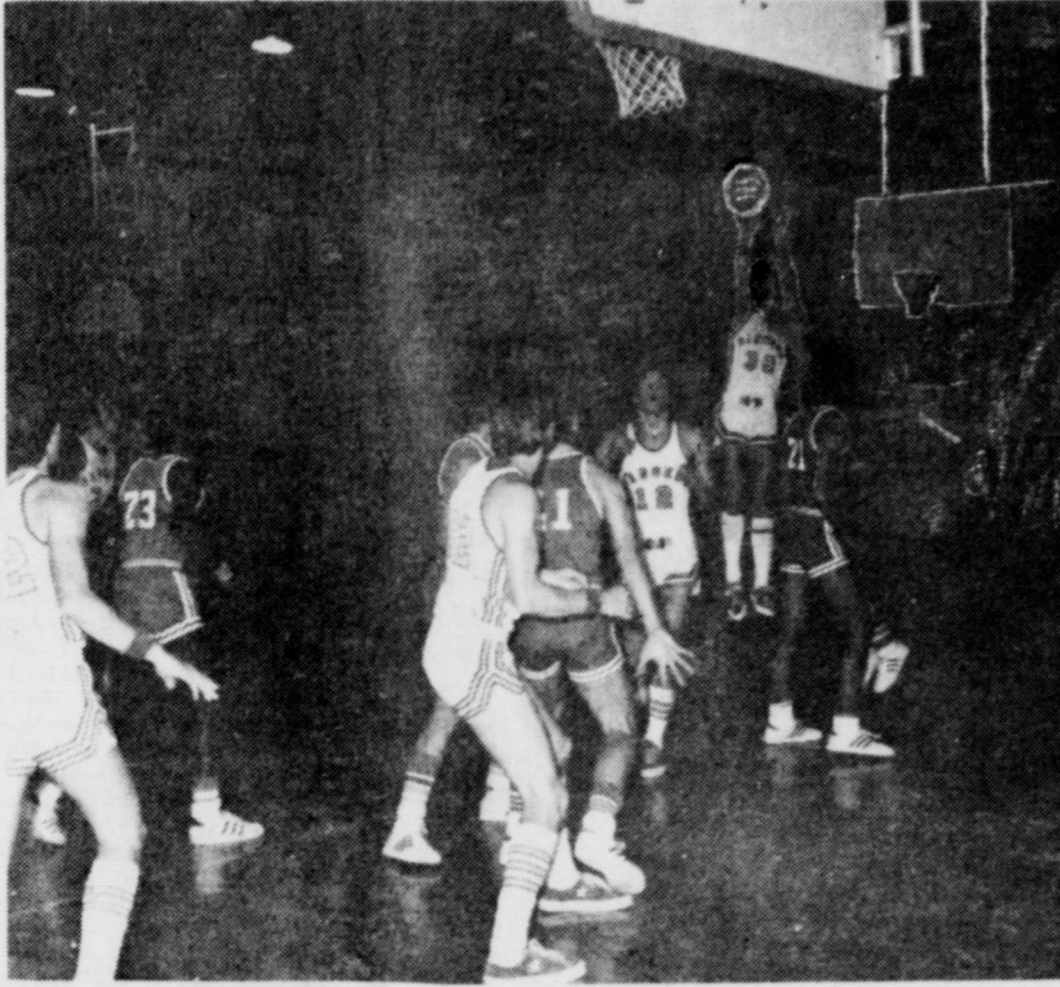
Charles Noble Cox, 38, of Hobbs, N.M., a former Abilene businessman and Abilene native, died Saturday night in a motor vehicle accident near Pecos. Funeral services were at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Grissin Funeral Home in Hobbs.

Born here March 31, 1936, he was a graduate of Abilene High School and had attended the University of Texas at Austin. He had worked with his father in the Cox Office Equipment Co. before moving to Hobbs to start his own business.

He is survived by his father, B. F. Cox Jr. of Merkel; his mother, Mrs. Edith Cox of Hobbs; his wife and three children; an aunt, Mrs. H. A. Daniel of 2598 Lincoln; and an uncle, Sam Noble of 902 Vine.

## Workshop Set

Burl Hulsey, Jr., President of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, has announced a series of four Chamber of Commerce Leaders' Workshops sponsored by the WTCC Local Action Committee and chambers of commerce throughout West Texas - February 11 in Lamesa at the Forest Park Community Center, February 12 in Amarillo at the Hilton Inn, February 18 in Brownwood at the Coliseum, and February 19 in Graham at the Community Center.



GOING FOR PAYDIRT - Buddy Morgan (12) watches as teammate David Copeland (30) adds two points to the Badger tally. The victory over Rotan was the 24th straight for the Badgers. (Staff Photo)

## Rep. Elmer Martin Named Committee Vice Chairman

AUSTIN-State Representative Elmer Martin of Colorado City has been named vice chairman of the House Committee on Environmental Affairs.

Martin will also serve on the House Committee on Agriculture and Livestock, a committee he represented recently in conferences with White House and Congressional leaders in Washington, D.C., concerning the plight of the beef cattle and dairy producers.

The Texas House of Representatives committee appointments were announced Thursday by Speaker of the House Bill Clayton before the full Legislature. The Colorado City legislator represents Mitchell, Nolan, Jones, Fisher and a major part of Taylor County.

The Environmental Affairs Committee has jurisdiction in all matters pertaining to air pollution, water pollution,

hunting and fishing, fish and oyster industries, state parks and wildlife.

Jurisdiction of the Agriculture and Livestock Committee includes every phase of agriculture and livestock.

Rep. Bill Sullivant of Gainesville is the new chairman for the Environmental Affairs Committee. Martin will serve as vice chairman of the whole committee and

Rep. Leroy Wieting of Portland will be vice chairman for appropriate matters within the committee.

Again serving as chairman of Agriculture and Livestock Committee will be Rep. Joe Hubenak of Rosenberg. Vice chairman will be Rep. W. G. (Bill) Coady of Weatherford and Rep. Forrest Green of Corsicana (appropriate matters).

