

Between you and me

By SARAH ECKOLS

Often I get very disgusted with humanity and begin to think we have come to the point where all people are bad. Then something will happen to restore my faith in my fellow man once again. Just such a thing happened this past week end.

Several weeks ago I lost my wallet. In the process of making a purchase and getting into my car with the package, the wallet was either laid on a counter in the store or dropped onto the parking lot outside. Having discovered the absence of the article within minutes of leaving the store, I turned around approximately two blocks from the store, went back and inquired about the purse. No one had seen it either inside or out. Needless to say I was a little bit upset over the loss. I hadn't a large amount of money inside, but I did have some pictures and papers of both practice and sentimental value. Luckily, I have not become a member of the credit card society. (Believe it or not, I don't own a single one and I get along fine, just in case you didn't think it could be done.) I did have drivers license, social security card, insurance cards, library card, etc. all of which I hated to be bothered with replacing.

Now for the past weeks I have been trying to decide whether to advertise in the newspapers or just let it go and mark it up to experience and be more careful. Finally, I had decided to just begin the replacement procedures and no longer mourn the loss of the wallet, which by the way is a hand tooled leather billfold which my mother gave me some years ago when I still had birthdays.

What has all this narrative to do with being once again instilled with faith in man? Well, Sunday I went to visit my mother and found her to have received a letter stating that the wallet had been found and the finder was anxious to return it to the rightful owner. (me) You see, I am very bad about procrastinating and have not taken the time and effort to bring up to date the address on my identification cards. However, I carry a donor's card for the Lion's Club Eye Bank which lists my mother's name and address in case of my death. The finder of the wallet had taken that name and address, written a note to my mother and awaited a reply as to what was to be done with the wallet.

I hastened to the address of the finder and found him to be an elderly man and a very pleasant person. Sure enough, he had my property. It not only still had all the papers, cards and pictures in it, but also contained the exact amount (though small it was) of money it contained the day I lost it. It had been found some blocks from the location at which I am sure I lost it, but was none the worse for its travels. Mr. Virgil Walraven of Abilene would not accept the reward I offered him and was just glad to have the wallet back to its owner. He said that his conscience wouldn't have let him rest if he hadn't tried to find me.

Mr. Walraven, a very special thanks to you not only for returning my billfold, but for once again proving to me that there are still good, honest people with consciences left in this world.

I have been having to say no to a lot of people lately when it comes to taking pictures. I have been having a great deal of trouble with the camera and have been wasting all the film that I have been taking. I apologize to the Miss Softball girls and the Masonic Lodge as well as the Farmers Union for being unable to run pictures of events recently. Hopefully however, the camera is fixed and I will once again be about taking shots of Merkelites.

Last week I mentioned the idea of sealing into the new Ben Franklin building little tidbits of what is happening today to be preserved as history for future Merkel citizens. Some of the ideas that have been brought to my attention are pictures of styles in clothing, club and organization membership rolls, hair styles, the school enrollment list, teacher list, a list of all local merchants and employees as well as industry. Let's continue to give this some thought and begin forming ideas and plans for what we as individuals, clubs, organizations or business people would like to leave to posterity concerning present-day Merkel.

YES, I KNOW I GOOFED! It has been brought to my attention several times in the past few days that I had gross error on page one of last week's paper. My sincere apology goes out to Cheryl Kincaid and Brenda Roberts under whose pictures and headlines I had placed the wrong stories. I am totally responsible since I consider page one my own personal property when it comes to arranging and making it up. I do thank these two girls for not being the ones to make issue of this mistake. All I can say is I am sorry and plan to take a quick course in proof reading.

God Is Alive! Are You?

GOD IS ALIVE!

ARE YOU?

By Martha Sue Justice

So often these days we hear, "God is Dead." We not only hear it from teenagers but also from adults.

Why does God seem to be dead to certain people? Because they are broke? Because they are

having marriage problems? Because their car won't start in the morning? Sounds silly doesn't it?

God is still Alive and Well! The trees are still growing, the flower and vegetable gardens are still thriving, the birds are still singing and all life continues to reproduce everyday.-----So What's The Problem?

The problem is that some of us loose faith somewhere along the line. We expect God to do everything for us rather than use the immense capabilities of our brains to solve our problems. We have become lazy both mentally and physically and expect too much from the MAN UPSTAIRS!

GOD IS ALIVE! people who think otherwise and cannot see the beauty in his work all around them are lacking in faith and are very weak in spiritual understanding.

GOD IS ALIVE!-----ARE YOU?

Noodle Revival August 3-10

The Noodle Baptist Church will hold their revival August 3-10.

The Noodle Baptist Church will hold their revival August 3-10 it was announced this week by A. D. McCain, pastor.

The public is cordially invited to attend the services each evening at 7:30.



BEST SPORTS - Netta Stephan, left, and Tonya Crenshaw of the Merkel, Tye, Hawley MSA Senior team display the Sportsmanship trophy the team won recently at the Miss Softball America

Tri-City MSA Brought Home Senior Sportsmanship Trophy From State

Friday morning, July 25th, a caravan of seven cars carrying the Tri-City Miss Softball America team, headed east for participation in the State Tournament in Dallas, Texas July 25, 26, and 27. This was the first State tournament for the Tri-City girls.

The Tri-City team played Abilene North on Saturday afternoon, losing to them by a score of 12-8 after 2 extra innings. The second game was played at midnight Saturday against a team from Denison, Texas. The Denison team tied up the game in the 7th inning, then went on to win it 8-7 in the extra inning.

The Championship games were played Sunday afternoon. Following those games an awards ceremony was held. First place trophy was presented to the team from Dallas, Abilene North took second place. But all was not lost for the team from Tri-City. The third trophy presented was the Sportsmanship trophy won by the Tri-City team. As Dr. Baybee presented the trophy he read the inscription on the trophy as follows: "To the team whose attitudes and actions

Fireman Cloyd Attended School

Donald L. Cloyd, volunteer fireman on the Merkel Volunteer Fire Department of Merkel, attended the 46th Annual Texas Firemen's Training School July 21-25. The school, attended by nearly 1,521 students representing about 640 cities from approximately 32 states, was held on the Texas A&M University campus this week.

Firemen can choose their course at the school from a list including Firefighting, Fire Prevention, Fire Department Officer Training, Fire Department Pump Maintenance, Specialized Fire Protection, and Disaster Rescue Operations.

