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## Greenhouses To Grow Commercial Tomatoes

Forty thousand pounds of tomatoes per year will be grown in Merkel for sale commercially starting this year in a complex of greenhouses to be opened by Dwain Burnett of Merkel and Lynn Talley of Abilene.

The two men have started building four greenhouses, each 36 feet wide by 96 feet long, at the corner of Fifth and Haynes in Merkel. By March, they will have planted 2,000 tomato plants in the greenhouses, and will begin harvesting tomatoes from them in June. Each plant is expected to yield 20 pounds of Florida tomatoes annually. Expected growing time is 120 days. The product will at first be sold directly to supermarkets, Burnett said. Total investment for the venture will run about \$20,000, Burnett noted.

Burnett, a sales representative for National Cash Register, Inc. in Abilene, is a new Merkel resident, having moved here January 5. Burnett said that the new company might sell the culls, the imperfectly shaped tomatoes which taste the same as the perfectly shaped fruit, to the public at a price somewhat cheaper than tomatoes can be bought on a retail basis.

Both men said their whole families will be involved in the venture. "Especially around picking time," Burnett grinned.

Burnett said he foresees a need for at least one full-time worker to be hired by the operation in the future.

## Election Called For Trent

Two vacancies will occur in the Trent ISD Board of Education this year. Completing 3 years on the board are Ronnie Freeman and Lloyd Williams. An election has been called by the board for Saturday, April 3.

Candidates may file in the school tax office between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on weekdays until March 4. Absentee balloting is scheduled from March 15 thru March 31 during regular office hours at the school tax office.

Don Orris is the absentee clerk. Lonnie Halbrook has been elected election judge and the election will be conducted from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m. April 3 in the Trent City Hall. The election judge will select the clerks.

## Hensley Nominated For Second Term On ALAT Board

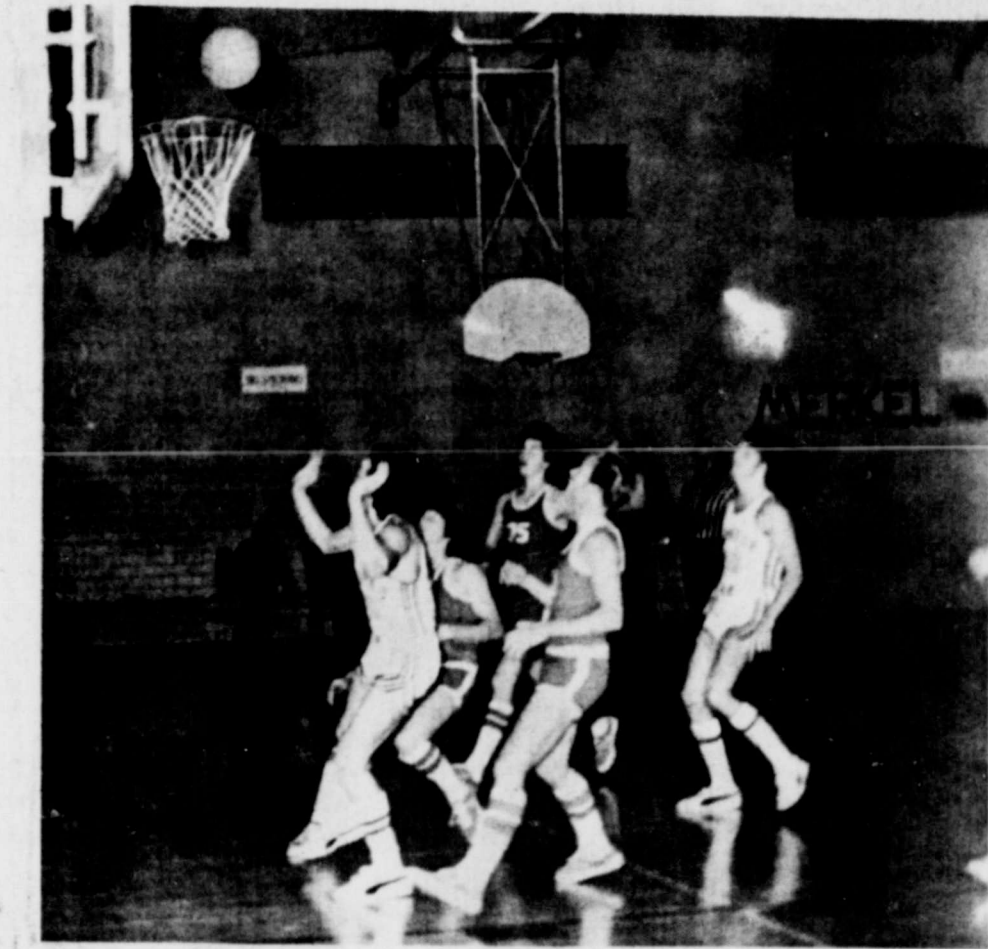
The meeting of the Big Country Area Advisory Council of the American Lung Association of Texas (ALAT) was held in San Angelo Saturday, January 24, 1976 with Mrs. Doyle Condra of Balinger, Vice Chairman, presiding officer.

Officers for the coming year were elected. Ted Hogan of Crane will serve as Chairman; Wesley E. Pittman, San Angelo as Chairman Elect; Mrs. E. L. Martin, McCamey as Vice Chairman; Mrs. E. P. Driver, R. N., Big Spring as Secretary.

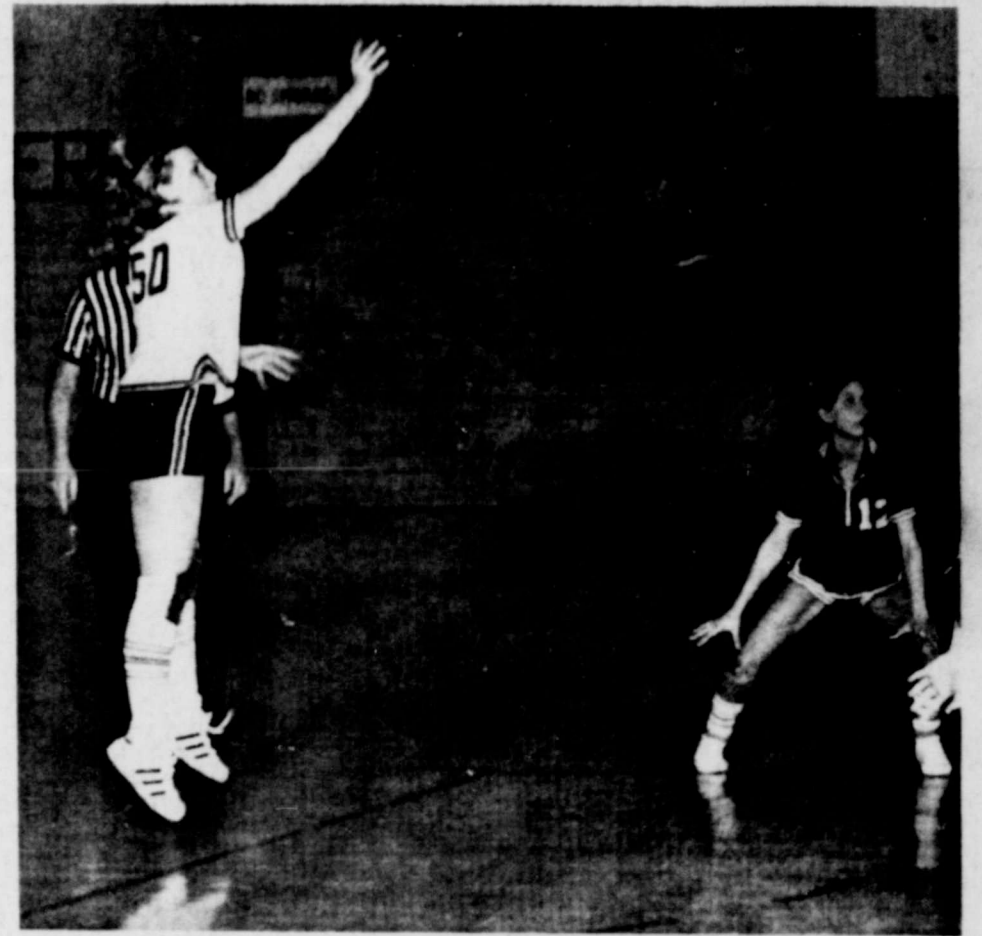
Executive Committee members at large are E. Travis Bley, San Angelo; Lt.