## Merkel Senior Invited To Student Weekend

High school juniors and seniors from Merkel are invited to attend the Student Weekend College in Abilene, Feb. 7-9.

Activities will include the McMurry vs. Texas Wesleyan basketball game, the McMurry theater production, "Servant of Two Masters," and a film in Radford Auditorium.

Also included will be concerts by the band and Chanters and Morning Star singing groups, the McMurry vs. Dallas Baptist basketball game, and a dance.

Participants will meet with administrators and faculty members from all depart-

ments on Saturday morning. "There are three reasons why prospective college students ought to visit McMurry," said Bill Stevens, admissions counselor. "The first is to talk with the professors here, the second, to talk to currently enrolled students, and the third, to talk with other high school students seeking to make a decision on where to attend college."

Over 300 students are expected for the eighth annual Student Weekend. Interested high school students may contact McMurry's Office of Admissions in Abilene.

## Badgers Continue March Toward District Victory

**BADGERS  
STOP ANSON  
63-61  
TUESDAY NIGHT**

The Merkel Badgers moved a step closer to becoming District Champions for 8-A with their defeat Friday night of the Rotan Yellowhammers. And it didn't hurt their winning streak either. The boys made it 24-0 for the year. There is only three possibilities left for the Badgers to run into trouble. They are Roscoe, Baird and Wylie. Barring and upset, the Badgers will be the undefeated district champions February 7.

The A boys weren't the only ones giving Rotan trouble at Badger Gym Friday night. All four of Merkel's teams won their games. The girls won 65-38. The JV boys won 52-37 and the JV girls won 46-16.

The Badgers were paced by the shooting of Jackie Sims

with 19 pts, and Buddy Morgan with 16 pts. David Copeland wasn't far behind with 14 points for the Badgers. Other scorers were Darrell Riggan, 10; Paul Tucker, 8; Andy Hart, 4; and Donald Dye, 3.

The A Badgers controlled the game almost from the outset. At the end of the first quarter the score was 19-8. Halftime saw the Badgers ahead 41-16. The Yellowhammers had their best scoring in the 3rd period making 12 points. The Badgers wound up the game 74-36.

In the A girls contest, Jerri Kay Smith was the leading scorer with 23 points. Netta Stephan had 20.

The girls had the lead at the end of each period and played a good game. Other scorers were Melinda Bowen, 3; Jerri Stephan 4; Nancy Fudge, 14; and Gayle Ware, 1.

The Badgers meet Anson at Anson Tuesday night.

## Jim Wharton Named Outstanding Student

Jim Wharton, 17-year-old Merkel High Senior, is the Outstanding Student for the month of January. As a project, the National Honor Society honors a special student each month.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Marshal Wharton of Route 1, Jim has been active in many areas during his four years in high school. He was active as an officer in V.A. during 9th and 10th grades. He has been manager for four years of the basketball team, while actively participating in football and track. This year he received honorable mention as offensive tackle on the all-district football team.

Jim has an outstanding scholastic honor, having been on the A honor roll for all four of his high school years. He also received a merit award during the 10th and 11th grades.

Jim's most significant achievements have been in the area of band. He has been a band member for 4 years, serving as an officer this year; he was in the all-district and all-region band for 4 years, and the all-area band for 2 years. He has also had a first division solo for 3 years and a first division ensemble for one year.



JIM WHARTON  
... NHS honoree

Also during this year, this versatile young man has been named in "Who's Who of American High School Students" and in "Outstanding High School Students of America."

Jim is planning a career as a pharmacist and hopes to attend college at Southwestern State University in Weatherford, Oklahoma.



Lions Chili Supper

THAT WAS GOOD - Mrs. Herman Carson, right, and Mr. and Mrs. Don Riney discuss the good chili they had just finished eating at the School Cafeteria Friday night with Lions Clubber Joe McDuff. The supper was sponsored by the Merkel Lions Club with the proceed to benefit the City Park. Approximately 400 persons attended. (Staff Photo)



## Police Report

By JIM BROUSSARD  
Police Chief

On January 7th the Police Department received information that there had been a hit and run accident on Kent St. Investigation revealed who the subject was and proper action was taken.

On January 8th, there were two subjects arrested for being drunk in an automobile. They were placed in the Taylor County Jail. Both subjects pleaded not guilty before the City Judge on January 9th. Their trial is now pending in Corporation Court.

On January 13th, the Police received a complaint that a subject was drunk and creating a disturbance. Subject was arrested and placed in the Taylor County Jail. Subject pleaded guilty before the City Judge on January 14th and was fined \$27.50.

On January 14th, the Police received a call that a subject was drunk and wandering around town. Subject was arrested and placed in the Taylor County Jail. Subject pleaded guilty before the City Judge on January 15th and was fined \$62.50. Subject was returned to the Taylor County Jail in lieu of his fine.

On January 17th, the Police observed two females lying in the roadway and a car with the motor running setting on the side of the road. Investigation revealed that both subjects were drunk to the extent that they were unable to stand up without help. These two female subjects were placed in the Taylor County Jail and later made a \$27.50 bond on each subject. Subjects failed to appear before the City Judge and their bonds were forfeited and became their fine.

On January 18th, two subjects were fined on for possession of Alcoholic Beverages for a dry county. Subjects' trials are pending.

On January 18th, a vehicle was stopped for hot rodding around town. Investigation revealed that two subjects in the vehicle were 17 years old and there was a fairly large amount of alcoholic beverages found in the vehicle. Both subjects appeared before the City Judge on January 20th, pleaded guilty and was fined \$27.50 each.

On January 19th, the Police received a complaint on a subject beating up on his ex-wife. Charges are being prepared for presentation to the Grand Jury.

On January 20th, a report was received on a business place being broken into. An investigation is being conducted at this time.

On January 22nd, the Police was notified of a burglary of

a local place of business. This burglary was solved January 24th when four subjects were arrested in Abilene. Investigation revealed that these subjects had performed 11 burglaries within Taylor and Callahan Counties.

