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### Between you



### and me By SARAH ECKOLS

Mrs. Bernice Bagby has been named Artist-of-the-Month of February by the Merkel Art Association. Mrs. Bagby, the mother of five children, says her favorite type of painting is landscapes and she prefers to work with oils. Mrs. Bagby works at the Merkel School Cafeteria, but her plans are to retire after this year. She says that

then she will be able to spend more time painting and perhaps take more courses in art. Mrs. Bagby's paintings are on display this month at Farmer's and Merchants National Bank.

According to J. A. Sadler, the old saying "It's a small world" is really true. Mr. Sadler stopped to help a gentleman from Virginia who had run out of gas near Merkel the other day. Noticing that the man wore a lodge ring of the same lodge Mr. Sadler is a member, he asked the man where his lodge is located. The conversation eventually led to Colorado City. Mr. Sadler told the man that he was originally from Colorado City.

Upon exchanging names and years of graduation from Colorado City High School, the two men discovered they were classmates at Colorado High School and they had not seen one another since 1942.

One never knows whom he will run into on a Sunday

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* "You, Your Landlord and The Law," a pamphlet, is available free of charge at Judge Millett's office at 135

...... The Butman Methodist Camp has a new telephone number. It is 846-4212.

Well, Larry Justice has done it again. He worked as long as he could stand not being at home to see the daily soaps, but finally gave in. Larry will be entering All Saints Hospital in Fort Worth Tuesday of next week for surgery on his hip which was broken in an accident last summer. Larry, get a good rest this time and we hope it will be your last visit to a hospital for a long time.

Benny Melton, Chamber of Commerce manager, has asked that I remind everyone to return their ballots for directors of the chamber to him by Monday, February 9. He also said that tickets to the Chamber of Commerce Banquet which will be March 16 will go on sale at that time. Tickets will be \$3.75 each this year.

Judge and Mrs. Lewis L. Millett will be going to Los Angeles May 7 to a Medal of Honor Society meeting at which Bob Hope will be honored with the Bicentennial Patriots Award. ......

Rodney Cosper tells me that plans for his new furniture store are coming along and the business should be opening soon. Rodney says with two businesses, two children and a wife there isn't much time left over. He and I were vying for first place in the number of hours spent at our respective places of business. I can vouch for his long hours since I catch a glimpse of him leaving

# Karolyn Davis Named **Betty Crocker Leader**

mmed Merkel High School 1975-76. Betty Crocker Family Leader of Tomorrow. garolyn won the honor by competing with other seniors in the written knowledge and attitude examination on Decem r 2. She will receive Mills, sponsor of the annual educational scholarship program, and becomes eligible or state and national honors. State Family Leaders of Tomorrow receive a \$1,500 college scholarship while state second-place winners receive a grant of \$500. The state winner also earns for his or her school, a 20volume reference work, "The Annals of America," from Encyclopedia Britannica Ed-

Karolyn Davis has been

Merkel now and then.

ucational Corporation, in the spring, state winners and their faculty advisors will be the guests of General Mills on an expense-paid educa-ional tour to Washington, D. C. A special event of the tour s the announcement of the All-American Family Leader Tomorrow, whose scholrship will be increased to 5,000. Second, third and ourth place winners will re-



KAROLYN DAVIS . . . Betty Crocker winner

to \$4,000, \$3,000 and \$2,000

respectively.

Karolyn is the daughter of objectives of office, Lassiter Mrs. Eva Davis and the late stated the following: C. D. Davis of Merkel. She 1. To develop a political oris a senior at Merkel High ganization at the Precinct School and plans to attend level with the objective of graduation. Miss Davis is motivating greater individual employed at The Merkel Mail. participation.

Shawn Moore Named Outstanding 4-H'er

Shawn Moore will be nored February 13 at a anquet recognizing outding 4-H'ers, FFA and members. Awards will pven for leadership, conbution to the county prorespective organizations.