Fireman Cloyd was sponsored by Merkel County Farm Bureau and Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies by contributing toward the cost of the school. Since volunteer firemen are interested in attending this school to help do a better job of fire fighting and fire prevention, 100 County Farm Bureaus and the Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies in the statewide program have sponsored 100 firemen at the school.

"The Farm Bureau Insurance Companies believe volunteer fire departments have been very effective in reducing the amount of loss involved by fire in rural areas," said President Carol G. Chaloupka of Dalhart. "It is our hope in sponsoring this program that the fireman will help the Merkel Volunteer Department to better serve the residents of Taylor County."

display that highest level of good sportsmanship consistent with the ideals of Miss Softball America East Texas State Tournament-Senior Division Dallas, Texas 1975." He told the audience that this is the most coveted trophy in the tournament because good sportsmanship was the main purpose behind the Miss Softball America program.

Also at the awards ceremony the Tri-City team placed two members on the all tournament team, Tonya Crenshaw and Netta Stephan.

Following the awards presentations the group returned home, tired but very happy and proud of the Sportsmanship Award.

Team members making the trip were Kandi Ascencio, Tonya Crenshaw, Nancy Fudge, Netta Stephan, Gayle Teaff, Robbie Freeman, Jody Carter, Clesta Cochran, Kim Kannel, Gina Farmer, Cindy Boone, Lori Strickland, Tammy Owens, Terry Gray, and Brenda Pack. Also Jean Teaff, manager, Fred Crenshaw and Jody Miller, coaches, Betty Freeman, chaperone, Jane Carson, scorekeeper, and Dorothy Torrence, president of the league. Those going along to help drive and to cheer the girls on were Johnny Teaff, Faye, Pam and Freida Crenshaw, J. C. Carson, Bill and

W. T. Miller, Darrell, Jynell, Vicki and Kevin Farmer.

The trophy will be on display at various businesses in Merkel, and at the First Baptist Church, sponsors of the Tri-City Senior team.

Orsborn's Work To Be Displayed

Mr. Paul Orsborn's handcraft will be on display at the Texas Rural Electric Cooperative Association's State Convention which will be held in Amarillo August 6-8.

The display will be featured at the Craft Fair which is sponsored by the State of Texas Woman's TASK Force.

The TASK Force functions to allow women to assist in the promotion of Rural Electrification activities throughout the state.

Mrs. Don Harts TSK force coordinator for Tyler Electric Cooperative. Other area cooperatives having displays include Southwest Texas Electric Cooperative, Erath County Electric Cooperative, Midwest Electric Cooperative, and Stamford Electric Cooperative. There will be other displays from cooperatives throughout the state.

You Mean Summer Is Over Already?

To the delight of some mothers and the disappointment of some "students," it is once again time to start getting those clothes in order and the notebook paper stocked up. Classes will begin for Merkel Independent Schools Monday, August 18 it was announced this week by Superintendent Fisher.

The kids are probably grumbling and groaning about having to start the educational process so early in the year, but if it is any consolation, the teachers must report to work Wednesday, August 13. Schedules will be mailed to teachers individually. And just think, kids, it is no cooler and no more comfortable in August for teachers than it is for those on the other side of the big desk.

High school students new to the Merkel schools should register in the office of the high school principal, Travis Davis, on or before Friday, August 15. All high school students should report to the school auditorium on Monday, August 18 at 8:30 a.m.

Kindergarten, primary, and elementary students, not previously registered, will register on Thursday and Friday, August 14 and 15 in both Merkel and Tye schools.

Regular classes will begin for all students on Monday, August 18. At the risk of giving away my age, I can remember when the first day of school was the day after Labor Day. If memory serves me correctly, I can even remember the smell of fall in the air on those first few evenings after school started.

I am confident in the assumption that kids have not changed to the point that those butterflies still creep into the tummy on the night before the first day of school. It is exciting to come back to the friends we said good bye to some twelve or so weeks ago and some of whom we haven't

seen for the span of the summer. Some of our friends we will find have changed, or is it we who have changed; and there will be new friends to make. There will be a summer of activities to share with others, what we did, where we went, who we saw.

Football... that is the key to the opening of school. From the first day of school until that first game Friday night the whole school always buzzes with the excitement of the Team. Of course the season brings the whole town closer together because all of a sudden it becomes the common phrase, "we play" instead of the team will play or played. It is we will beat them, we won, we lost, we'll get them next year. Of course, I am a firm believer that football is an extracurricular activity instead of the whole school being in existence to revolve around the game.

Then there is senioritis. That is a disease that strikes several students in the last grade about the first week of school. It sometimes fades rather quickly, but it lasts a complete nine months for some victims. (It isn't known whether those who have senioritis are the victims or those who must suffer their company) However, senioritis is seldom if ever fatal (except to teachers).

The most evident visible sign of senioritis is the class ring worn proudly by all upper classmen. The gold ornaments are treasured by the owners who often pledge to wear them forever. I, of course, was no different in the days when I fought off senioritis. Now let me see, I wonder what I did with that ring. I guess it must be tucked back in that box with

the senior prom flowers and the commencement program.

A serious note to those of us who will not be attending school, but who might have occasion to be in our vehicles in the early morning hours when children will be going to school and in the afternoons when they will be returning home; let's be cautious in our driving so that needless tragedy might be avoided. It is especially worthy of mentioning that the younger children are sometimes not alert to the danger of cars. Drive as though these children were your own.

A&M Awards School Site To Floydata

In a telegram to Don Hart the Board of Regents of Texas A&M University announced that they have awarded the site for establishing a training center for telephone and electric linemen, safety program, firemen, etc. to Floydata.

The announcement was received Friday evening, July 25 and was signed by James Bradley, A&M Engineering Extension Service. Expressing disappointment at hearing of the decision, Hart told Merkel Mail representatives that he had become interested in the program through the fact that co-op linemen are trained in this way, and he felt that Merkel would be a good location for a training center. Hart is vice president of the Merkel Industrial Foundation.

Before School Starts . . .

School Dress Code 75-76

The Merkel public school dress code for the 1975-76 school year has been announced.

Girls shall wear appropriate clothing that is styled for school wear, provided such clothing conforms with the following:

See-through blouses, extremely low cut tops, shorts, and other similar attire should be worn other than in the classroom or hallways. Physical education classes may be excepted.

Girls may wear hot pant suits, provided they have a matched skirt ensemble-coordinated with an over-b blouse or jacket.