Col. (Ret.) Ross L. Clements, Abilene; and Gail Smith, Odessa.

Don W. Hensley, Merkel was nominated for his second 3-year term as representative from the Big Country Area to the American Lung Association of Texas board of directors. Hensley in addition to being chairman of the nominating committee, has for three years served as representative to the ALAT board of directors and this year is the state fund raising chairman and assistant treasurer for the state association. Hensley is president of Farmers and Merchants National Bank in



UP FOR TWO—Paul Tucker sinks a field shot for two in the game against Jim Ned January 20 at Merkel High School Gymnasium. Jim Ned took the game 53-37. The Badger five returned to the round ball court January 23 to take on Rotan. Though they made a stab at a comeback during the third quarter and got within 12 points of the opposition, they dropped the game to Rotan by 22 points, 55-33. The Merkel Badgers have a district record of 2-7 and a season record of 9-14. Paul Tucker is high pointer in the net sport this season.



SINKING FREE SHOT—Jerre Smith sinks a one on one during the game between Merkel and Jim Ned January 20 in Merkel. The girls won the game 68-62. They returned to the court January 23 to defeat Rotan 58-20 in a game which was dominated entirely by Merkel. As usual, scoring was lead by Netta Stephan of the fighting, hustling Badgerettes. The girls hold a 7-3 district and a 12-9 season record.

## Term On ALAT Board

Merkel. James M. Binion of Abilene is also a BCA representative to ALAT.

Council members re-elected for a 3-year term include Mrs. Billy Joe Luckett, Bronte; Ted W. Hogan, Crane; Mrs. Dennis Lunnam, R. N., Sonora; and Dr. Charles Brown, Sonora.

Miss Maudie Rains, B. S. N., of Midland was elected for a 3-year term to the Advisory Council. Mrs. Condra announced the granting of five Christmas Seal fellowships totaling \$50,000 to Texas postdoctoral students training for a specialty in pulmonary medicine. The training fellowships, amounting to \$10,000 each, were awarded to five physicians in training at three medical schools at Dallas, San Antonio, and Galveston by the American Lung Association's national office in New York.

Ted Hogan, Big Country Fund Raising Chairman, reported that the 32 county area had raised \$43,367.00 in Christmas Seal income as of January 1st, with three months remaining before the end of the campaign. This amount represents 78.5% of last year's total income from Christmas Seals.

New guidelines for area operation were introduced by Don Hensley in his report from the state board meeting, and the statewide Christmas Seal campaign was reported at \$906,807.00 as of January 1.

The Big Country Area's Program of Work for the fiscal year April 1, 1976 to March 31, 1977 was reviewed and each program activity discussed by the council members. The two major long range programs planned by the area are the asthma improvement programs and the case review medical workshops for persons caring for patients with respiratory disease.

Primarily an educational organization, the American Lung Association of Texas has as its goal the prevention and control of lung disease. Printed and audio visual information about lung disease, smoking, and air pollution is available to the public on request.

Headquarters for the Big Country Area are at 1962 W. Beauregard in San Angelo.

Mrs. James is the former Kathy Hendricks of Merkel.



MRS. FREDDIE THOMAS  
... named resident-of-the-year

## Mrs. Thomas Named Resident-Of-The-Year

Mrs. Freddie Thomas who is 84 years old, was named "Resident of the Year" at the Amy Lyn Manor Nursing Home in Abilene.

Voting was done by fellow residents and the staff of the

City Announces New Pickup Schedule

The following new schedule for the disposal of garbage and trash in Merkel was announced:

MONDAY----3 men  
Business and North Side  
TUESDAY----3 men  
Business and Ash Street  
East

WEDNESDAY----3 men  
Business and Ash Street  
West

THURSDAY----2 men  
Business and Brush Haul  
1 man road material

FRIDAY----2 men  
Business and Brush Haul  
1 man road material

"Better service to the community is the reason for the rescheduling," stated city coordinator, J. A. Sadler.

home, who say this spry lady helps them with the "Oldsters" and those in wheelchairs. Mrs. Thomas has lived at Amy Lyn Manor for two years. She had formerly lived in Merkel for about

a year.

The mother of four children, Mrs. Thomas spends her time piecing quilt tops which she usually gives away. Mrs. Thomas' children are Mrs. John Wheeler of Merkel, Mrs. J. C. Harris of Andrews, Mrs. Ben Wheeler of Amarillo and Alfred Thomas of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

It would not be an unlikely name for Mrs. Thomas to be also chosen grandmother of the year. She has 24 grandchildren, 76 great-grandchildren and at last count 9 great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Thomas is a frequent visitor with her daughter in Merkel and attends the Assembly of God Church when she is here. She was most proud when the Cypert Quartet from the church sang at Amy Lyn Manor during the Christmas party.

## \$500 Collected In March Of Dimes

The March of Dimes against birth defects was held in Merkel Monday, January 26. Approximately \$500 was collected from Merkel residents at this time.

A special thanks is extended to the merchants and residents of Merkel for their generous donations to this cause. Chairwoman, Charlotte Starbuck would like to personally thank the following people for their time and energy given

willingly to this effort: Louise DuBose, Barbara Fowler, Bobbie Tarpley, Billie Walters, Marie Wheeler, Hazel Pack, Janie Massey, Milly Bright, Sheryl Sanford, Lillian Pack, Betty Coker, Iris Amerine, Minyon Seymore, Olga Peachy, Chairwoman, Charlotte Starbuck would like to personally thank the following people for their time and energy given

Mawson and Sue Tucker.

## Between you and me

By SARAH ECKOLS



"Life is an incurable disease."  
Abraham Cowley  
1618-1667

Sometimes I begin to agree with Cowley on his assessment of the situation. When I look at my pay check and then at the amount of out-go that must be squeezed from it; when I come down with the blahs and think I just can't possibly get out of bed on Monday morning, when I go to the grocery store and carry out \$20 worth of groceries in a very small bag and then when I get into my car on a 19 degree morning and it laughs at me instead of starting--yes, then I begin to wonder if it isn't all one big mistake and I really should have been born to wealthy parents who live in a castle and have hundreds of serfs to take care of all the trivial problems.

Of course, I've tried to re-evaluate the balance of income vs out-go and make the income come out on top, but somehow just as I think I've got it mastered something happens and I'm back on monthly payment row again.