20 4-H'ers, 10FFA members and 10 FHA members in the area. The project is under the sponsorship of the Kiwanis Clubs of San Antonio and San Antonio Livestock exposition.

## **School Board Sets Election** For April 3

During the Merkel Independent School Board meeting February 2, April 3 was set as the date for trustee elections. Elections will be to fill the positions currently held by Bobby DuBose, Jack Moore and Joe Henry. The positions held by DuBose and Moore are for three-year terms and the position held by Henry is for a one-year

Closing date for filing for places on the board is March 3. Candidates must file between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. with the secretary of the school board in the office of the superintendent. Candidates mustindicate whether they are filing for a threeyear term or a one-year

Voting booths will be set up in the Tye School Cafeteria and the Merkel High School Gymnasium, They will be open from 7 a.m. until



JOE LASSITER ... to run for Democratic Chairman

# **Lassiter Files For Demo Chairman Of Taylor County**

Merkel native, has filed for the chairmanship of the Democratic Party in Taylor County, it was announced Monday. He will oppose Abilene attorney, Charles Scarborough. Scarborough made his announcement to run last

week. Lassiter, currently a Merkel precinct chairman, is secretary of the Taylor County Democratic Executive Commission and a livelong resident of the Merkel area.

Lassiter is owneroperator of Lassiter Employment Service in Abilene. He holds a degree in government from the University of Texas where he also studied law

and accounting. A veteran, Lassiter served in the U. S. Army in North Africa and Italy. He was discharged in 1946 as Captain. Following his discharge, he joined the reserve corps and later the Texas National-Guard. He retired from the reserve as Lt. Col.

Lassiter has been active in government since 1935 when he worked in the Texas House of Representatives, as a committee clerk. He later worked for the state treasurery department and board of control. From 1948 until 1957, he worked for the state comptroller in Austin.

In September of 1957, Lassiter returned to Merkel and joined his father in the operation of Lassiter Employment Service. He joined the Southwest Employment Association in 1949 and has served in several offices, as well as on the board of directors. He has served two terms on the Merkel Independent

School Board and also on the Tay-lor County Democratic Executive Committee. Lassiter is married and the

father of two daughters, Mrs. Rodney Robertson of St. ceive scholarship increase Louis, Missouri and Mrs. Tim Beasley of Lubbock. Enumerating some of his

2. To provide for a continuing political action education for all persons desiring to participate in the Democratic Party affairs.

To encourage all Precinct Chairpersons to be alert and responsive to the varied political opportunities in

their areas. 4. In an era when people have expressed a dissatisfaction about their government, I am persuaded to believe that a cure to that dissatisfaction is greater personal particistarting at the Precinct level. will motivate that personal It is my desire to help pro- involvement,

# Elmer Martin To Seek Re-election

Rep. Elmer Martin of Colorado City has formally announced his plans to seek reelection as State Repre-District 61.

District 61 includes Fisher, Jones, Mitchell, Nolan and parts of Taylor Counties.

During the 64th. Legislature, Martin was appointed to the House Agriculture and Livestock Committee, where he sponsored and supported several pieces of legislation in the field of agriculture and livestock. He also served as Vice-Chairman of the House Environmental Affairs Committee and as a member of the Pollution Sub-Committee.

Martin was named by House Environmental Affairs Chairman Bill Sullivant and Speaker of the House Bill Clayton to the three-member special interim subcommittee on appropriative matters to study the programs of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, the Texas Water Quality Board and the . Texas Air Control Board. This sub-committee will be responsible for condnuing the overview of agency programs for which monies were appropriated for the biennium beginning September 1, 1975.

During the 64th. Legislature, Martin worked to se-cure eight changes in the



Public Education Bill to provide equalization for the smaller and medium-sized schools.

Rep. Martin also played a key role in securing the appropriation of \$98,000 for the reparation of eight Buildings on Sweetwater's Rolling Plains Campus of Texas State Technical Institute.