Girls may wear tailored or coordinated pant suits to school and school activities.

Shrinks or any type of short blouse will not be considered in good taste for school day wear.

Boys must keep their hair clean and neat. Sideburns may be worn to the bottom of the ear.

Boys should be clean shaven; no mustache.

Only shirts cut square on the bottom may be worn outside the pants. Shirts should be completely buttoned with the exception of the top (collar button).

Shoes must be worn at all times unless exceptions are made by the principal for unusual conditions.

The use of any noise maker, such as bells or shoe taps, is considered disruptive and therefore not permitted.

Students who are not dressed appropriately will not be allowed to attend classes. If you are in doubt what to do or what to wear, we invite both the student and parents to check with the principal.

Shirts, both boys and girls, must be worn inside slacks or pants when the shirts are cut uneven or made to wear tucked in. Exception: when worn as an ensemble.

Failure to comply with the dress code may cause a student to lose exemption and other school privileges.

Law Requires Current Immunization For Students

High school students need to be sure their immunizations are up-to-date. State Health laws prohibits students from attending schools when they have not had the series of Polio and Diphtheria-Tetanus (which requires boosters at 5 and 10 year intervals). Letters are currently being mailed to parents of Merkel High School students for this information. It will certainly be a great help if all parents and students will respond to this state requirement.

High School Schedules Released

Travis Davis, principal of Merkel High School has released the 1975-76 school year schedules. All Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors need to come by the office to check over their schedule before August 15.

Notice

Travis Davis, principal of Merkel High School has announced that the number to be used for calling the Merkel High School should be 928-5511. In the future when you wish to call the High School office please use this new number instead of the old listing in the directory.



Taylor Gold Star Girl

GOLD STAR WINNER-Christi Boone, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Boone, and a 7 year member of the Merkel 4-H club was named winner of the 1975 Taylor County 4-H Gold Star Tour Friday, July 25, in Abilene. Girls from 42 West Texas counties competed in the annual District 4-H Dress Revue at the Abilene Civic Center July 26.



ABC...DEFG...The ABC Playland has been licensed by the State. Pictured here are some of the children who attend Jason Sellers 1, son of Josie Sellers; Mandy Barnett 1, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Finley Barnett; Tanya Beasley 2, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Beasley; Teresa Lucas 4, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Lucas; Little Mike Carraker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Carraker; Michelle Barnett 4, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Finley Barnett; Josh Mashburn

2, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Mashburn; Todd Yaddow 6, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Yaddow and Russell Lucas 9, son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Lucas. Also pictured is Christie Barnett. Several children were absent due to summer vacation.

In Shropshire England, it is said that a piece of hawthorn cut on Holy Thursday will protect both house and person from being struck by lightning.

ABC Playland License Issued by State of Texas

The ABC Playland of Merkel has been officially licensed by the State of Texas as a day nursery it was announced this week by owners Sarah Lucas and Christie Barnett. The ABC Playland is licensed to handle up to 16 children from infancy up. The licensing process has been underway since February. During this time the owners made application and were inspected by state sanitation, welfare, health and licensing bureaus before the license was issued.

Children are surrounded by toys, games, music, and a clean healthy looking atmosphere at ABC Playland. Upon inspection of the facility by this reporter, it appeared to be a very appropriate child care center. Snacks are served twice daily and a hot lunch is served. Children who are old enough are allowed to go out on nice days into a fenced-in backyard with sand boxes and swings. The children are under constant supervision by Mrs. Lucas and Mrs. Barnett.

It is a requirement of the state that each child enrolled in a licensed nursery be examined for health and immunized for diseases. It is not only for the protection of the child, but for those with whom he will be spending the day.

When interviewed recently, Mrs. Barnett said, "We try to give them a lot of love." After all, that is what it is all about.

Paris Latin Quarter got its name from the days in the middle ages when students and tutors from the University of Paris would go there, and converse in Latin.

LOOK WHO'S HERE!

Mr. and Mrs. Darel Bunch of 203 Marion announce the birth of a daughter, Amanda Lynette born July 7 at 11:52 p.m. The baby weighed 7 pounds 4 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Billy Fisher and great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Fisher all of Merkel and Mrs. Iva Wells of Sweetwater. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bunch and great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Jones and Mrs. Bill Lambert; great grandmother is Mrs. Lela Winters all of Merkel.

Merkel Riding Club

The Merkel Riding Club held its weekly play night at the Merkel arena Saturday July 26. Results were:

Western Pleasure-1. Dee Dee Masonheimer, 2. Jan Melton, 3. Vicki Campbell, 4. Leslie Masonheimer, 5. Lisa Dokey.

Western Pleasure (13-18)-1. Cindy Byrd, 2. Penny Hatfield, 3. Jeff Toombs, 4. Charles Hatfield, 5. Suzanne Byrd.

Western Pleasure (19 and over)-1. Barbara Whisenhunt, 2. Karlen Mashburn, 3. Benny Melton, 4. Lavena Vaughn, 5. Jim Allday.

Boot Race (5 and under)-1. Lucy Masonheimer, 2. Kyle Coker, 3. Tiffany Allday, 4. Mike Boyd, 5. Justin Foster.

Boot Race (6-8)-1. James Allday, 2. Kevin Coker.

Tie Down Popping-Walter Whisenhunt, 38.57.

Steer Roping-1. Oscar Vaughn and Walter Henslee, 15.81 plus 5; 2. Oscar Vaughn and Benny Melton, 21.28 plus 5.

Barrels (12 and under)-1. Leslie Masonheimer, 20.96; 2. Dee Dee Masonheimer, 21.50; 3. Ann Melton, 22.01; 4. Mike Dokey, 26.18; 5. Jan Melton, 22.15 plus 5.

Barrels (13-18)-1. Penny Hatfield, 21.60; 2. Jeff Toombs, 22.87; 3. Charles Hatfield, 24.79; 4. Cindy Byrd, 22.80 plus 5; 5. Suzanne Byrd, 23.50 plus 5.

Barrels (19 and over)-1. Karlen Mashburn, 19.62; 2. Lavena Vaughn, 20.33; 3. Jim Allday, 20.70; 4. Barbara Whisenhunt, 20.76; 5. Jarrett Pinckley, 21.10.

Flags (12 and under)-1. Leslie Masonheimer, 11.00; 2. Dee Dee Masonheimer, 11.25; 3. Ann Melton, 11.37; 4. Jan Melton, 11.45; 5. E. T. Sparks, 11.52.