On January 23rd, Officers of the Merkel Police Department assisted in the arrest of two females whom were charged with prostitution.

On January 25th, the Police received a report of someone breaking the windshield of one of the Post Office vehicles. The Police has information with a witness as to whom broke the windshield and proper action is being taken.

On January 25th, the Police received information that a vehicle had been struck while parked. The operator of the vehicle that struck this vehicle failed to report the accident to the Police as required by law. Due to the minor damage received by both vehicles, no action other than a report on file in the Police Office will be accomplished.

On January 27th, received a call from the Sheriff's Office that they held a felony warrant on a subject in Merkel for Felony Driving While Intoxicated. Subject was arrested and turned over to the Sheriff's Department.

On January 27th, the Police received notification that there had been a house broken into. The Police has a suspect that will be checked out as soon as a finger print comparison can be made.

On January 27th, the Police Department received a call on a subject that was drunk and sitting in the front yard of one of our citizens. This subject was arrested and placed in the Taylor County Jail. Subject will be brought back to Merkel on January 28 to appear before the City Judge.

There has been 13 Traffic Citations issued in the School Zone for speeding since the 1st of the year. The Police will check the school area closely and citations will be issued for all violations observed by the Police anywhere around the school zone.

A subject was fined on for Burglary of A House at Night Time here in Merkel. The Grand Jury refused to indict the subject even though he was caught in the act of stealing. Subject was then fined on in Corporation Court for Misdemeanor theft and pleaded guilty to this charge. Subject was fined \$125.00 by the City Judge.

There are a few who do not understand the operation of the Merkel Ambulance Service. Just a few words in an attempt to have everyone understand that this service is available. When anyone needs an ambulance, all they have to do is call the Police Department and this service will be rendered. The Police Officer on duty will take the initial call and one off duty officer is on stand-by and will assist the officer on duty. When the ambulance is required to leave town, another off duty officer takes the Police calls in Merkel to perform Police functions. We have made 6 ambulance calls within the past two weeks and we have had no trouble having officers available to respond to these calls. I might add that the Police Officers in Merkel are performing this service with no compensation other than the knowledge they are performing a service to the community if and when it is needed. We have never, and never will, refuse to make any ambulance call as we have been accused of doing. Regardless of the circumstances, if we get a call it will be made.

On January 28th, a subject checked into the Asteroid Motel at 7:00 a.m. About 9 a.m. subject was gone and so was the T.V. and bedspread. Radio contact was made with Abilene. Sweetwater, and Taylor County Sheriff's Offices. It was learned by the Abilene Police Department that a subject following the same description had stolen merchandise from an Abilene Motel which is being investigated at this time. About 9:30 a.m. we received a call from the Snyder Police Department stating that a Highway Patrolman had arrested a subject and vehicle fitting the description given. A warrant from the Merkel Police Department was obtained and one officer from the Abilene Police Department and one from the Merkel Police Department drove to Snyder to investigate. Subject was under arrest at the Snyder Police Department where he was charged with Felony DWI. A hold was placed on the subject by the Abilene and the Merkel police departments. The merchandise was returned to Merkel and to Abilene.

## Merkel's Granddaughter Named in '74 Who's Who

Teresa Jean Priddy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth E. Wood Sr., former Merkel residents, has just recently been notified that she will be featured in the eighth annual edition of "Who's Who Among American High School Students." Her parents now live in Paul Valley, Okla.

Teresa is a 1974 graduate of Plainview High School at Ardmore. She is the wife of Billy Priddy Jr. She is also the granddaughter of the Ford Smith Jrs. of Merkle.

She was active in cheerleading; pep club; FHA; Fine Arts Club; reporter and typist for the school paper; special efforts editor for the yearbook; school musical; and a four year honor roll student. She won two ribbons for cheerleading at the Oklahoma University Summer cheerleading camp.

Students from over 20,000 private, public and parochial high schools throughout the country are recognized for their leadership in academics, athletics, activities or community service in the books. Less than three per cent of the junior and senior class students nationwide are awarded this recognition.

In addition to having her biography published in the book, Teresa will be invited to participate in the firm's annual "Survey of High Achievers."

The mother of a six-month-old daughter, Amy Michelle, Mrs. Priddy plans to be a housewife.

Teresa's mother, Mrs. Jean Wood owned and operated the Kon Tenki Beauty



TERESA JEAN PRIDDY  
...Who's Who

Salon while they lived in Merkel. Mr. Woods is production superintendent for Creslin Oil Company of Oklahoma.

## Sports Medicine Seminar Set

With thousands of Big Country students participating in athletic programs from the elementary to the university level, sports medicine is a subject of increasing interest and importance. As one aspect of its educational program, Hendrick Memorial Hospital's Center for Continuing Education will sponsor an all-day seminar on "Sports Medicine", Saturday, February 15 at the Abilene Civic Center.

Over 800 physicians, school officials, athletic directors, coaches and trainers from Abilene and 19 surrounding counties have been invited to attend.

Highlighting the morning session will be the presentation of a sound slide program titled "What Sports Medicine is All About", featuring Dr. James Nicholas, team physician for the New York Jets.

The afternoon's activities will feature the controversial documentary film "Danger in Sports - Paying the Price." Concluding the afternoon session will be a series of "mini-topics" talks on the following subjects - Drugs-Use and Abuse, Head and Neck Injuries, Rules in Sports, Conditioning and Warm-Up Exercises, Knee Ligament Injuries, Foot and Ankle Problems, Upper Extremity and Hand Injuries, and Exam of the Injured Athlete.

Reservation information may be obtained through the Center for Continuing Education at Hendrick Memorial Hospital.

## Lambda Beta Meeting Held

On January 21, 1975, the Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in the home of Sarah Lucas. A business meeting was conducted. Roll call was answered "Name your favorite orator or speaker."

The evening program was entitled "You and Your Audience." The program was presented by Captain Glenda Teaff and Co-Captain Jo Moore.