Martin is a native of Mitchell County, where he served 12 years as County Judge before being elected to the State Legislature. Martin and his wife, Bille, reside in Colorado City where he is engaged in agriculture and livestock farming.

# Jones Filed Re-election

State Senator Grant Jones said today that he has filed as a candidate for re-election to his present post representing the 24th, District,

'Friends and constituents throughout the district, from Abilene to Waco, are urging me to return to Austin to represent the people of the 24th. District," said Senator

"I appreciate their expressions of confidence," Senator Jones, adding that "leaders from throughout the district have expressed eagerness to form a 'committee to elect Grant Jones.' Jones said he pledges to

continue to represent all the people in the district with an open-door poli cy and responsibility in state taxing and spending policies. Jones said he welcomes and

urges voters to examine his record as member of the State Legislature. He said he believes his committee assignments will be beneficial in representing not only the 24th. District, but the people in all Texas.

Jones' standing committee assignments include Education, Natural Resources and which he is Vice Chairman.

# McLeod Named To Head Athletic Department At Merkel High

Jerry McLeod, a Merkel native has been named Athletic Director and head football coach at Merkel High School, it was announced early this week by Travis Davis, principal of Merkel High School. The appointment was finalized at the meeting of the Merkel Independent School Board February 2.

McLeod graduated from Merkel High School in 1959. While in high school he lettered in four sports and played on championship teams in both football and basketball.

A 1964 graduate of Mc-Murry College with a major in physical education, Mc-Leod lettered four years in football with the Indians.

Following graduation from college, McLecd played two years of semi-pro football with the Odessa Roughnecks before entering the coaching profession at Springbranch High School near Houston. He then went to Snyder where he was assistant coach for five years. In 1970, he went to Brady as assistant coach and was named Head Coach and Athletic Director of Brady High School in 1974. His teams placed 3rd, in district 24-AA in 1974 and 2nd, in 1975.

Coach McLeod willassume duties at Merkel High School February 23, which will be the beginning of the third

Mrs. -Mc Leod is the former

#### **Farmers Union** To Meet In Abilene

The Taylor County Farmers Union will meet February 10 at 6:30 p.m. at Mac Eplens Cafeteria in River Oaks Shopping Center on South 14th Street in Abilene. There will be dinner and a business meeting.

Members who are unable to attend for dinner are urged to come for cake and coffee at 7 p.m. before the business meeting.

#### **Victory Singers**

The Victory Gospel Singers will meet February 9 at 6:30 p.m. for their regular second Monday night singing. The meeting will be at 307 El Paso Street. The Victory Singers are celebrating their ninth year of getting together and invite everyone to join

Leroy Butler will be the director for February, and as always there will be special guests and arrangements.



JERRY McLEOD

. . . athletic director Billie Marie Grupsmith of Dallas. She attended Abilene

Christian College and is presently secretary to the superintendent of Brady High 6chool

In a telephone interview, Mrs. McLeod stated that she and the McLeod children, Patty 14 and Debbi 7, will probably follow McLeod to M erkel at a later date. Debbi is a second grader and Patt; is a freshman in high school and reportedly anxious to come to Merkel and meet her new classmates.

McLeod is the son or Mr. and Mrs. Sam McLeod of Snyder, formerly of Merkel. The McLeods are members of the Church of Christ.

"An outstanding person, he will be an asset to our schools," said Travis Davis. Davis also said that there was q uite a field of applicants and that the decision was a very tough one. He expressed his confidence that a wise choice

# **Teacher Finds Students**, **Artifacts Rewarding**

Merkel -- they moved here last August -- Richard and newcomers to West Central sophomores, and science to Texas, He comes from be- freshman. He also drives a tween Lawn and Goldsboro, school bus that delivers

Hill is a civics, science and history teacher at Mer-

kel High School. They moved herefrom Abilene, where he graduated from McMurry College in 1974 with a major in history. Now 29, Richard has taught adult education at The Bridge in Abilene prior to college graduation, taught at Buffalo Gap for a year after graduation, and has also worked at the Abilene Reporter-News and served in the Army.