Flags (13-18)-1. Jeff Toombs, 11.53; 2. Penny Hatfield, 12.41; 3. Suzanne Byrd,

12.59; 4. Charles Hatfield, 13.04.

Flags (19 and over)-1. Jim Allday, 10.19; 2. Karlen Mashburn, 10.22; 3. Benny Melton, 10.96; 4. Jarrett Pinckley, 11.60; 5. Lavena Vaughn, 10.67 plus 5.

Poles (12 and under)-1. Leslie Masonheimer, 25.33; 2. Vicki Campbell, 26.42; 3. Jan Melton, 26.81; 4. Ann Melton, 27.20; 5. Dee Dee Masonheimer, 27.62.

Poles (13-18)-1. Charles Hatfield, 26.09; 2. Jeff Toombs, 28.46 plus 5; 3. Suzanne Byrd, 39.0 plus 10; 4. Cindy Byrd (wow!).

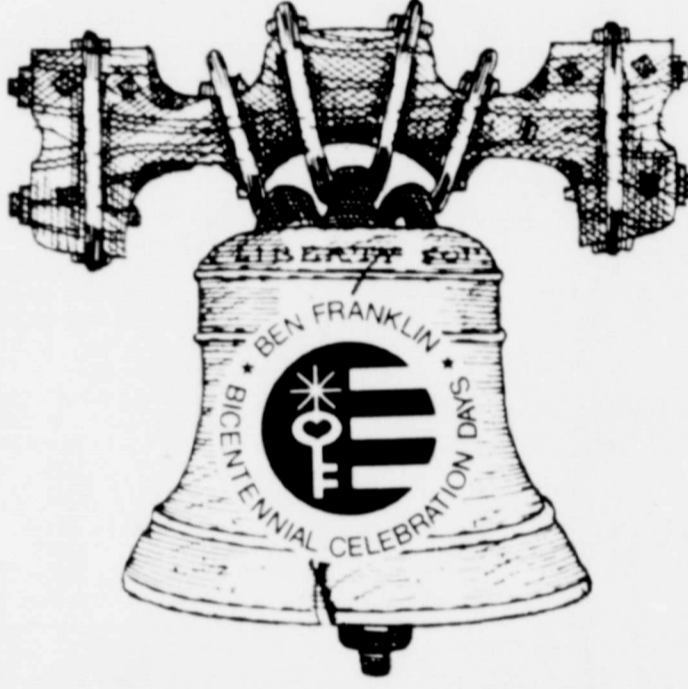
Poles (19 and over)-1. Karlen Mashburn, 24.45; 2. Barbara Whisenhunt, 26.24; 3. Benny Melton, 28.73; 4. Lyn Dokey, 29.63; 5. Lonnie Miller, 30.19.

The Jack Pot Roping and Barrel Race has been re-

scheduled for this Friday night (1st.) at the Merkel arena at 8:00 p.m. There will be tie-down-steer roping and barrel racing. Books close at 8:00 sharp.

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July Goodman Harrison Reunion August 3

The Goodman Home Demonstration Club met July 25 at the home of Mrs. Dennis Butler, Trent, Texas.

A program was brought by Mrs. David Carter on the legal rights of Texas women. Plans for the booth at the Jones County Fair were made and it was agreed to meet at Mrs. H. H. Windham's home July 30 at 3 o'clock to make preparations for it.

Ladies attending were: Mrs. Jennings Winter, Mrs. Carl Carey, Mrs. Dennis Butler, Mrs. Dan Butler, Mrs. Alan Agnew, Mrs. Frank Carter, Mrs. H. H. Windham, Mrs. Cal McAninch, Mrs. Garland Price, Mrs. David Carter and Miss Shayla K. Carter.

The next meeting will be held September 12-at the home of Mrs. Alan Agnew.

Due to the ill health of Mrs. W. A. Harrison, the Harrison reunion will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Swinney in Trent. An invitation is extended to all who would like to visit and join in on this reunion which will be held August 3.

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WE WISH TO EXTEND our heartfelt thanks to all of you for the beautiful cards, flowers, food, and prayers offered in our behalf while Judy was in the hospital.

A special thanks to the First Baptist Church minister and congregation; to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bunch; to Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Parker; to Mrs. B. L. Bond and family; to Mr. and Mrs. Ramon Kincaid; to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fowler; and to Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Wharton for their visits and kindnesses.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF TAYLOR, BY VIRTUE OF AN ORDER OF SALE DATED July 25th, 1975 and issued pursuant to a judgment decree of the District Court of Taylor County, Texas by the Clerk of said Court on said date in a certain suit No. 34,494-A, and styled State of Texas and Taylor County vs. Frances Martin et al and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said County, I have on July 25th, 1975 seized, levied upon, and will, on the first Tuesday in September 1975, the same being the 2nd day of said month at the Court-house door of said County, in the City of Abilene, between the hours of 10 o'clock a.m. and 4 o'clock p.m. on said day, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all of the right, title, and interest of the defendants in such suit and in the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants,

3, 6, 7 and 8, Block 5; Lot 14, Block 6; Lots 2 through 7, Block 9; Lots 1, 2, 13 and 14, Block 12; Lots 1 and 8 through 15 Block 13. The following property being located in the Original Townsite to the City of Merkel: North 20' of Lot 10, South 30' of Lot 11, Block 12; Lots 17 and 18, Block 29. The following property being located in the M. D. Angus Addition to the City of Merkel: West 55' of Lot 1, Block 1. The following property being located in the Boyce Addition to the City of Merkel: Lots 5, 6, 9 and 10, Block C; Lot 2, Block I; Lots 1, 2 and 3, Block J. The following property being located in the College Addition to the City of Merkel: Lots 1 and 12, Block D, R. A. Miller Sub-division of Blocks 7 and 20, Northwest 100' x 140', North 50' of the Southwest 150' x 140', South 100' of the West 140' of Block 8; Lot 1 and the North 1/2 of Lot 2, Block 9; Southeast 1/4 of Block 17; Lots 3 and 4, Block 23. The following property being located in the Edmison-Sheppard Addition to the City of Merkel: Southwest 75' x 140' of Lot 2, Block H. The following property being located in the Haynes Addition to the City of Merkel: North 50', South 50' of the North 150', South 208' of the North 358' of Block E; Lots 1, 2 and 3, Block F. The following property being located in the Martin Addition to the City of Merkel: Lot 9, Block A; Lot 12, Block B. The following property being located in the Sharps Addition to the City of Merkel: Lots 4, 18 and 19. The following property being located in the F. J. Smith Addition to the City of Merkel: Lot C, Block 14. The following property being located in the South Park Addition to the City of Merkel: Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, Block A; Lots 5 and 6, Block B. The following property being located in the Thornton Addition to the City of Merkel: North 75' of the East 140' of Lot 1, Block C; Lot 3, Block E, North 1/2 of Lot 11, and all of Lot 12, Block F. The following property being located in the West Addition to the City of Merkel: Lots 1 and 2, Block A.