As for the Monday morning blahs, I gave up on finding a cure when I was about in the third grade. If it is ever found, though, who ever secures the patent is bound to make a fortune. I even tried getting a job in which I would start the week off on Tuesday. Sure enough on Tuesday morning I had the Monday morning blahs. (who ever heard of Tuesday morning blahs.)

I did find a cure for the grocery store problem. I found out that one can indeed train oneself not to eat. Luckily, however, I found out just in time that about the time one gets used to it he dies.

As for teaching a cold natured German car to start on a cold morning--well I'm working on it and after the ridiculously low expenditure of \$300, more or less, it actually starts without upsetting me to the point of tears and shouting.

On the serious side though, life is an incurable disease only if you as an individual choose to look upon it that way. However, if you choose to become involved in the world of the living and make your life an example of health rather than disease then it might be rejuvenating to take a dose of the medicine brotherly love, a teaspoon of involvement before each meal and a kindness tablet four times a day to break the fever of resignation and kill the virus of apathy.

The Senior Citizens are having a pot luck supper Thursday, January 29 (tonight) at 7 p.m. instead of having their regular meeting. All senior citizens are urged to attend.

If you would like a sampling of Jerusalem artichokes free (you must dig them yourself), call 928-4932.

Remember the Lions Club chili supper Friday from 4:30 till 7:30 p.m.

## Starr Nursing Home To Get A New Look

Starr Nursing Home is about to undergo a complete renovation and remodeling job both inside and outside in the very near future, according to Lloyd A. Knecht, one of the partners of Holiday

Lions Club To Host Chili Supper Friday Night

The Merkel Lions Club will host their annual chili supper January 30 in the Merkel School Cafeteria. Serving hours will be from 4:30 until 8:30 p.m. Tickets will be \$1 for students and \$1.50 for adults and may be purchased from any Lions Club member at the door.

Included in the meal will be chili, crackers, beans and your choice of tea or coffee drink. Desserts will be available for an additional 25¢ and will be home baked goodies.

Lion Don Hart is head cook for this year's chili supper and he will be assisted in the kitchen by Bob Hooks and Kent Satterwhite. Chief organizer of the fund raising activity is Lion Rodney Supper. Proceeds will go toward Lions Club activities such as their sight saving project.

A special invitation is extended to basketball fans who would like to come out and enjoy great chili before the game against Roscoe Friday evening.

Management Company, doing business in Texas. He is the Manager of the Texas Division of this company.

Work will begin in approximately three weeks, according to Mr. Knecht; he further added that a Mansard type roof will be used, new floor covering will be laid, some wood paneling will be added as well as other types of wall covering, new furniture will be placed in office areas as well as public areas and patient/resident areas, and extensive landscaping will be done.

A complete new sprinkling system will be installed to conform to the entire safety of the patient/residents, and to the State Department of Health Resources requirements for Nursing Home Facilities in the state of Texas.

Recent improvements include a new heating and air conditioning system now in operation at the Nursing Home.

"With the growth and rapid development of the township of Merkel, it is a pleasure to be a part of this activity and provide a better and happier as well as safer locale for the Senior Citizens at Starr Nursing Home," said Mr. Knecht.

"Mrs. Mary Outlaw is the Administrator of this fine facility, and under her guidance and direction, the care of the senior citizens is made happier and productive," he concluded.

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9¢  
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3¢

# National School Lunch Program Offers Meals To Low-Income Children

The Merkel School serves nutritious meals every school day. Students may buy lunch for 55 cents, and extra milk for 6 or 7 cents.

Children from families whose income is at or below levels shown on the attached scale are eligible for free or reduced-price meals. If children are eligible for free meals they are also eligible for free extra milk. The reduced price for lunch is 20 cents. If your income is greater than those shown, but you have unusually high medical bills, shelter costs in excess of 30 percent of your income, special education expenses due to the mental or physical condition of a child, or disaster or casualty losses, your children may still be eligible.

The school children of parents or guardians who be-

come unemployed are eligible for free or reduced-price meals and free milk during the period of unemployment, provided that the loss of income causes the family income during the period of unemployment to be at or below the levels shown on the scale.

To apply at any time during the year for free meals and free milk or reduced-price meals for your children, complete the attached application, the school will let you know whether or not your children are eligible. If you do not agree with the school's decision you have a right to a fair hearing. This can be done by calling or writing Mack Fisher, Box 430, Merkel, Texas 79536 phone 928-5813.

In certain cases foster children are also eligible for

these benefits. If you have foster children living with you and wish to apply for such meals and milk for them, please notify us or indicate it on the application.

All children are treated the same regardless of ability to pay. In the operation of child feeding programs, no child will be discriminated against because of race, sex, color, or national origin.

Additional information and complete free and reduced price eligibility incomescale are available from the office of the superintendent of the Merkel Independent School District.

## Alpha Nu Nu News

Alpha Nu Nu chapter of Beta Sigma Phi sorority met in the home of Mychelle Hammond January 22. Vice president, Peggy Vanderwerker presided over the business meeting in the absence of the president, Martha Sue Justice.

Minutes of the last meeting were read by Anita Raymer. Miss Raymer also reported on activities of the last City Council meeting which was held in Abilene.

Following the business meeting the program, "Communications" was given by Sarah Eckols.

Refreshments were served to Ann Leach, Anita Raymer, Louise Sudderth, Peggy Vanderwerker, Sarah Eckols, Pam Bishop and Mychelle Hammond.

## WHITE CHOCOLATE CAKE

1 1/4 lb. white chocolate  
1/2 cup boiling water  
1 cup butter  
2 cups sugar  
4 eggs, beaten separately  
Melt chocolate in boiling water over low heat then cool. Cream butter until light and add sugar and continue to beat until fluffy, add 4 egg yolks. Beat 2 or 3 minutes. Add cooled chocolate mixture. Mix well. Add alternately with 1/2 cup buttermilk  
2 1/2 cups cake flour  
1 tsp. baking powder  
DO NOT Overbeat fold in 4 beaten egg whites, 1 cup chopped pecans. Add 1 cup flaked coconut. Bake at 350 for 35 to 40 minutes.

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8 oz. cream cheese  
1/2 box powdered sugar  
1/2 cup chopped nuts  
1 tsp. vanilla

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## Card of Thanks

WE WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS our appreciation to everyone for their sympathy and concern during the illness and death of our husband and brother.

Words cannot express our gratitude and thanks for the flowers, food, visits, cards and many other things. May God bless you all.

Mrs. H. H. Windham Sisters and Brothers The Evans Family

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## Taylor County 4-H Food Show January 31 At ACC

Groups of 4-H'ers have been meeting all over the county this past month and a half, learning about and cooking nutritious foods. The culmination of their project groups will be January 31 from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Main Room of the Student Center at ACC when the County Food Show will be held, according to Kay Manning, County Extension Agent.

A panel of judges will taste the foods and review participants on knowledge of nutrition, meal planning, food buying and meal service from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. The displays will be open to public viewing from 3:30 to 6 p.m. At 6 p.m. an Awards Presentation will provide First, Second, or Third Place Ribbons to each participant. First place winners in each category will receive a gift, courtesy of Mrs. Blanch McCarty.

The theme for this year's show is Heritage Foods. Foods for each of the 4 categories are Main Dishes, Side Dish, Bread/Dessert, and Snack/Beverage. They are to be foods common to Early America or a recipe handed down from an ancestor or other early American recipe. The Taylor County 4-H Food Show is sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

## HONOR ROLL

Travis Davis, principal of the Merkel High School has released the following list of students for the "A" and "A & B" Honor Rolls for the first 6-weeks of the second quarter.