Mary has a bachelor's of business administration degree from Midwestern University in Wichita Falls, but says she prefers homemaking to a business career and plans not to work, "if I can help it." She enjoys sewing clothes for her family and working with various crafts.

The couple has a fiveyear-old daughter and a oneyear-old son. The little girl's name is Richa, after her daddy; the baby boy is Austin. "Dr. Austin Hill--we thought that sounded good,"

The couple said they decided to settle in Merkel be- and math. cause "we like the idea of "We "him being good cause "we like the idea of to get to know everybody."

Mary laughed.

Although newcomers to lene junior high school, but has turned it down.

Richard teaches civics to Mary Hill are by no means seniors, world history to schoolday afternoon, and he officiates at football games.

He said he loves teaching and loves being with the students. He's been able to convince a number that they should go to college, or that they should begin to prepare themselves for careers in

"The kids really like him," his wife said.

He said he tries to meet them on an individual basis and get to know them well. because, as he said, "When you know them better you can teach them better."

At school sports events, he admits, he gets "maybe too involved. . . I get so excited when it's kids that I know out there playing and trying so hard."

In his leisure time, Richard can be found pursuing such hobbies as building a shed in his back yard, or taking trips to hunt for Indian artifacts to add to his already substantial collection. He has several dozen arrowhead specimens.

Her specialties are English

in those areas and me in the Richard has since coming others, our kids have got to here had an uncolicited offer do at least pretty well in of a teaching job at an Abi- school!"



MR. ANT MRS. RICHARD HILL AND FAMILY

### **Obituaries**

#### Services Held For Canyon Native

Willie Leroy Brown, 78, of Merkel, a retired city water superintendent, died at 11 p.m. Friday at Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene. Services were at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Merkel United

Methodist Church. The Rev. Russell Mc-Anally, pastor, officiated, assisted by the Rev. Kenneth Jones, pastor of First Baptist Church. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery, directed by Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born March 17, 1897, in Mulberry Canyon, south of Merkel, Mr. Brown lived in the Merkel area most of his life. He married Alice Reid. She died in 1935. He married Eula Faye Denton June 10,

1936, in Merkel.

He was a veteran of World War I, a member of Merkel United Methodist Ch and a member of the Ti Merkel Barracks of World

War I Veterans. Survivors include his wife; a son, W. L. Jr. of El Paso; three daughters. Mrs. L. B. (Ruth) Gibson of Albany, Mrs. Royce (Mable) Jopling of Lubbock and Mrs. L. G. (Eula) Bryant of Albuquerque, New Mexico; a brother, Beryl of Merkel; 13 grandchildren and thre

eat-grandchildren. Palluearers were J. C. Carson, J. L. Meeks, Jerry Gib son, S. G. Kussell, Robert Harris and Glenn Brown.

#### Former Merkel Resident Died In Brownwood

Services for Mrs. R. E. (Gladys) McCrary, 70, of 1030 La Monte was at 2 p.m. Saturday at Central United Methodist Church with Rev. Pat McClatchy officiating.

Burial was in Eastlawn Memorial Park. Davis-Morris Funeral was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. McCrary died at 6:15 a.m. Thursday at her home following a five-year illness. She was born August 4, 1905 in Merkel and was a housewife and member of the Central United Methodist

Church. She had lived in Brownwood 32 years and married R. E. McCrary at Merkel on June 17, 1

Merkel on June 17, 1928. Survivors include her husband; a daughter, Mrs. B. G. Cadenhead of Dallas; five brothers, Jim Mayfield and Marvin Mayfield, both of Abilene. Kenneth Mayfield of Dallas, Clyde Mayfield of Kerrville and Britt Mayfield of Oklahoma City; and a granddaughter.