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Accent on Health

J.E. PEAVY, M.D., Director

Summer vacations still have a few weeks to go, but many parents already are rethinking about fall and getting their youngsters ready for entrance into school for the first time. One thing they'll need, reminds the Texas Department of Health Resources, is a certified copy of a birth certificate.

To some parents, the start of school is old hat, but parents whose first-born are starting school the first time may be a bit bewildered by the excitement of it all. This fall there will be approximately 220,000 new first graders in the schools throughout Texas, and proof of age is necessary for the first-timers. Total public school enrollment is expected to reach some 2.8 million children as the school population continues to grow.

Anticipating the rush of birth certificate requests, the Records and Statistics Section of the Texas Department of Health Resources has been prepared for it. Requests already are pouring in. It takes a sizeable staff just to open the thousands of letters received daily, let alone search out a requested certificate, remove it from the thick volume, make a certified copy, mail it out and then return the original cert to its proper place.

Years of experience have eliminated nearly every bottleneck. The operation is smooth and fast. Usually the copy is mailed within 3 or 4 days after the request is received. One bottleneck still remaining, however, is the individual who makes the last-minute request. Parents are requested to stop now and write for a certified copy of the birth certificate, or contact either the city registrar where the child was born or the county clerk in the county of birth.

In most cases it is an easy matter to make a trip to your county courthouse or registrar and personally request a certified copy of a birth certificate. The county clerk's office has birth records on file, as well as countless other documents. If you write the Texas Department of Health Resources, Bureau of Vital Statistics, the address is 410 East Fifth Street, Austin, Texas, 78701. Be sure to include the child's name, his place of birth, the date of birth, and names of the parents-including the mother's maiden name. The State Health Department fee for a certified copy of the birth certificate is \$2.

Filing of birth certificates is just one function of the Records and Statistics Section of the Department of Health Resources. Records also are kept of deaths, diseases and other public health information. There are approximately 13 1/2 million birth certificates on file in the state office, and the tabulation of

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birth certificates is a never-ending process. Last year, for example, there were more than 221,000 live births recorded in Texas.

Largest number of live births for Texas in one year was recorded in 1957. That year 249,567 babies were born alive in Texas, and their births are recorded in the Records and Statistics Section.

Just maintaining records of current births and deaths is a mammoth task. In order to do this, the statewide system includes 1,000 local registration officials who collect these records. All of these must be carefully indexed to expedite the hundreds of thousands of searches that must be made each year to process applications for birth verifications and certification.

This sounds complicated, and it is. But to a person who needs a birth certificate for a passport or to prove the age of a child entering school, it is a vital service.

Not only are these records helpful to you and necessary for legal proof in many instances, but they furnish--as a group--information of great value to the state.

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS

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

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

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: Heuy Fourd, Defendant, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear before the Honorable Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 25 day of August A. D. 1975, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 6 day of June A. D. 1975, in this cause, numbered 10,685-DR on the docket of said court and styled Martha Riley Fourd, Plaintiff, vs. Heuy Fourd, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: Married October, 1974, separated July, 1975, with no children, and no community property accumulated. Petitioner prays that name be restored to Martha Riley, 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 seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 9 day of July A. D. 1975.

(SEAL) Attest: Irene Crawford Clerk Domestic Relations Court Taylor County, Texas. By Faye Lyons, Deputy. 21-4tc

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Lorelei Lyn Sherrell became the bride of Allan Campbell in a ceremony at Chapel One,

Randolph Air Force Base. The bride is the daughter of Lt. Col. and Mrs. Aultman L. Sherrell, and the bridegroom is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Donald Campbell.

Lewis-Jarvis Reunion Held July 27

The Lewis-Jarvis reunion was held Sunday July 27th in the Senior Citizens building in Merkel.

Chaplain Porter B. Cox read the vows. Attendants were Suzanne Lisa Sherrell and James Emmett Townsend. The bride is the granddaughter of Mrs. Leota Sherrell of Merkel.

Changes in the special Livestock Emergency Credit Program are now in effect in Texas, according to Don Newhouse, Taylor County Supervisor of the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) announced today.

The program, originated under the Emergency Livestock Credit Act of 1974, will continue to be administered through county offices of FmHA, the U. S. Department of Agriculture rural credit agency.

Under the program, FmHA guarantees loans made by banks and other commercial lenders to help farmers and ranchers continue in various lines of livestock production through a period of adverse economic conditions.

The bill (Public Law 94-35) signed June 16 by President Ford amended terms of the program established last year and extended its duration through Dec. 31, 1976.

Major changes in the program are:

Farmer and rancher assisted by loan guarantees must be primarily engaged in agricultural production, and livestock operations must account for a substantial portion (at least 25 percent) of their gross income, working time or investment.

The limit on any one borrower's guaranteed credit is raised to a \$350,000 line of credit from the previous loan limit of \$250,000.

The maximum guarantee to a lender is raised to 90 percent of principal and interest from a previous guarantee limit of 80 percent of loss.

Maximum term of a loan is raised to seven years, with a three-year renewal permitted. Under the previous terms, loans could be made for three years, with two-year renewal permitted.

Under certain conditions, satisfactory evidence of a borrower's repayment ability can be accepted by lenders in lieu of collateral for a guaranteed loan.

The national ceiling on total guaranteed loans outstanding at any one time is reduced from \$2 billion to \$1.5 billion.

The amended Livestock Emergency Credit Act continues the previous guarantee authority for loans to farmers and ranchers in connection with the breeding, raising, fattening or marketing of beef or dairy cattle, swine, sheep, goats, chickens and turkeys.

Interest rates are negotiated between borrowers and lenders.

Farmers and ranchers who may benefit from loan guarantees should apply to banks or other lending institutions. When details of a loan are negotiated, the lender may apply to FmHA for a loan guarantee.

Benefits of FmHA programs are available without regard to race, creed, color, sex or national origin.