"A"-Kandi Ascencio, Debbie Beard, David Booth, Clesta Cochran, Pam Crenshaw, Terry Griner, Karolyn Davis, Carla Fariello, Jackie Harris, Lesa Hart, Cathy Holloway, Retha Mattingly, Kathryn Murrell, Da Riester, Gay Pfister, Becky Rister, Cindy Smith, Netta Stephan, Suzanne Warner, Marlon White and Linda Williams.

"A" & "B"-Dale Alcorn, Keith Austermann, Christi Boone, Cindy Boone, Jay Boyd, Audy Byrd, Marsha Clyburn, Sherry Collins, Freda Crenshaw, Cathy Crouse, Mike Davis, Darryl Dawson, Becky Deason, Kathy Deason, Garth Doan, Sharon Desser, Lori DuBoise, Cindy Elliott, Charleen Fariello, Sherry Frazier, Carla Gardner, Teresa Griffith, Randy Holmes, Rhonda Howes, Kathryn Irvin, Dana James, David King, Ray King, Theresa Lawrence, Kelly Magee, Mike Magee, Patsy Martin, Alan Mawson, Dede Metts, Mary Palmer, Annette Parmelley, Belinda Perry, Debbie Phillips, Roger Reed, Carla Rister, Suzy Rister, Doug Roysden, Danna Russell, Grant Sandusky, Suzette Santee, Carla Shelton, Pat Shotwell, Sheila Sloan, Tommy Sloan, Janice South, Gwen Taff, Gayle Teaff, Tammy Thomas, Gayla Tliver, Tim Watson, Rita Watts, Deborah White, Rhonda White, Kyle Wilkerson, Kelly Wolf and Debra Ybarra.

## Taylor To Train At Sheppard AFB

Airman David P. Taylor, whose wife, Vickie, is the daughter of Johnny F. Brown of Tye, has been selected for technical training in the U. S. Air Force aircraft maintenance field at Sheppard AFB.

The airman recently completed basic training at Lackland AFB, where he studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special instruction in human relations.

Airman Taylor is a 1975 graduate of Del Rio High School.

Remove carpet grease spots caused by holiday traffic by pouring a generous amount of baking soda or corn meal on the spot. Work it into the pile with your fingers. Leave it overnight and vacuum off the next day, suggests Lynn Bourland, family resource management specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

SENIOR CITIZENS SCHEDULE EVENTS  
1st Monday of Month Singing  
2nd Tuesday Noon Covered Dish  
Game Nights Every Thursday & 4th Monday  
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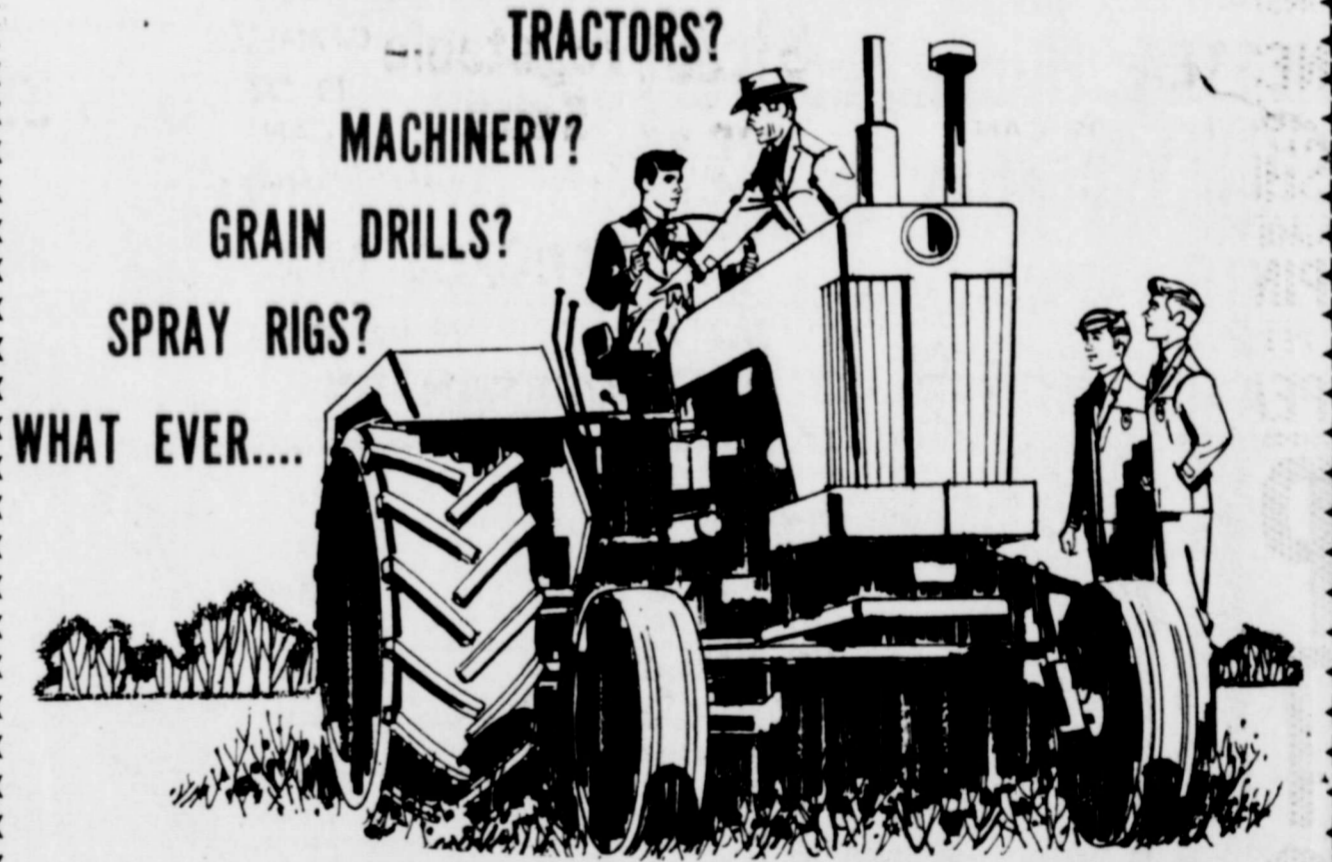
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## Starr Nursing Home News

Several residents and staff members have been suffering from the flu recently and on occasion we had to cover for one another. A special thanks to those who filled in in order to maintain care for our residents.

Mary Outlaw and Brenda Roberts went to Hawaii for 9 days in January. The vacation was at the courtesy of the Holiday Management Company which owns Starr Nursing Home. There were 32 members on the tour. In the absence of Mrs. Outlaw, her daughter Joyce was in charge. "She did an excellent job and I wish to thank the entire staff who worked so hard. I just want to tell you what a nice bunch of people work for the Starr Nursing Home and I appreciate them," said Mrs. Outlaw.

The Merkel Church of Christ held services Sunday morning and the Calvary Baptist Church brought the evening services. Rev. Bill Trice of Hawley was unable to come. Following the Sunday evening meal, the Wright-Why Trio from Odessa brought a program accompanied by Genevieve Davis on the piano. It was an active day and so many of the residents expressed that the day had been both rewarding and tiring.