Present Mmes: Jim Allday, Rosey Castillo, J. H. J. Clark, Oble Coker, Harold Hohbert, Craig Jones, Billy Lucas, Paul Moore, Billy Bob Neff, Phil Seymour, Larry Teaff, Lee Yaddow, Ricky Elliott, Glen Bright, Kathy Mansfield and Billy Whisenant.

Refreshments were served and the Rose Bud chairman, Annette Clark, distributed the secret sister gifts.

## Lone Star Gas Asks RRC for Rate Increase

DALLAS - Lone Star Gas Company filed an application with the Texas Railroad Commission seeking an increase in its authorized city gate rate based to a large measure on sharply higher costs of purchased gas. The company also seeks to recover increases in expenses for materials, labor, costs of money taxes, and other operating items and to earn the return allowed by law on its increased property investments.

The company's weighted average cost of gas for the month of November 1974 of 44.93¢ per thousand cubic feet (MCF) compares with the 37.14¢ per MCF in July 1974, the month cited in Lone Star's most recent rate filing of September 3, 1974, which is pending. Robert E. Reading, rate officer and assistant controller of Lone Star Gas, stated that an urgent need exists for a total rate adjustment of 23.62¢ per MCF, of which 16.35¢ per MCF is immediately required to cover current increases in the costs of gas which the company buys to serve its customers.

The remaining portion of the increase represents a recovery of higher expenses and a fair and reasonable return on its property dedicated to serve its one million customers. The company's city gate rate of 55.31¢ per MCF would increase to 80.93¢ per MCF. The overall increase in revenue will amount to about \$30 million, based on 1874 residential and commercial sales volumes.

The average residential bill would rise from about \$100 to about \$124 annually, or a \$2 a month increase. However, it is the intent of the

company, following action of the Railroad Commission, to adjust its customer rates in a manner that would place the greater part of the increase on customers using the greatest quantities of gas. This would ease the burden of the increase on those least able to afford it.

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## Badger Tracks

By WANDA BRAUNE

The weather has just been great the last couple of days. Could winter be over?

The National Honor Society has a new project. They are going to begin a literary magazine. Poems, stories, art work, or anything of this nature are needed. There are lots of talented students in MHS, so give 'em some help. For more information contact Mrs. Dudley.

Rotan's 4 basketball teams went home very defeated Friday night. The E teams looked classy in their wins. The A girls put on a show when the guards played forwards and the forwards were guards. Gale Ware was the only one to score with a free shot. Netta Stephan and Jerré Smith combined for 43 points. A very good game.

The A boys are looking as great as ever. We hope to see them play for the state title in late February. Jackie Sims, David Copeland, Buddy Morgan, Donald Dye and Derrell Ruggan start for this fighting Badger team.

Time is getting away from us. If you haven't bought an annual the deadline is February 3. Students and teachers involved in UIL events are busy getting ready for the upcoming contests.

Guess that's all for now-

Bookmatches were responsible for an estimated 6,000 injuries in the last half of 1972. These injuries required hospital emergency room treatment. Consumers now have a chance to suggest safety standards to the Secretary of the Consumer Product Safety Commission by this month, according to Lynn Bourland, family resource management specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

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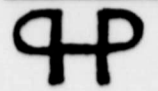
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## Robert Leamon Jr. UT Graduate

Robert J. Leamon, Jr. has recently graduated with honors from the University of Texas at Austin, receiving a Bachelor of Architecture degree Dec. 1974. While at UT, Bob was on the High Honors List for the School of Architecture. He is married to the former Bronwyn Gamble of Merkel. They have a son, David.

## County Agent To Be Honored

The public is cordially invited to attend a reception honoring H. C. Stanley Jr. Sunday, February 2, between 3-5 p.m. at the First State Bank's Gold Room in Abilene.

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## 'GORILLA GRAFFITI' by Mrs. Dean King



We'd like to wish a belated Happy Birthday to our local Gulf service station operator, Walter Kinney, who was another year older on January 18. He says he was 39 - and his wife says, "Huh!" Ruth was happy that her son and his family - Nelson Reed - were able to visit with them recently, from Phoenix, Arizona.

We have some A-1 chicken-pickers in the Trent Country. Seems a man from Abilene agreed to purchase the kiddies show chickens if they were dressed out properly - and last Wednesday night,

the lights in the Ag department stayed on quite late, as Vernie Bryan, Myra Adams, Brenda Jackson, Betty and Joe Brazelton, and Sharon and Rocky King did the thing up right. And how the feathers flew!

Granny Holt (Mrs. A.A.) called the other day and was telling me about the big Christmas they had at their home with all her 5 children and their wives and husbands. There were 7 grandsons, 3 of whom are married, 3 great grandsons, and 1 great granddaughter. She said her children live from Big Spring - to Port Isabel

and at several points in between. They all had Christmas Eve supper together and just enjoyed everyone being together til midnight. It was so nice to hear from that dear Lady.

Tonight (Jan. 30) the Trent boys (A & B teams) play host to Blackwell. Blackwell does not have a girls' team this year, so our Gorilla-ettes will remain idle tonight. Come on over to Tre ym at 7:00 and give our boys your support. This will be our last home game of the season. The last two games are away: Feb. 4 at Bronte (there's a great place to eat there - the "Red Barn" - it is small, but so much good food?) and Feb. 6 at Eula.

If you hear people saying they've had "it", you can bet your bottom-dollar that they're talking about this horrible flu that has really taken a heavy toll. This past week two people that I know have been hospitalized because of it: Patricia Boyd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Boyd; and Mrs. Irene Strawn, Dene McLeod's mother.

There's a date that our Band Director, Mrs. Findley, would like for you to put on your calendar in big red letters; and that is Feb. 18. She would urge everyone who has an interest in the Trent Bold Gold Band to be present for a Band boosters' Meeting in the Band Hall at 7:00 p.m. Remember, this is the year the band is scheduled for a trip to Six Flags - and they are going to need all of our moral and financial support!

Congratulations to the Jr. High girls team and their coach, Bruce Thomas, who topped Butterfield for district honors Monday night at McMurtry Gym. Trent won 19-17 and those last few minutes were exciting ones!