County Supervisor Don Newhouse said further information about the program can be obtained from the Taylor County FmHA office located at Room 2203 Federal Building in Abilene.

Vo-Ag Teachers Attend In-Service Workshop

Vocational agriculture teachers, some 1500 strong, are meeting in Houston, July 28-August 1, 1975, for the annual in-service educational workshop, sponsored by the Agriculture Education Department of the Texas Education Agency, Austin, Texas.

Attending the four-day in-service meeting from Merkel High School is Chester Collinsworth, vocational agriculture teacher.

The Shamrock Hilton Hotel is the site for the meeting which started on Monday, July 28 with registration for the workshop beginning at 3:00 p.m., according to Mr. J. A. Marshall, State Director, Vocational Agriculture Education, Texas Education Agency, Austin, Texas.

A full slate of events make up the program for the workshop. The first general session began at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday in the grand ballroom of the Shamrock Hilton hotel.

Appearing on the program was E. C. "Dick" Weekley, General Manager, Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, welcoming teachers and guests. Also speaking was George C. Guthrie, offering greetings to the group. Mr. Guthrie is a member of the State Board of Education and is from San Antonio.

Also speaking to the group was L. Harlan Ford, Deputy Commissioner for Programs and Personnel Development, Austin, a member of the Texas Education Agency. Pastor Richard L. Irvin, Collins United Methodist Church, Houston, also appeared on the program.

On Tuesday evening, 8:00 p.m., the Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association presented the annual awards program to award tenure pins to members and gave awards to congressmen, legislators, school administrators, Texas news media and individuals who have contributed to the progress of vocational agriculture education. The English Brothers, Houston, entertained.

On Wednesday and Thursday the teachers took part in area meetings and attended ten (10) in-service workshops.

The second general session began at 9:00 a.m., Thursday, at the Shamrock Hilton Hotel. Appearing on the program were Dr. Scott McKain, National Secretary, Future Farmers of America, Crothersville, Indiana and Daniel C. Steere, Minister of Evangelism, United Methodist Church, Houston.

A membership meeting for the Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association of Texas was conducted during the workshop. Albert Timmerman, Jr., President of the Association from Rockdale, was in charge of the membership meeting on Wednesday, July 30th.

Activities and entertainment for the ladies were also planned throughout the 4-day meeting.

Meanwhile, Texas Department of Highways and Public Transportation launched a 90-day study to determine how it can trim payrolls and services in the face of rising costs.

The Department already has announced its scheduled August letting of contracts for road repair and reconstruction would not be held. It also has practiced a reduced hiring policy in an effort to hold down numbers of employees.

Engineer-Director Luther DeBerry of the Department of Highways and Public Transportation said there is no way of knowing how many jobs will be knocked out due to the study.

He indicated the reduction may be as much as 20 percent over a two-year period, however.

"Watchdog" Job Mapped "Common Cause," the citizens' lobby, and a coalition of other consumer-oriented groups will monitor work of the new Public Utilities Commission.

On July 19 the Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met at Nelson Park in Abilene for a picnic.

An evening of fellowship and good eating was enjoyed by all. The evening ended up at the Nelson Amusement Park.

In attendance were: Mr. and Mrs. Craig Jones and family, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Bob Neff and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Yaddow and family, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Lucas and family, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Moore and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hohertz and family.

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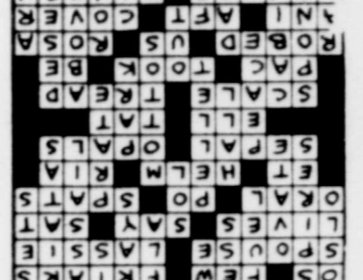
The Sublett family held their 48th annual reunion at Possum Kingdom State Park recently. A large crowd was present. The Sublett family has a family record from the year 1819 to the present. In 1947, a family history was compiled by the late myrtle Sublett of Abilene with the assistance of Mrs. Estelle Sublett formerly of Merkel.

Six generations of the family are covered in this history, and has been supplemented each year. Jack Sublett of Albuquerque, New Mexico has continued work on the record of 1,600 members of the family which includes births, marriages, army records, deaths and other information.

Merkel and area families and Mrs. Ben Hicks and family; Mr. and Mrs. Wayman Hicks and family; Mrs. Ethel Hicks; Miss Nina Orsborn; Mrs. Floy Hicks; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Orsborn; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Orsborn and family; Mr. and Mrs. Luther Orsborn; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bratcher and family; Mr. and Mrs. Irl Walker; Odell Crow, president; and Mrs. Irl Walker, historian.

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Table with columns: (A) CATEGORIES, (B) CAPITAL, (C) OPERATING/MAINTENANCE. Rows include Public Safety, Environmental Protection, Public Transportation, Health, Recreation, Libraries, Social Services, Financial Administration, Multi-Purpose and General Govt, Education, Social Development, Housing and Community Development, Economic Development, Other (Specify), and Totals.

ACTUAL USE REPORT

Table showing actual use report for the Government of Merkel City. Includes account number 44 2 221 003, Mayor Merkel Texas 79536, and TRUST FUND REPORT with items like Balance as of June 30, 1974, Revenue Sharing Funds, Interest Received, Funds Released from Obligations, and Total Amount Expended.



MORE LONG BEANS-Robby Williams, 8 and his sister Sheri, 12 display their beans which are up to 23 inches long. Sheri is a 4-H gardener. The children are son and daughter of Robert Williams and grandchildren of Mrs. Goldia Malone.

NOTICE

Continental Telephone Company of Texas is now accepting bids on the 25 ft. by 90 ft. lot and building located on southwest Edwards and N. 2nd. Street in Merkel.

Being the east ninety-five (95) feet of the North one half (N-1/2) of lot No. one (1) block number twenty (20) of the original town of Merkel, Taylor County, Texas. Bid date deadline is August 29, 1975. Bid forms are available from Jimmy Atkinson 928-4830 or the Baird Business Office Baird, Texas, 23-4tc



LOOK WHO'S HERE!

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Hester of Bedford, Texas are proud parents of a baby boy, David James, born July 8th. He weighed 10 lbs. 7 oz.

Maternal grandmother is Mrs. Frances Carey. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. L. (Buster) Hester.

Maternal great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Harwell of Merkel and Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Carey of Lubbock. Paternal great grandmother is Mrs. E. M. Dean of Sweetwater.

Jones County HD News

The Jones County Home Demonstration Council met July 16 in the Anson Federal Housing Building.