Our newest resident is Ernie Rutledge. Mrs. Rutledge has been one of the Starr family for some time.

Sarah Eckols, editor of The Merkel Mail, attended the Texas Nursing Home Association meeting in Abilene January 20. The January meeting was in honor of the news media which has served nursing homes in the Big

Country Area in 1975. The Merkel Mail, as well as several other area media, was awarded a plaque of appreciation.

Mrs. Hobbs went visiting Saturday, but she said it was sure nice to come "home."

Billy Holly (Bill Boy) has been on our sick list. He is better now and looking forward to a visit from his sister, Juanita, in May or June. She lives in California and visits him once a year.

With the remodeling in process, it is rather hectic around the home. It will be most pleasant to get it

most pleasant to get it finished. Everyone has been very patient with the long job of carpenters, painters, etc. We wish to thank Bena White for the clothing and rags she gave us. They always are welcomed.

Also we want to thank everyone who is so thoughtful to bring things to us. Often people don't leave their name and we are unable to say a personal thank you, but each and every one is appreciated.

Mr. Knecht and the administration of Starr Nursing Home joint together to express their sincere gratitude to Merkel and area residents for their continued support of our home.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Pribble have gone to Oklahoma for a visit with their daughter and her family. They are always missed when they are away from home. He plays the piano for us and fills the Coke box each day.

Mr. Bill Story celebrated his 88th birthday January 2 and Billy Holly celebrated his 50th, on January 1. We had a joint birthday party for them.

## HAWAIIAN PIE

1 baked 9-inch pie shell  
2 bananas, sliced  
1 can Eagle Brand milk  
1 tsp. vanilla  
1/3 cup lemon juice  
1 can (No. 2) crushed pineapple  
1/2 pint whipping cream  
Cover bottom of pie shell with bananas. Beat together milk and lemon juice. Pour over bananas. Whip whipping cream with vanilla and cover pineapple mixture.  
Top with:  
1/4 cup toasted coconut  
1/4 cup cherries  
1/4 cup nuts, (chopped)  
Chill and serve.

MRS. JAKE MARTIN

## Card Of Thanks

I WISH TO THANK ALL my

I WISH TO THANK ALL my friends who have been through a great help to me through all the trouble I've had since being injured in a car accident last year.

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Ralph Dew  
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**CHUCK ROAST** HEAVY BEEF **79¢** LB.

**BEEF LIVER** **69¢** LB.

**BOLOGNA** GOOCH'S MARKET SLICED **95¢** LB.

**HAMS** GOOCH HALF OR WHOLE **\$1.39** LB

**SAUSAGE** MERKEL LOCKER **\$2.49** 2 LB BAG

GLADIOLA 6OZ  
**Corn Bread Mix** 2 FOR **35¢**  
INSTANT 3OZ JAR

**NESTEA** **\$1.29**  
STOKELY'S 303 CAN  
**SHELLY BEANS** **29¢**

KIMBELL  
**PINTO BEANS** 2 LB BAG **49¢**  
PETER PAN 18OZ JAR  
**PEANUT BUTTER** **89¢**

BEST MAID  
**WAFFLE SYRUP** QT **89¢**

Vegetable **CAMPBELL'S**  
**Soup** 10 OZ CAN 2 FOR **39¢**

AUNT JEMIMA COMPLETE  
**PANCAKE MIX** 2 LB BOX **79¢**  
24 OZ BOTTLE  
**WESSON OIL** **89¢**

**CRACKERS**  
KEEBLERS  
1 LB. BOX **55¢**

KRAFT'S PARKAY  
**OLEO** **49¢** LB

**TISSUE**  
SCOTTIES  
200 COUNT **49¢**

**ERA**  
LIQUID CLEANSER  
16oz BOTTLE **59¢**

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**PIE SHELLS** PKG OF 2 **39¢**

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**LETTUCE** HEAD **29¢**

NOGALES  
**TOMATOES** LB. **39¢**

ARIZONA  
**TANGELOS** LB **25¢**

YELLOW  
**ONIONS** LB. **19¢**

RUSSETS  
**POTATOES** 10 LBS. **98¢**

**PEAS** DEL MONTE 303 CAN 2 FOR **65¢**

**TOMATOES** HUNTS SOLID PACK 300 SIZE **29¢**

**SPINACH** DEL MONTE 303 CAN **29¢**

**BEETS** DEL MONTE PICKLED & SLICED 16 OZ **39¢**

**CORN** STOKELY' CREAM STYLE 303 CAN 2 FOR **65¢**

**GRAPE JELLY** GRIFFINS 18 OZ JAR **69¢**

**CHILI** WOLF BRAND 19OZ CAN **89¢**

**TAMALES** GEBHART JUMBO 15 OZ CAN **39¢**

**FLOUR** GOLD MEDAL 5 LB BAG **89¢**

**MILK** MARIGOLD 2% HOMO **\$1.39** GAL REG. HOMO **\$1.49** GAL PLUS DEP.

**BUTTERMILK** FOREMOST 1/2 GAL CRTN. **79¢**

**ORANGE JUICE** FOREMOST PURE QT **49¢**

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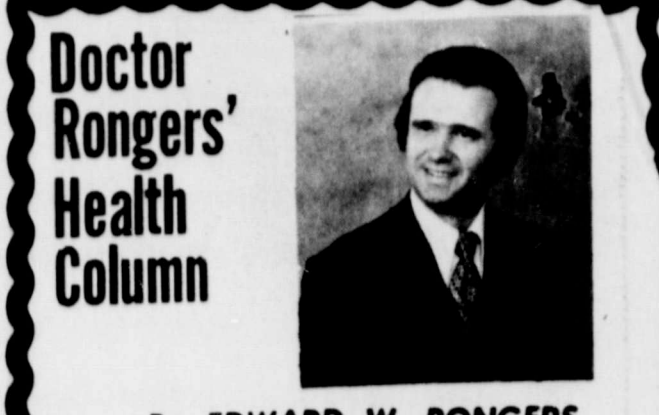
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NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF SINGLETON ERASMUS EDWARDS, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of SINGLETON ERASMUS EDWARDS were issued on the 26 day of January, 1976, in Cause No. 12358, pending in the County Court of Taylor County, Texas, Sitting in Probate, to:

JOSIE G. EDWARDS.  
The residence address of such Independent Executrix is 3326 Ward Dr., Abilene, Texas 79605.

All persons having claims against this Estate which are currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

JOSIE G. EDWARDS,  
Independent Executrix of the Estate of Singleton Erasmus Edwards

By: H. L. HAYS, JR.,  
Attorney for the Estate  
49-1tc

## NOTICE

The City of Merkel, Texas will construct a new 6" water main of some 4000' from Sunset Street north on West Street to tie in at north Second Street.

Construction will be during the year 1976. Said construction will be financed through a grant from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The Environmental Assessment and Impact Statement is on file at City Hall, 107 Lamar Street, Merkel, Texas.

Any and all interested parties are invited to review same and render any comments between January 14, 1976 and February 5, 1976.

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Everyone has blood pressure. Blood pressure is simply the pressure exerted against the walls of the artery by the blood as it flows to all parts of the body.

Blood pressure varies from day to day and from minute to minute. It goes up when we get excited and it goes down when we rest or sleep. These changes are perfectly normal. They take place in people with high blood pressure, low blood pressure and in those whose blood pressure is in between. There is a considerable range of normal pressure from 90/60 up to 140/90. But when pressure goes much above that and remains elevated, a person is considered to have high blood pressure or hypertension.