Mr. and Mrs. Barnet Wilks were entertaining (and entertained by) their granddaughter, Emily, last week. She is the 2-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Wilks of Dallas - and Grandpup "Gringo" was sporting some good pictures of the young lady in the bank recently.

## GOODMAN HD NEWS

Goodman Home Demonstration Club met Friday, January 24, at 3 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Cal McAninch. Mrs. H. H. Windham, Vice-President presided.

The candidate for District Delegate was selected. Three delegates will be elected at the next council meeting from among the candidates chosen from the eight Home Demonstration Clubs in Jones County.

The program "How to Arrange Flowers" was given by Mrs. Windham. The emphasis was on decorating with plants. Fern Windham gave many ideas on indoor landscaping.

Refreshments were served to six members and one visitor: Mmes. Frank Carter, D. R. Butler, D. L. Butler, Garland Price, Cal McAninch, H. H. Windham, and Willis Evans.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

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Rural Electrification Administration

APPENDIX A  
Statement of Nondiscrimination

Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc. has filed with the Federal Government a Compliance Assurance in which it assures the Rural Electrification Administration that it will comply fully with all requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Rules and Regulations of the Department of Agriculture issued thereunder, to the end that no person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, or national origin, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination in the conduct of its program and the operation of its facilities. Under this Assurance, this organization is committed not to discriminate against any person on the ground of race, color or national origin in its policies and practices relating to applications for service or any other policies and practices relating to treatment of beneficiaries and

participants including rates, conditions and extension of service, use of any of its facilities, attendance at and participation in any meetings of beneficiaries and participants or the exercise of any rights of such beneficiaries and participants in the conduct of the operations of this organization.

Any person who believes himself, or any specific class of individuals, to be subjected to this organization to discrimination prohibited by Title VI of the Act and the Rules and Regulations issued thereunder may, by himself or a representative, file with the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250, or the Rural Electrification Administration, Washington, D.C. 20250, or this organization, or all, a written complaint. Such complaint must be filed not later than 180 days after the alleged discrimination, or by such later date to which the Secretary of Agriculture or the Rural Electrification Administration extends the time for filing. Identity of complainants will be kept confidential except to the extent necessary to carry out the purposes of the Rules and Regulations.



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Compiled From Sources  
Of The Texas Department of Agriculture  
John C. White, Commissioner

**Sweet And Sour... Meat Import Bill... Citrus Production Declines... Milk Production Drops... A Tearful Story.**

Had the rest of the nation followed Texas in production of honey during 1974 there might have been some help for consumers in a substitute for sugar. Texas honey production in 1974 was up four per cent over 1973, but unfortunately honey produced throughout the nation was down 22 per cent in 1974 compared to 1973.

In Texas there were 210,000 colonies—the same as in 1973—and production totaled 10,290,000 pounds which was almost a half million pounds more than a year before. And while Texas honey bees averaged 49 pounds of honey per colony in 1974, nationwide honey bees averaged only 44 pounds per colony.

Producers had a sweeter price. They averaged 45.7 cents a pound compared to 43 cents per pound. All in all, Texas honey and beeswax value for 1974 was worth almost \$5 million.

A NUMBER of bills relating to agriculture will be introduced in Texas legislature. Among them is a bill which would prohibit purchases of imported meat by state institutions.

The bill would affect institutions such as colleges, prisons, and hospitals. Bids would be accepted only on fresh or frozen meat grown and processed in the United States. Similar regulations have been instituted in Missouri and Colorado.

Purpose of the bill is to aid the failing livestock industry in Texas. Beef imports continue to be a subject of immense interest to livestock groups who have tried to get imports sharply curtailed.

Only voluntary restraints from the importing countries have been made. Australia and New Zealand are the two major beef importing countries. Imports decreased slightly in fiscal year 1974 while beef production has increased sharply.

Livestock producers continue to be caught in a situation of higher production costs and huge declines in prices they receive for their cattle. Feeder cattle prices, for example, are two-thirds below parity.

IF YOU like Texas-produced citrus (and who doesn't?) you won't like the latest production estimate from the Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service on that commodity.

Citrus production in Texas now is estimated to be 27 per cent below last season. The small crop is the result of bloom damage received from a hard freeze during the winter of 1973.

Grapefruit production is expected to total 7.8 million boxes; this is 27 per cent under a year ago. Early and mid-season oranges are forecast at 3.6 million boxes, down 14 per cent. Valencia oranges are set at 1.9 million boxes, a 21 per cent reduction from the last season.

MILK production in Texas continues to take its lumps, too. Production in December is three per cent below a year ago. Nationwide, milk production is four per cent below what it was in 1972.

THE SPRING onion crop in Texas is now estimated at 17,500 acres, which is 3,500 less than in 1974. Seeding is virtually complete. Because of heavy rains at planting time, peak shipments of onions are expected to be later than normal this year.

## Pesticide Certification Law Needed

AUSTIN--Certain restricted-use pesticides will not be available in Texas after October 1976 unless legislative action is taken in the next session.

According to Agriculture Commissioner John C. White, the action is needed for Texas to implement a pesticide certification program in compliance with the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act of 1972.

Under the law every state must submit a plan for certifying applicators of restricted-use pesticides to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) during or before October 1975. The plan will go into effect a year after that date. Certification will be necessary for commercial applicators, farmers, ranchers, apartment owners and individuals using the restricted pesticides.

Pesticides on the list will be those deemed by the EPA as causing unreasonable, adverse effects on the environment when used in commonly accepted practices.

The Texas Department of Agriculture is the state agency responsible for carrying out the provisions of the law in Texas.

According to Texas Department of Agriculture home economists, sirloins with a long, flat bone are slightly more tender than others and have the largest portion of tenderloin.

## 10,900 Bales Sampled Last Week

B. B. Manly, of the U.S.D.A. Cotton Classing Office in Abilene, reported that 10,900 cotton samples were classed at that office during the week ending January 23. This brought the seasonal total to

164,500 samples classed, as compared to 534,000 samples that had been classed by the same date the previous season.