The meeting was called to order by the council chairman, Mrs. Ab Hunter.

There were eight clubs represented with 13 members and 4 visitors present.

Plans were made for the Jones County Fair August 14-15-16.

Mrs. H. A. Haynes, Mrs. Ab Hunter, Mrs. Garland Price were elected as state THDA. Mrs. H. A. Haynes, Mrs. Ab Hunter, Mrs. Garland Price were elected as state THDA Delegates and Mrs. Travis Smith as alternate. Next council will meet September 17.

MANKIND

Divided into three classes: those that are immovable, those that are movable, and those that move.

Farm-facts

A Weekly Report Of Agri-Business News

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

Lamb Crop Shows Increase... So Do Cattle On Feed... Harvest Tempo On Upswing.

Although the nationwide lamb crop for 1975 is down again, Texas' lamb crop is 13 per cent above a year ago, reversing a long-time trend. The Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service notes that the State's lamb crop for 1975 is estimated at 1.7 million head.

Lamb losses during the first half of 1975 were less than those during the first half of 1974, due to good weather conditions and less loss due to predation.

The Jan. 1 number of breeding ewes one year old and over was 1,923,000 head, which is 10 per cent below a year ago. However, the lambing percentage for 1975 (number of lambs saved per 100 ewes one year and over on Jan. 1), was 88. This is 18 points above a year ago.

Nationwide, the lamb crop is set at 9.9 million head, a reduction of six per cent from 1974. The Jan. 1 number of breeding ewes one year old and older totaled 10.1 million head, a decline of nine per cent, while ewe lambs under one year were down 16 per cent. Lambing percentage was 98 comparing with 95 a year ago.

Texas wool production for 1975 is estimated at 23.5 million pounds (grease basis); this is two per cent under a year ago. Number of sheep and goats to be shorn is set at 3,080,000 head, down nine per cent from a year ago. Fleece weight is 7.6 pounds compared with 7.1 pounds the previous year. Nationwide, wool production is down 10 per cent from 1974.

A 12 PER CENT INCREASE IN CATTLE FEEDING in July compared to a month ago is reported in Texas feedlots. Cattle and calves on feed totaled 1,264,000 head. However, this is 29 per cent below the 1,777,000 head on feed a year ago.

Cattle and calves placed on feed during the April-June quarter were 18 per cent higher than a year ago. Marketing of fed cattle from Texas feedlots is down 38 per cent from a year earlier.

Cattle and calves on feed for the seven major cattle feeding states are three per cent above June of this year and 16 per cent below a year ago.

Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor:

In last week's edition of the Merkel Mail, on page 6, there appeared an article which stated that next to man, the rat was the most destructive animal on earth. It was also stated that between \$5 and \$10 million is spent annually on rodent control by the general public alone.

This vast sum is at least partly saveable. To do this is the responsibility of the driving public. It is no great task,

Merkel's Visitors

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Vick and daughters Wylene and Georgia have been visiting in the home of his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Garner. The Vicks are from Tallahassee, formerly of Merkel. Mr. Vick is the university pharmacist at Tallahassee.

Mrs. Margaret Higgins and Miss Clarice Higgins of Santa Anna, California visited recently in the home of C. S. Higgins in Merkel, and also in the home of Mary and Sid Gershan. Clarice was on vacation from Disneyland where she has been employed in the payroll department for the past 18 years. Miss Higgins extends a personal invitation to anyone from Merkel who visits Disneyland to call her for a "red carpet" tour of Disneyland. The two ladies said they really enjoyed visiting with old friends all over town.

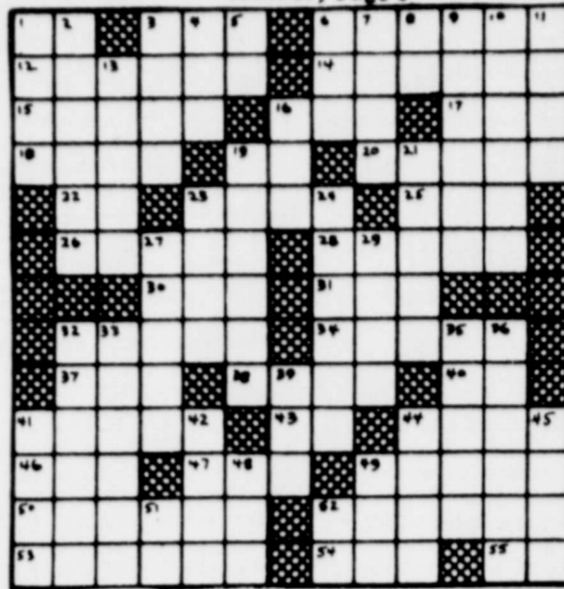
In fact nothing has to be done to help control rodents, but the opposite is true. We must do nothing at all when we see a snake crossing the road other than try to avoid hitting him, for you see the snake is a vast consumer of rodents and helps to control the population thereof. It is a terrible crime to kill a snake unnecessarily. The only time a snake should be killed is when it is a serious threat to the local inhabitants of the immediate location of the snake. The only time that a snake should pose a threat is when it is of a toxic nature. Locally, only the following species are toxic to man. (1) the Western Diamond-back Rattlesnake, (2) the Massasagua Rattlesnake, (3) the Western Prairie Rattlesnake, (4) the Broad Banded Copperhead. Even these snakes are no serious threat to man and should not be killed without reason. If one must kill one of the aforementioned species he should save the meat.

I have seen many harmless snakes killed on the road locally and the position of the victims in relation to the flow of traffic is indicative of deliberate action to the kill the helpless creature. If this would be stopped, we would have less of a rodent problem. So think about all the people starving around the world and all the rodents destroying food when you see a snake in the road.

Sincerely yours,
William D. Booth
902 N. 2nd. St.