Hypertension puts an extra share of work on the heart and arteries. The heart must pump with increased force and the arteries must carry blood that is moving under increased pressure. When high blood pressure is present for long periods, the heart enlarges. Eventually, under the continued strain, the heart weakens, loses efficiency, and pumps less blood with each beat. The kidneys, unable to function properly due to reduced blood flow, fail to excrete enough fluids, and tissues become water logged, adding still more to the burden of the heart.

The arteries of the body, including the heart and brain become injured by the excessive pounding of high blood pressure. When arteries become damaged, there is an increased rate of development of fatty-cholesterol deposits within the walls of the arteries. These arteries become clogged by the fatty deposits and choke off blood supply to the heart, brain or kidneys, leading to heart attack, stroke or kidney failure.

How can you tell if you have hypertension? You can't. Many people with hypertension have no symptoms at all. It is simple for a physician to detect but not for the person to know he has it. People were aware of dangers of high blood pressure, it wouldn't be so difficult to get them to have regular blood pressure check-ups.

Despite the serious dangers of hypertension, not everyone with a slight elevation of blood pressure needs immediate medication. Such a condition may call only for increased watchfulness, and often can be overcome by weight reduction or reduction of salt intake.

If you know you have hypertension, here are some general rules to follow:

1. Try not to worry.
2. Keep your weight normal.
3. Follow your doctor's advice on the use of tobacco and alcohol.
4. Get plenty of sleep.
5. Begin a proper exercise or activity program that is right for you.
6. Rest before you are tired.

If you are concerned about your health, go to your doctor and get your blood pressure checked. If your doctor diagnoses hypertension, proper medicines, treatment, medication or diet that will follow his advice faithfully, is the best investment you can make to avoid premature death from heart failure or stroke.

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MRS. WESLEY KENNETH GREGORY-formerly Miss Constable, Dorothy Louise Constable became the bride of Wesley Kenneth Gregory, December 20, 1975.

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**Mulberry Canyon 4-H News**

The Mulberry Canyon 4-H Club met Monday, January 19 at 7 p.m. The meeting was called to order by the president and the secretary read the minutes of the last meeting. They were approved as read.

Lisa Hughes led the 4-H pledge and prayer. Mary Fariello led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Lisa also reported on the rifle team.

Following a business meeting, refreshments were served to Lisa Hughes, Mary Fariello, Jay Boyd, Brooks Boyd, Shannon Boyd, Leslie Masonheimer, Sherri Williams and new members Alaine and Guy McGee.

The next meeting will be February 9.

**Goodman HD News**

Goodman Home Demonstration Club met January 23 in the home of Mrs. Eland Price. The meeting called to order by Dennis Butler, president.

Roll call was answered an answer to the question "What is a new product you have used lately?"

Mrs. Price gave the report. The District Roll call will be held April 23 in Anson on "Usin Radar Range."

It was discussed and on that the club would in the home of Mrs. Carter Wednesday, Jan 28 to quilt.

The program "Stair movers" was brought by Wilburn.

Ladies attending Madames Frank Cartwrights Winter, Lennis Carl Carey, Allen Garland Price, Nancy David Garter and Shy.

Everyone is welcome meetings and may regardless of socio-economic levels, race, color, religion or national origin.

**Compere HD News**

The Compere Home Demonstration Club met January 22 at 2 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Hugh Taylor. The devotional was led by Mrs. Dewey Ramsey and roll call was answered with "A new product I have used to remove stains from fabrics."

Mrs. Clayton Dillard led the group in quizzes, gave the council report and presented the program on stain removal in today's fabrics.

Mrs. Clyde Mimms received the hostess gift. Refreshments were served to Mesdames Dewey Ramsey, Clayton Dillard, Clyde Mimms, Ernest Spurgin and Hugh Taylor.

It was once believed that a lion-skin cap would cure mental disorders.



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## Petree Announces For Taylor Tax Assessor-Collector



**RICHARD PETREE**  
...to seek office

A press conference was called Friday morning January 23, to announce the candidacy of Richard Petree for the office of Tax Assessor and Collector of Taylor County. He will oppose Burl King in the May 1 Democratic Primary.

Petree is 28 years old and a native of Taylor County. He resides with his wife, Mary, and two children at Route 4, Abilene, near View. He graduated from Cooper High School in 1965 and received his Bachelor of Business Administration Degree in the field of Economics from McMurry College in 1970.

Petree began his business career at 17 operating a farm and ranch near View with his father, Raymond Petree, who served as County Tax Assessor and Collector from 1947-1957. The younger Petree worked for the Statistical Reporting Service of USDA while attending college and joined West Texas Utilities Company in 1970 in the Industrial Development Department. He was promoted in 1972 to Industrial Development Representative and he worked with communities in the WTU service area to bring industry to their towns. He has resigned to devote full time to the campaign.

Petree enumerated three areas he will stress if elected to this office. He cited, first, equality of taxation to all citizens, which he feels will be improved by the new property evaluations currently being conducted. But in the area of personal property tax, he felt that it should be taxed as it has been in the past without new tax burdens being imposed on the public. He felt that the negative influence on the county economy and the difficulties of assessment and taxation would far outweigh the monetary benefit to the county tax coffers.

Secondly, he vowed to work together with the employees of the tax office to see that the highest efficiency possible can be attained. He felt that this could be done through education and job diversification so that during peak seasons, the public can be

served most efficiently. Thirdly, Petree pledged to be available at all possible times to the public to answer questions and solve problems associated with the office.

When asked his reason for seeking office, Petree said, "I feel I can offer to the public practical business experience and common sense coupled with youth, enthusiasm and a willingness to progress. I have worked in the area of ad valorem taxes with cities and counties of the Big Country, and I feel this experience will be valuable in learning the operation of the tax office."

### Lambda Beta News

The Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met Tuesday, January 20 at the home of Sarah Lucas. The meeting was called to order by president, Chara Hohertz. Roll call was answered with the reply to the question "What can I do as one small part for my community or nation?" Committee reports were given. The program, "Hope in Our Heritage," was given by captain Pat Neff and co-captain, Betty Allday.

Members present were Mmes. Jim Allday, William Booth, Glen Bright, Rosey Castille, Obie Coker, Mike Couch, Ken Elliott, Richard Hill, Harold Hohertz, Craig Jones, Billy Lucas, Paul Moore, Billy Bob Neff, Phil Seymour, Larry Teaff, Mike Welch and Lee Yaddow.

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### Boy Scout News

Scout troop 218 brought home the first place ribbon from the Klondike Derby held north of Clyde Saturday, January 23.

Troop 218 took part in activities both Friday and Saturday nights. Attending were Kelley Wolf, John Townsend, Scott Cain, Terry Owen, Willie Townsend, Randy Martin, Kyle Wolf, Mike Tutt, Greg Dickerson, and Scoutmaster Calvin Wolf.

Any boys between the ages of 11 and 18 interested in scouting may contact Calvin Wolf at 928-4882.

The Red Sea is sometimes called the "Sedgy Sea" because of the seaweed that collects there.



**MRS. ARTHUR JOHN HELMER III**  
...formerly Miss Gilmore

## Miss Gilmore, Helmer Exchange Vows

Beverly Sue Gilmore became the bride of Arthur John Helmer III January 24 when they exchanged vows at the home of the bride's sister, Carolyn Gilmore of Abilene, Dr. Ray Johnson of Hardin-Simmons University of-

ficiated. The bride was given in marriage by her father. Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd W. Gilmore Jr. of Merkel and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wusterhausen of Houston.