Grades 42 and 52 each comprised 33 per cent of the total samples graded. Nine per cent graded 43 and 7 per cent graded 53. Twenty-two per cent was reduced in grade due to bark or grass content.

Staple lengths were 61 per cent staple 31, 23 per cent staple 30, and 15 per cent staple 32.

Micronaire readings were 61 per cent within the 3.5 to 4.9 range. Thirty-six per cent was low and three per cent had high micronaire readings.

Cotton prices reported to the U.S.D.A. Agricultural Marketing Service were steady or slightly declined during the week. Premium micronaire grade 42 with staple 31 (4231) ranged from 26.75 to 28.00 cents per pound. Premium micronaire 5231's ranged from 23.75 to 25.00, and 4331's ranged from 23.00 to 24.25 cents per pound.

## Thanks Go To Police, Too

By JENNYE MARTIN

This newspaper received a call this week commenting on a recent Letter to the Editor. The letter was a very nice one, thanking the Merkel Rescue Squad for their fast action and response during the last snow.

This reporter has recently received word that one of the men was a policeman with the Merkel Police Department. In fact, the Police car was used along with the police radio's (the walkie-talkie's mentioned in the Letter to the Editor.)

It is nice indeed to know that we have someone to call in case of need. But let's not forget to give credit to all of our sources of help. We all take for granted the Police Department. Let's give our Thanks to them as well as our complaints.

This reporter says "HATS OFF" to The Merkel Police Department and to The Merkel Rescue Squad.

## Store License Requirements Abolished

AUSTIN—Comptroller Bob Bullock reminded Texas business operators Saturday that the state store license requirement has been abolished.

Bullock said his office has been besieged with calls and letters this month by businesses which were unaware that the license requirement was repealed as of Dec. 31, 1974.

"Obviously, the past administration didn't get the message out," Bullock said. "I consider it good news that we've been able to do away with the store license."

The store license, which started at \$5 for a single store, was a minor revenue source. Its repeal by phases was ordered by the Legislature in 1971.

Bullock said that some 240,000 stores in Texas had previously been covered by the license act.

He said his office is returning money still being sent in by businesses unaware of the repeal.

"It's gratifying to see businesses voluntarily trying to do right and pay their taxes, but in this case we are saying 'thanks, but no thanks,'" Bullock said.



**LOOK WHO'S HERE!**

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Gill of Merkel announce the arrival of a baby girl, Tiffany Marie. She weighed 7 lbs. 2 ounces at birth.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Gill of Miami, and Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Thornton of Montgomery, Alabama.

## L & W Snack Bar and Recreation

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## Taxpayers Ask IRS

Q. What are the record keeping requirements of the IRS?

A. Taxpayers are required by law to keep records that will enable them to prepare complete and accurate income tax returns. Although the law doesn't require any special form of records, taxpayers must retain all receipts, canceled checks, and other evidence to prove amounts claimed as deductions. If a taxpayer files a claim for a refund, there must be records to prove overpayment of tax. Furthermore, records that sup-

port an item of income or a deduction appearing on a return must be kept until the statute of limitations for the return expires. Usually this is three years from the date the return was due or filed, or two years from the date the tax was paid, whichever occurs later.

Q. I own part of some rental property with two other people. We all share expenses of maintaining the property. How do I deduct what I paid in expenses?

A. If you own a part interest in rented property, you may deduct only your proportionate share of the deductible expenses, even if you paid more than your proportional share of the expenses.

amount of the sales tax I just paid on my new car?

A. If the rate of a state or local sales tax on motor vehicles is higher than the general sales tax rate, that part of the tax paid that is equal to a tax imposed at the general sales tax rate is deductible.

Q. Can I deduct the full tax rate is deductible.

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Governor Dolph Briscoe in his State of the State message to the joint session of the 64th Texas Legislature said "The Ten Fundamental Rights of Texans must be both protected and perfected by the Legislature." The Ten Rights are: an economical, efficient and responsive State Government; honest and open government; fair elections; quality education; safe streets and neighborhoods; privacy; health care; a clean and fruitful environment; mobility; and decent treatment.

### Projections Optimistic For '75 Wheat Yield

AUSTIN--If present growing conditions continue, the Texas winter wheat crop is expected to top 117 million bushels, a 122 percent increase over 1974 crop. Agriculture Commissioner John C. White has announced.

"Wheat production could exceed the state's 1973 record of 98.6 million by as much as 40,000 bushels," said White.

He attributed the optimistic projection to abundant fall preplant moisture and winter rains and snows in the High Plains, the state's leading wheat producing region.

The commissioner cautioned, however, that projected yields also depend on spring and summer growing conditions. A late frost or freeze or a lengthy dry spell could alter projections.

According to the Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service, planted acreage in Texas is estimated at 6.5 million. This represents a 16 percent increase over last year and the largest planted acreage since 1949 when farmers seeded more than 7 million acres.

Most of the increase is coming from land previously planted in cotton, a crop hurt this past season by a sluggish market. Many Plains farmers who lost crops to last year's drought have also converted to wheat.

### Sales Seminar Set Feb. 7 at H-SU

Luncheon speaker for the Professional Salesmanship Seminar Feb. 7 in the Abilene Civic Center will be Dr. Davis W. Gregg, president of the American College of Life Underwriters.

Dr. Gregg's appearance on the program was arranged by Robert J. (Bob) Tiffany, former Abileneian now a business executive in New York who will be master of ceremonies for the seminar.

The seminar is being sponsored by the Abilene Chamber of Commerce, the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, and Hardin-Simmons University. Dr. W. Slater Hollis, chairman of H-SU's Division of Business and Economics, is general chairman.

Dr. Gregg is a native of Austin and an alumnus of the University of Texas. He received his Ph.D. degree in economics from the University of Pennsylvania in 1948 and later taught at Ohio State University and in the Graduate School of Business at Stanford University.

The program will include SBA's administrator Thomas S. Kleppe. Kleppe is most enthusiastic about the upcoming conference and the problem solving and idea exchange possibilities it will afford the federal and small business community participants.