#### Mrs. Dudley Hosts Fortnightly

The Fortnightly Study Club met on Tuesday, January 13, in the home of Mrs. Lem Dudley with Mrs. Don Dudley as co-hostess.

After refreshments, Mrs. Ray Wilson, president, presided over the business meeting.

Mrs. Comer Haynes, program chairman, introduced the program, Mrs. S. C. Dixon read "Salute to the New Year" while Mrs. Johnny Hammond's topic for discussion was "My Real Needs." Mrs. Bryan Dunagin told an interesting "True Story of Courage."

Those present for this program were Mesdames: S. C. Dixon, Don Dudley, Lem Dudley, Bryan Dunagin, Charles Eager, Mack Fisher, David Gamble, Johnny Hamond, Comer Haynes, Buster Horton, Carl Hughes, Charlie Knight, Andy Shouseand Mrs.

Ray Wilson. Mrs. Stanley Toombs was

### **Cub Scout** News

The Pack meeting for January was a great success. We had the Pine Wood Derby. Fir st the cars were judged for looks. Judges were Bob Hammond, Gary Hicks and Bill Booth. We wish to thank them for taking time to help the boys and parents. Winners

were: 1st. David Glasscock,

2nd. Parker Wilson and 3rd.

Gary Dickerson. Judges for the races were Judy Castille, Leta Walters, and Loyce Baker. Thank you girls. Winners were: 8 year old-1st. James Allday, 2nd. Shean Woodard and 3rd, David Glasscock. 9 year old-1st. Jayson Castille, 2nd. Gary Dickerson and 3rd. Ray Walters, 10 year old-1st.

Floyd. Overall winners were: 1st. Jayson Castille, 2nd. John Ybarra and 3rd. James All-

John Ybarra and 2nd, Frankie

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hostess to members of the Fortnightly Study Club on January 28. A social hour was spent in visiting and enjoying refreshments.

Mrs. Ray Wilson, president, called the meeting to order and presided for the business session. New officers for the year 1976-1977 were elected. They are president, Mrs. Carl Hughes; vice-president, Mrs. Comer Haynes; recording secretary, Mrs. Ray Wilson; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Johnny Hammond; treasurer, Mrs. Charlie Knight; parliamentarian, Mrs. Johnny Cox.

Mrs. Comer Haynes introduced the program which was in keeping with the Bicentennial. The topic was "Typical Stories of America-Stories That Make Her Great," Mrs. Haynes read the poem "Mary Lou Wingate" by S. V. Benet. Mrs. Charles Eager read "The Ballad of William Sycamore," by S. V. Benet. Then Mrs. S. C. Dixon told many interesting facts of "Life on the Frontier" including facts about the frontier life of her own ancestors.

The next meeting will be held on February 10 at the Merkel Restaurant with Mrs. Buster Horton as hostess.

#### Boy Scout Month

February is Boy Scout Month. We wish to in vite all cubs, prospective cubs and their families to our Blue and Gold Banquet to be held February 26, 1976 at 7:00 p.m. at the School Cafe teria. For further information call one of the Den Mothers or Fred Nalley.

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children qualify for free or make application for free or reduced-rate lunches at the reduced-price meals. school cafeteria may contact the school to fill out applications. Parents of students already receiving free lunches need not complete additional forms for the balance of the 1975-76 school years.

ELIGIBILITY Children from families whose income is at or below figures on the scale below, are eligible for free or reduced price meals. If the youngsters are eligible for free meals, they also qualify for free extra milk.

The reduced price for lunch shown, but unusually high medical bills, shelter costs in excess of 30 per cent of income, special education expenses due to the mental or physical condition of a child, or disaster or casualty losses, students may still be eligible.

School children of parents or guardians who become unor reduced-price meals and sale. free milk during the period of unemployment, provided come level may change during the school year.