Maid of honor was Carolyn Gilmore, sister of the bride and the bridesmaid was Kathy Whitley of Midland. Best man was Bobby Bruney of Houston and groomsmen were Dale Turner also of Houston.

A reception hosted by the bride's parents followed the ceremony.

The bride is a graduate of Merkel High School and attended Angelo State University in San Angelo.

The bridegroom is a graduate of S. P. Waltrip High School and attended Texas State Technical Institute in Waco. He is employed by Craig and Heidt Construction Company in Houston. The couple will live at 1344 Witte Road in Houston.

**COUNTY JUDGES, COMMISSIONERS TO PARLEY---**  
The 18th. annual conference of the County Judges and Commissioners of Texas will deal with issues that are today's problems, such as ambulance service, solid waste disposal and law enforcement. The conference which will be held February 3-5 at Texas A&M University will also feature discussions on national and state legislation, agricultural markets and policy, the state comptroller's office and the Jail Standards Commission, announces a county officials program specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

**RUM CAKE**  
1 pkg golden butter cake mix  
1 pkg vanilla pudding mix  
1/2 cup white rum  
1/2 cup oil  
1/2 cup water  
4 eggs  
Mix all ingredients except eggs. Add eggs two at a time beating 1 minute with each addition. Pour into greased and floured bundt pan and bake at 325 degrees for 45 minutes. Glaze cake immediately in pan after removing from oven. (punch holes into cake with fork so glaze can penetrate). Cool 15 or 20 minutes. Remove from pan and glaze other side with brush. The second side takes about 1/8 of the glaze.  
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# Adcocks Prove "You Don't Have To Be A Cowboy" To Run A Western Store

Waymon Adcock, who with his wife is the owner of Adcock Cleaners and Circle A Western House at 924 North Second in Merkel, is living proof that you don't have to

be a cowboy to dress like one. When he became proprietor of a Western clothing store, he began decking himself out in the most stylish and eye-

catching cowboy duds on the market.

One day, a woman from elsewhere caught sight of him in his cowboy garb, and called

to him, "Hey, mister! How's everything with the cows and horses?"

In good humor, he drew a reply: "Lady, I wouldn't know anything about any cows. And I don't even own a horse. But I'll tell you one thing: my stool at the drugstore shore it kept shiny!"

With the exception of four years of his life, Waymon Adcock, born in 1919, has always lived within two blocks of the house where he was born. Born at South Ninth Street and Locust, he now lives at 1211 South Tenth.

He has been a member of the Church of Christ here since 1930. And for 17 years, his wife taught preschoolers in the Sunday School at the church.

It was in 1938 that Adcock joined the Merkel Volunteer Fire Department, of which he has been chief since 1954. Serving with the fire department, he said, is "Something I really like to do. It gets in your blood."

He was trying to figure up the number of hours he has spent with the fire department over the past almost 40 years, and came up with a figure upwards of 20,000 hours.

But Mrs. Adcock interjected, giving him a side-long glance, "Now that's how many hours he SAID that's what he was doing. At least he left on the fire truck and came back on it!"

More seriously, Adcock gave his reasons for devoting so much of his life to the fire department.

"It gives you a chance to save lives and property and to serve your community. You get to enjoy it," he said.

Only three lives have been lost in fires, to his recollection, since he took over as chief in 1954.

Born Johnnie Chadwick, in the 5th community, Mrs. Adcock was the daughter of prizefighter John Chadwick. He was killed in July when she was to be born that September in an incident at the old Cozy Theater, located where the present fire house is. She lived at Noodle before moving to Merkel. Her husband is a lifelong Merkel resident, and both are graduates of Merkel High School.

Adcock's father bought a cleaning business for him and his brother, Waymon took the business over, at its present location, in 1940. They have run the business since then, with the exception of four years, from 1942-46, when Waymon was first in the Navy in World War II and then a resident of Fort Worth.

Wash and wear fabrics detracted from the business of all dry cleaners, and the Adcocks were no exception. When business fell off with the advent of permanent press clothing, they decided to branch off into selling

Western wear, beginning in April 1968.

They have opened a branch of their Western wear store in Westgate mall, and three years ago expanded their Merkel shop into the building next door, making room for their extensive stock of children's, ladies and mens Western and standard clothing which ranges in size from 1 to 46.

They do much of the dry cleaning and alterations work in the shop themselves, and at all hours of the day one or both of them can be found hard at work in the back of the cleaning plant, pressing, sewing, and cleaning on the many items of clothing that come their way.



An Australian athlete Tom Morris, once skipped his way from Melbourne to Sydney, Australia, a distance of 580 miles—a total of 472,000 skips!



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## Services Held For King Infant

Graveside services were held for Jeffrey Dale King, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale King of Nacona. The child died at 2 p.m. January 17. He was born November 28, 1975 in Nacona.

Survivors include his parents, a sister, Missy, of the home; grandparents, Kenneth Martin of Nacona, Harold McAlvain of Austin and Mr. and Mrs. Jesse L. King of Merkel; Great grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Womack of Nacona and Mrs. Martha Fisher of Weatherford.

## Obituaries

### Mrs. Lewis Died In Abilene

Mrs. Mardie V. Lewis, 78, died December 25, 1975 at West Texas Medical Center in Abilene. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Lewis was born November 29, 1897 in Henderson County and had lived in Merkel most of her life.

She was married to James Arthur Lewis who preceded her in death. Also preceding her in death were a son Leonard and an infant twin.

Survivors include her sons Melvin, Clyde and Billy; daughters, Bernice Bagby, Mary Martin, Jane Poisson, Louise Pickle and Opal Rakes; thirty grandchildren and thirty-three great-grandchildren.

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## Felipe Biera Buried In Merkel

Felipe Biera, 56, of Abilene died at 4 p.m. Sunday in Hendrick Memorial Hospital after a brief illness. Services were at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church in Merkel.

The Rev. Jerome O'Mahoney, pastor of Holy Family Catholic Church in Sweetwater officiated. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery, directed by Staruck Funeral Home of Merkel.

Born March 27, 1919, in El Paso, Mr. Biera married Lucia Hernandez September 13, 1959, in Abilene. He had worked for the state welfare office in Abilene for the past three years.

Mr. Biera moved to the Comer Haynes farm near Merkel at an early age with his family. He attended Merkel schools and worked at the Haynes farm and raised his children there until the family moved in 1946.

Survivors include his wife of Anadarko, Oklahoma; five sons, Edward of Hutchinson, Kansas and Felipe Jr. of Lawrence, Kansas, Joe and Henry, both of Anadarko, and Robert of Texas; three daughters Mary Ramirez of Lamesa and Mickey and Virginia Biera, both of Anadarko; three brothers, Juan, Leon and Manuel all of Merkel; two sisters, Teresa Ramirez of Mineral Wells and Charlotte Vauquez of San Antonio, and several grandchildren.