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"The forthcoming Government Assistance Conference is a fine example of our determination to continue and increase our face-to-face communication with America's small business community."

There is a \$15 registration fee (\$20 after February 18) which includes admission to all activities and luncheon meetings. For information, contact Lester L. McIntyre of the General Services Administration, 819 Taylor Street, Fort Worth, Texas.

## SBA Conference To Help Businessmen

ARE YOU a small business owner in Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Arkansas, or New Mexico? Are you troubled by inflation, shortages of materials, supplies and energy, or worried about how you are going to comply with new Federal regulations? Want to find out how payroll taxes work or what to do when a revenue agent calls? Would you like to learn to find skilled employees or if your business qualifies for an Occupational Health and Safety Administration loan? Want to find out how to increase your fuel allotments and cut soaring fuel costs, how to sell your products to the Federal Government, how environmental protection laws affect your business, how to get a Small Business Administration (SBA) loan, or get into the export business?

If any of the above questions apply to you, then be sure and attend the Government Assistance to Small Business Conference (the first of its kind ever to be offered in this area) to be held February 18-19 at the Fairmont Hotel, in Dallas. The working conference open to potential and existing small businessmen and women is sponsored by SEA in cooperation with 11 other Federal Agencies.

One of the top-level speakers will include SBA's administrator Thomas S. Kleppe. Kleppe is most enthusiastic about the upcoming conference and the problem solving and idea exchange possibilities it will afford the federal and small business community participants.

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## Fortnightly Study Club Met Tuesday

The Fortnightly Study Club met Tuesday, Jan. 28, in the home of Mrs. David Gamble.

Members and guests were served refreshments prior to the meeting's being called to order. Mrs. S.C. Dixon, president, presided for the business meeting.

The program, "Building Memories," was given by Mrs. Lem Dudley and her daughter, Mrs. M. C. Church. Mrs. Carl Hughes, program chairman introduced Mrs. Dudley and Mrs. Church. Mrs. Church brought a nostalgic tribute to "Our Home Town." Mrs. Lem Dudley provided a piano accompaniment for the reading of a poem, "The Legend of the Twilight Bell."

Those present were Mrs. S. C. Dixon, Mrs. N. D.

Daniel, Mrs. Carl Hughes, Mrs. Mack Fisher, Mrs. Bryan Dunagin, Mrs. Andy Shouse, Mrs. Lem Dudley, Mrs. M. C. Church, Mrs. Don Dudley, Mrs. Charles Eager, Mrs. Lige Gamble, Mrs. Comer Haynes, Mrs. David Gamble and Miss Christine Collins.

### Personal

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Braden of Cross Plains visited Mr. and Mrs. John D. Jones Sunday.

## White Says Buy Baling Wire Now

AUSTIN--Agriculture Commissioner John C. White has advised farmers and ranchers to buy baling wire now to prevent shortages

during periods of peak demand. White said the two major suppliers of baling wire in Texas, Colorado Fuel and

Iron and Armco Steel Co., are working at full capacity but are likely to cut back on production if the flow to market is not steady.

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## TAYLOR COUNTY QUARTERLY REPORT OF TREASURER

TAYLOR COUNTY QUARTERLY REPORT OF TREASURER

On January 21, 1975 the Commissions Court met in the regular session compare and examined the report of Mrs. Hayden Thomas, County Treasurer, for the quarter ending December 31, 1974, and found it to be correct and for the amounts received and paid out to be correct since the preceding report.

FUNDS	BALANCE LAST QTR.	RECEIVED THIS QTR.	PAID OUT THIS QTR.	BALANCE THIS QTR.
Precinct 1.	\$ 65,386.93	1,469.21	21,801.24	45,054.90
Precinct 2.	56,125.91	7,324.33	21,846.11	41,604.13
Precinct 3.	47,063.34	1,117.96	22,639.75	25,541.55
Precinct 4.	78,227.81	1,255.23	22,596.27	56,886.77
General	339,924.69	196,501.36	378,465.04	157,961.01
Internal Road.	16,377.01	00	6,417.14	11,959.87
Coliseum Skg. Ser'67.	14,829.41	563.54	00	15,392.95
F. I. C. A. Tax.	2,135.01	30,041.49	30,041.49	2,135.01
Law Library.	2,369.96	2,975.00	2,888.68	2,456.28
Federal Revenue Sharing Plan.	71,333.50	89,601.66	138,671.20	22,263.96
State Criminal Justice Plan.	7,281.92	6,812.50	6,507.50	7,586.92
Permanent School.	4,594.77	131.58	131.58	4,594.77
Courthouse & Jail Skg. Ser'67.	50,732.32	1,742.36	00	52,474.68
Payroll Account.	1,050.00	273,957.55	273,957.55	1,050.00
Special Tax Fund.	00	1,088,585.96	00	1,088,585.96
	<b>\$ 763,436.58</b>	<b>1,702,079.73</b>	<b>925,963.55</b>	<b>\$1,539,552.76</b>

Citizens National Bank	\$ 395,319.25
First State In Tuscola	82,428.32
Abilene National Bank	618,400.00
First State, Abilene.	154,545.68
First National Bank	246,659.51
Bank Deposits	\$ 1,535,552.76
Time Deposits	1,240,735.96
Total Checking	\$ 298,816.80

Securities Owned By Taylor County And Permanent School.

Buffalo Gap School Bonds	\$ 5,600.00
Overton Independent School Bonds	\$ 8,000.00
State of Texas Veterans Land Bond (Face value \$ 2,000.00)	\$ 1,636.30
	\$ 15,436.30

ISSUE	ORIGINAL ISSUE	BONDS REDEEMED	BONDS OUTSTANDING
COURTHOUSE & JAIL BOND SKG. SERIES 1967.	\$3,000,000.00	\$565,000.00	\$2,435,000.00
COLISEUM SKG. SERIES 1967.	\$1,750,000.00	00	\$1,750,000.00

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All entries must be in our store by closing time Saturday, February 1, 1975.