Crossword Puzzle

Answer, Page 5



ACROSS

- 1 Bone anat.
- 3 Not many
- 6 Monks
- 12 One's husband or wife
- 14 Little girl
- 15 Has life
- 16 Utter
- 17 Squatted
- 18 Spoken
- 19 Italian river
- 20 Petty quarrels
- 22 French "and"
- 23 Ship's steering wheel
- 25 Creek
- 26 Calyx leaf
- 28 Gems
- 30 Building wing
- 31 Make lace
- 32 Weighing device
- 34 Step
- 37 Moccasin

DOWN

- 1 Norwegian city
- 2 Steeples
- 3 Needed for a fire
- 4 English letter
- 5 Plural pronoun
- 6 State: abbr.
- 7 Light beams
- 8 Lives

- 9 Assault
- 10 Lariats
- 11 Collections
- 13 Egg-shaped
- 16 The sun
- 19 Small ball
- 21 Utter foolishness
- 23 Corridor
- 24 Maxims
- 27 Serenity
- 29 Recreation area
- 32 Aquatic animal
- 33 Small houses
- 35 Over
- 36 Abandon
- 39 Not in
- 41 Precipitation
- 42 Palm fruit
- 44 Wander
- 45 Italian river
- 48 Gave food
- 49 Container
- 51 That thing
- 52 Cobalt: chem.

Sad to say, the word sad comes from the Anglo-Saxon word *sæd*, meaning full or sated.

Taylor County Young Homemakers

The Taylor County Young Homemakers met Friday morning in the home of Mrs. Mack Seymore to elect officers and to plan the Installation Tea.

The workshop will be held August 4, 5, 6, in the home-making room at the High School from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00. The napkin rings for the tote bags will be made.

The Installation Tea will be August 14 at 7 p.m. in the home-making room. Little sisters and their mothers will be special guests.

The members voted to buy a truck load of sand for the primary school play ground.

The following officers were elected:

Linda Beasley-President
Terry Martin-Vice President

Judy Crawford-Secretary
Shirley Sunners-Treasurer
Barbara Fowler-Reporter

The members also voted to have our monthly meetings begin at 7 p.m. and end at 9 p.m.

Other members present were: Ann Jacobs, Mary Grimes, and Ida Seymore.

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Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Keith Celebrate 61 Years Of Togetherness

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Keith of 904 Rose Street in Merkel celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary July 12. They were married July 12, 1914 in Hood County.

The bride of 61 years is an avid quilter and hand quilted some 54 quilts last year. She says she will probably not reach that number this year, however because she isn't in

as good health these days. One would never take age into consideration to look at the spotless house of Mr. and Mrs. Keith. Everything was perfectly in place as this reporter visited with the Keiths recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith have two children, Rose Lee Darling of Amarillo and Letha Thomas of Merkel. They have 10 grand-

children and 27 great grandchildren of whom the oldest is 16.

The Keiths have lived in Taylor County since 1922. They lived on a farm south east of Merkel for 15 years prior to moving into town nine years ago. Mr. Keith is a retired farmer. They are members of the First Baptist Church in Merkel.

When asked the key to their long life as man and wife in this age of divorce, Mrs. Keith just replied, "We're happy." Congratulations to you on your 61 years of happiness together and we wish for you many more.

"America Is" To Be Featured On KWFA

KWFA Radio station in Merkel is featuring a daily program, "America Is" in conjunction with the bicentennial theme of American history. "America Is" will be aired twice daily at 7:38 a.m. and 5:40 p.m. and will be telling the history of America from revolutionary times to the present.

The daily program which will change each day features the "Re'generation" of Nashville, a multi-talented group of young musicians directed by Derric Johnson.

The program is the type which according to station manager, John Curtis, "will bring chill bumps to your spine." He stated that the program goes into such things as explaining the "Pledge of Allegiance To The Flag" in language that children can understand. He also emphasized the musical ability of this group which has been on a 500 stop tour of the country recently. "America Is" is worth your day for this fine educational, informative and entertaining moment of American history.

Grace Members Honor Alices

Grace Presbyterian Church members and guests held a "two Alice" birthday dinner Sunday afternoon in the newly decorated Fellowship Hall. This month's honorees were Mrs. Alice Dudley and Mrs. Alice Osborne.

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WTU Announces Personnel Changes In District

The retirement of one man and the promotion of another man was announced today by West Texas Utilities Company's Lloyd Cope, district manager for WTU's Abilene District.

E. F. (Moon) Mullikin, sales manager in the Company's Abilene District for nine years, will retire August 1 after more than 46-year's service.

Cleve Evans, assistant to the manager of Merchandise Sales, has been promoted to Abilene District sales manager. He will retain the duties of assistant to the manager of Merchandise Sales.

Mullikin came to work for the Company as a salesman in Ballinger in 1928. Over the years, he has worked in the sales departments in Ballinger and Abilene and was serving as assistant district sales manager when he was promoted to sales manager in 1968.

Mullikin is a native of Tennessee. He was born in Tullahoma, Tennessee in 1910 and attended the public schools there. His only break in his more than 46-year's service came in 1942 when he joined the U. S. Air Force. He served during WW II and was discharged in 1946 with the rank of corporal.

Mrs. Mullikin is the former Jo Joyce Longley of Abilene. The Mullikins have one daughter and three grandchildren. They are members of the First Christian Church. He has served as a member of the Abilene Evening Lions Club and as a director of the West Texas Fair Association. He is also a past member of

the Abilene Advertising Club. Evans' service with WTU began when he joined the Company as a salesman in the Memphis Office in 1964. He was transferred to Childress and promoted to district sales manager for the Panhandle District in 1969.

Born and raised in Memphis, Evans is a 1956 graduate of Memphis High School and attended Clarendon Junior College. Prior to coming to work for WTU, he was employed by Household Supply Co. in Memphis.

Mrs. Evans is the former Betty Gidden of Memphis. They were married in Memphis in 1960 and have three children. The Evans are members of the Methodist Church. While in Childress, he served in the Lions Club, the Masonic Lodge and the Childress Boosters Club.

Abijah waxed mighty, and married fourteen-wives, and begat twenty and two sons, and sixteen daughters.

There will be a revival at the 5th Baptist Church August 1 thru August 3 it was announced this week. Emmett Brooks of Abilene will be the minister and John Conklin will be in charge of music. Mildred Winter will be the musician. Services are scheduled for 8 p.m. and the public is cordially invited to attend.

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MILK GAL JUG **\$1.33**
NO DEPOSIT

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HOMO
MILK GAL JUG **\$1.39**
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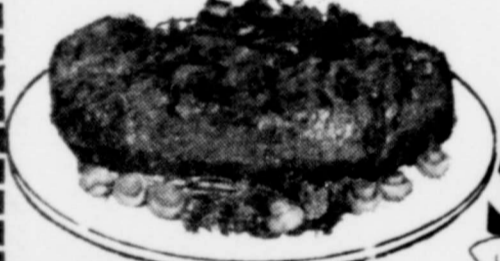
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