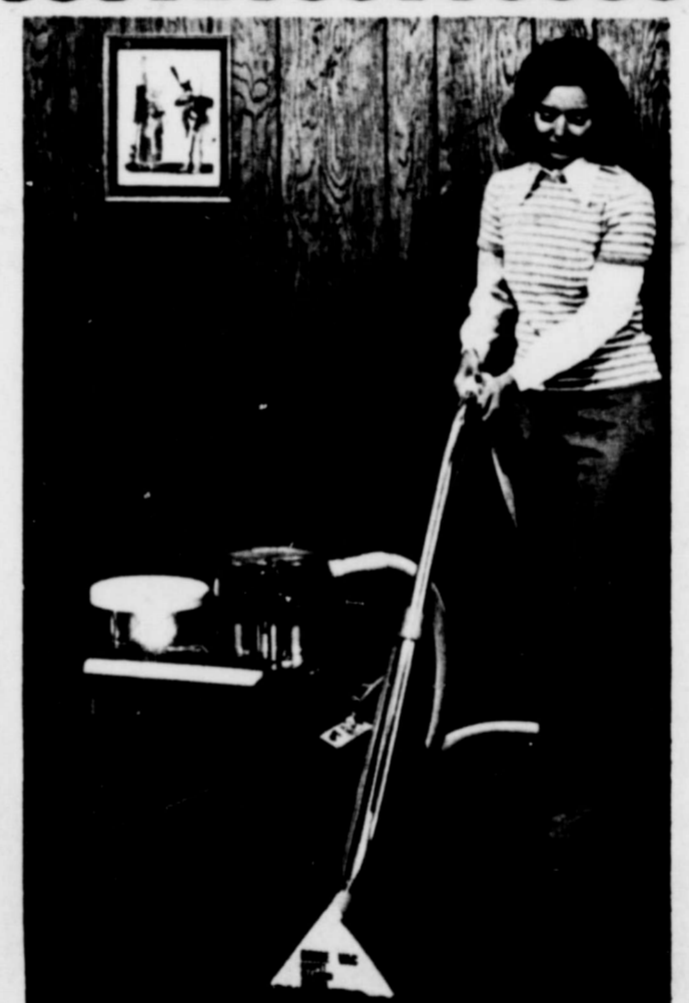
**FARMERS LOSING CONTROL OF AG POLICY**—An economist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service contends that producer interests in agricultural policy are taking a secondary position to interests of foreign policy, consumerism and labor. Unless farmers are able to take charge, farm programs may actually be a noose around the producer's neck. Producers must consolidate if they are to regain a position of control over agricultural policy. Farmers must make their voices heard if they are to get a fair shake in future farm policies.

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FUNDS	BALANCE LAST QTR.	RECEIVED THIS QTR.	PAID OUT THIS QTR.	BALANCE THIS QTR.
Precinct 1.	\$ 81,449.76	45,937.82	34,791.01	\$ 92,596.57
Precinct 2.	72,568.31	46,202.62	28,231.86	90,539.07
Precinct 3.	53,996.52	45,546.38	27,215.49	72,324.41
Precinct 4.	90,222.87	46,027.13	23,711.06	112,538.94
General.	402,752.71	907,311.51	501,032.51	809,031.71
Lateral Road.	36,686.09	429.16	00	37,115.25
Coliseum Skg.				
Ser'67.	20,697.91	39,547.02	00	60,244.93
P.I.C.A.	2,141.79	33,222.56	33,222.88	2,141.47
Law Library.	1,880.58	2,940.00	3,177.44	1,643.14
Federal Reserve				
Sharing Plan.	6,854.93	89,948.86	85,853.88	12,949.91
State Criminal				
Justice Plan.	9,856.55	7,697.00	7,645.15	9,908.40
Permanent School.	5,654.77	145.24	145.24	5,654.77
Courthouse & Jail				
Skg. Ser'67.	53,664.17	181,413.52	00	235,077.69
Payroll Account.	1,050.00	306,682.97	306,682.97	1,050.00
	\$ 841,516.96	1,753,051.79	1,051,732.49	\$1,542,836.26

Citizens National Bank	\$ 101,495.99
Farmers & Merchants	
National Bank, Merkel	90,539.07
First State Bank in Tuscola	184,863.35
Abilene National Bank	300,000.00
First National Bank	655,196.86
First State Bank, Abilene	210,760.97
Total Bank Deposits	1,542,856.26
Total Time Deposits	1,345,150.00
Total Checking Account	\$ 157,706.26

ISSUE	ORIGINAL ISSUE	BONDS RETURNED	BONDS OUTSTANDING
Huffalo Gap School Bonds			\$ 4,700.00
Everman Independent School Bonds			8,000.00
State of Texas Veteran Land Bonds (face value \$ 2,000.00)			1,636.39
			\$ 14,336.39

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The requirement of Art. # 401 P.C. have been complied with and a statement has been filed as required.

*Best Chapman* Commissioner Precinct 1. *Joe McElroy* Commissioner Precinct 2.

*William Johnson* Commissioner Precinct 3. *J.T. McMiller* Commissioner Precinct 4.

*Tom Morris* Taylor County Judge

*Mrs. Chester Hutcherson* Taylor County Clerk

# Farm-facts

A Weekly Report Of Agri-Business News  
Compiled From Sources  
Of The Texas Department of Agriculture  
John C. White, Commissioner

About Half Of Normal ... Crying Time? ... April 15 Important To Agriculture ... Exports Significant For Livestock.

Take a look at the rainfall totals for various crop reporting districts in Texas and you can understand why many of the state's farmers are worried about lack of

moisture. More than half of the crop reporting districts report rainfall at half of normal for the last three months of 1975. And according to statistics for the first half of January in the state, only the east Texas area has had as much as a half inch.

Only the southern half of the Low Plains and the Upper Coastal Bend section of the state reported above normal rainfall during the late fall and winter months. The far west Texas area had only a third of normal rain during that period.

Due to lack of rain, wheat on the High and Low Plains is furnishing very little grazing with the exception of irrigated stands. Oats are also at a standstill in many areas of the state due to lack of rain.

Although crop producers can wait awhile yet for rain, the livestock producer and dairyman are finding lack of rain "a tough row to hoe."

**THIS MIGHT BRING TEARS TO YOUR EYES** later this year. The Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service notes that the state's spring onion crop is estimated at 23,500 acres. This would be 38 per cent larger than the 1975 harvest and the largest projected acreage since 1964. If good weather prevails now and through February, harvest of early fields can begin by mid-February and general harvest will be underway in early March.

**APRIL 15 IS INCOME TAX DEADLINE** for most Texans, and it also is important for agriculture producers. That is the date of the next prospective plantings report. Survey information for the report will be gathered around April 1, which will permit producers to report their plans just prior to the major planting period for spring crops. It will contain information for corn, sorghum, cotton, oats, barley, soybeans, wheat, rice, peanuts and other crops.

**LIVESTOCK EXPORTS FROM TEXAS** continue to set new records. During 1975, a total of 25,417 head of livestock were shipped from Texas.

The Texas Department of Agriculture is in charge of the six quarantine and inspection pens from which the livestock are shipped.

Cattle were at the top of the list, followed by dairy animals. Beef breeds purchased by foreign buyers were Angus, Beefmaster, Brahman, Brangus, Charolais, Chianina, Hereford, Santa Gertrudis and Simmental. Brahmans led the total with 1,130.

Mexico was the major importer. Other countries involved in the export marketing venture during 1975 included Nicaragua, British Honduras, Bolivia, El Salvador, Panama, Brazil, Venezuela, Ecuador, Guatemala, and Argentina.

In addition to beef and dairy cattle, other kinds of livestock exported were hogs, sheep, dairy goats, and horses.



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