**FARM CENSUS TIME AGAIN**—Farmers and ranchers throughout the United States are being asked to report on their agricultural operations during 1974. The 1974 Census of Agriculture is the 20th nationwide farm census since the first one in 1840. Report forms are mailed out in January and the Bureau of the Census would like to have them filled out and mailed back promptly. All information is confidential by law. The results, published only in statistical form, provide the yardstick by which American agricultural advancement is measured every five years. No information can be released which might reveal the operation of an individual farmer or rancher.

**Merkelites Kin Rites Held**

Robert I. Grimes, Jr., native of Merkel, died Friday, Jan. 10, in a Houston hospital after a short illness. Services were held Monday, Jan. 13, at Fat Foley Chapel of Roses in Houston with burial in Forest Park Westheimer Cemetery in Houston.

He was born Oct. 3, 1920, the son of the late Dr. and Mrs. Robt. I. Grimes of Merkel.

A graduate from Merkel Schools, he served in the Pacific theatre, in the U.S. Navy, during WWII. Returning to Merkel after the war he moved from the area soon afterward. The past ten years he had lived in Houston and at the time of his death was sales manager for Overhead Door Company.

Survivors include his wife, Margie of Houston; two daughters, Pamela Carl and Nancy Donna of Houston; a son, Robert L. of Houston and a sister Mrs. Charles (Elizabeth) Eager of Merkel.

**Fund Set Up At F & M Bank**

A fund has been set up at the Farmers and Merchants National Bank for Jo Ann Mashburn who will have brain surgery at Houston Feb. 11. She will enter the hospital Feb. 6.

Jo Ann has lived in Merkel for some time. She has five children. They are Chris, in 4th grade; Kim, 7th grade; and Bill, 8th grade, all of the home and Pam, who also lives in Merkel and Mrs. Scotty (Debbie) Childers of Colorado.

Anyone wishing to contribute to the fund may do so at Farmers and Merchants Bank.

**Survey Says Food Still A Bargain**

AUSTIN—Though retail food prices advanced 11.2 percent in the United States last year, a recent survey conducted by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Foreign Agricultural Service revealed seven countries exceeding this increase.

"This survey shows that food is still a bargain in the United States," said Agriculture Commissioner John C. White.

He pointed out that prices have climbed 41.9 percent in Brazil, 26.2 percent in Japan, 21.6 percent in Italy, 21.3 percent in Mexico, 17.3 percent in the United States, 15.7 percent in Canada and 12.6 percent in France.

Sweden, the Netherlands, Belgium, Germany and Denmark all had lower rates of increase than the U.S.

The recent survey compared prices in 15 world capitals and found boneless sirloin steak selling for \$15 a pound in Tokyo, \$4.09 in Bonn, \$1.79 in Washington, D. C. and 83 cents in Buenos Aires. Median price was \$2.47 a pound.

**H-SU To Present Alumni Awards**

A noted musician, a prominent mathematics professor, and a retired Southern Baptist missionary will be presented Distinguished Alumni Awards in special ceremonies Feb. 6 at Hardin-Simmons University.

The three, chosen by a special committee of the H-SU Alumni Assn., are Dr. W. T. Reid, Phillips Professor of Mathematics at the University of Oklahoma; Dr. W. Hines Sims, retired secretary of the Church Music Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board; and Miss Maye Bell Turner, who retired in 1973 after 35 years of mission service in Brazil.

This is the fifth year the Alumni Association has given the awards, which are made to graduates whose personal and professional accomplishments exemplify the ideals and aims of the university.

**Hunting Safety Classes Set At REA Building**

Texas Hunter Safety Classes to be held Feb. 4, 14, 21 and 28 at the REA building at 7:30 p.m. There will be a Firing Range after the classes are completed on March 1.

The classes are open to all youth 12 to 18 years. Also all hunters who are planning to hunt out of state where they require the Hunters Safety Patch need to enroll too.

A charge of \$1.00 per student is required. Those interested contact J. D. Sandusky, 928-5170 or J. C. Carson, 928-5935 prior to Feb. 4 if possible, so the required material for each student can be obtained.

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- GRIFFIN 300 **Mexican BEANS** 2 FOR **53¢**
- GRIFFIN **SPINACH** 2 FOR **49¢**
- RANCH STYLE 23 OZ **BLACKEYE PEAS** 2 FOR **59¢**
- GRIFFIN **MUSTARD** 16 OZ JAR **29¢**

- GENN VALLEY **BROCCOLI SPEARS** BOX **33¢**
- WINTER GARDENS **Strawberries** WHOLE 16 OZ BAG **79¢**

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**KRAFT 8 OZ SINGLE SLICED CHEESE** EA. **53¢**

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**SCHILLING BLACK PEPPER** 4 OZ **83¢**

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**BAMA 28 OZ PEANUT BUTTER** JAR **\$1.29**

**RED DELICIOUS APPLES**  
SMALL LB. **23¢**

**DECKERS 12 OZ PKG. WEINER TREATS** **55¢**

**STEAK** BABY BEEF SIRLOIN OR CLUB LB. **98¢**

**FRESH GROUND BEEF** LB. **53¢**

**SHORT RIBS** BEEF LB. **49¢**

**BACON** DECKER POUND **1.00**

**SAUSAGE** DECKER 2 LB. BAG **1.85**

**HAM** COOKED ARMOUR-HORMEL BONELESS 3 LB. CAN **4.79**

**FAB** (1 LIMIT) GT. BOX **89¢**

**BOLD** KING SIZE (1 LIMIT) **\$1.63**

**ZEST** 2 BAR DEAL PKG. **45¢**

**Palmolive** LIQUID GT. BOTTLE **73¢**

**FRESH CABBAGE** LB. **12¢**

**RUBY RED GRAPEFRUIT** 5 LB. BAG **59¢**

**CHOICE LEMONS** LB. **23¢**

**GOLDEN YAMS** LB. **23¢**

**RUSSET SPUDS** 10 LB. BAG **79¢**

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