APPLICATION dren, parents may complete full fee for 300 or more forms forwarded to them and boxes. which also are available at The Outstanding Cookie parents are notified by school



Mr. and Mrs. Mark Kelley of 2902 Hickory in Abilene announce the birth of a son. Matthew Carson was born January 29. The baby weighed

pounds 4 ounces. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Howard Carson of Merkel and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Hershell Kelley of Austin.

dren are eligible. Persons who do not agree with the school's decision have a right to a fair hearing. This hearing may be scheduled by contacting the office of Supt.

Roy Neff, Phone 862-2574. In certain cases, foster children are eligible for these Parents who feel that their benefits. Guardians may

The 1976 Cookie Sale for West Texas Girl Scout Council ends on February 14. Girl Scouts may be asking, "Will you be my Valentine?", while proffering is 20 cents. If the family in- boxes in five flavors: peanut come is greater than those butter, sandwich creme, thin mint, shortbread, and peanut butter. Each box costs \$1.25. Buy one, or all five kindsyou'll be loved by countless "green angels" and brown cupids."

"I've Got The Spirit, 1976. WTGS Cookie Sale" is inscribed on a red, white and blue Cookie patch. All Scouts may earn this patch for employed are eligible for free selling 42 boxes during the

For 1st, and 2nd, grade Brownies, there is a Special that the loss of income causes Camping Event to be held the family income during the June 11th, and 12th, at Camp period of unemployment to be Boothe Oaks for Brownies and at or below the levels shown their Dads. To be eligible a on the scale. A family's in- Brownie must sell 80 boxes of cookies; 56 Brownies and 56 Dads did it in 1975.

For Scouts in the 3rd, thru To apply at any time dur- the twelfth grades, camping ing the year for free meals fees are cut 1/4 for selling and free milk or reduced- 80-139 boxes; 1/2 for 140price meals for their chil- 224; 3/4 for 225-299 and

school. Within 10 days after Sales Lady (girl selling the applications are received, highest number of boxes) will receive a trophy this year. The West Texas Girl Scout

Council is a participating member of the United Way. SENIOR CITIZENS

SCHEDULE EVENTS

1st Monday of Month Singing 2nd Tuesday Noon Covered Dish Game Nights **Every Thursday** & 4th Monday 4th Thur. Game Night Reserved for

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#### **VICA** To Sponsor Tournament

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Only the first 32 teams

to enter will be eligible to play. So choose a partner and enter now. Entry fee will be \$5.00 per team. Trophies will be awarded to 1st. and 2nd. place winners. A drawing for a door prize will be held. The tournament will be a double elimination type with best 2 of 3 games per round.

# **Shelton Named To** Head Lampasas Bank

native, was named president of the First National Bank of Lampasas, January 13. Prior to his promotion, Mr. Shelton served the bank as

first vice-president. He is married to the former Sarah Mason, a former Merkel resident. She was employed by Taylor Ele ctric Cooperative when in Merkel and made her home with her aunt and uncle, the Vincent Barnetts. The Sheltons are parents of two daughters, Shannon, 9 and Stacey, 7,

Mr. Shelton is the son of a pioneer Moran ranch couple, Mrs. Garland Shelton and the late Mr. Shelton. He attended Tarleton State University and is a graduate of East Texas State University. He is a widely used speaker

#### Food Stamp Amendment

A proposed amendment to the Food Stamp Program regulations would allow the testing of several new administrative procedures which could have national applicability.

The procedures which could be tested include photo identification cards, countersigned coupons retrospective accounting periods, client monthly reporting systems and other changes which could lead to more efficient program management.

has had his articles appear in a number of farm and ranch publications.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Shelton are active in civic, educational and church affairs in Lampasas, Mrs. Shelton has become an artist of some note with her oil paintings of domestic and western scenes.

#### **Wharton Named** To American Angus Assn.

J. M. Wharton of Route 1 Merkel, has been elected to membership in the American Angus Association at St. Joseph, Missouri, announces Lloyd D. Miller, executive secretary.

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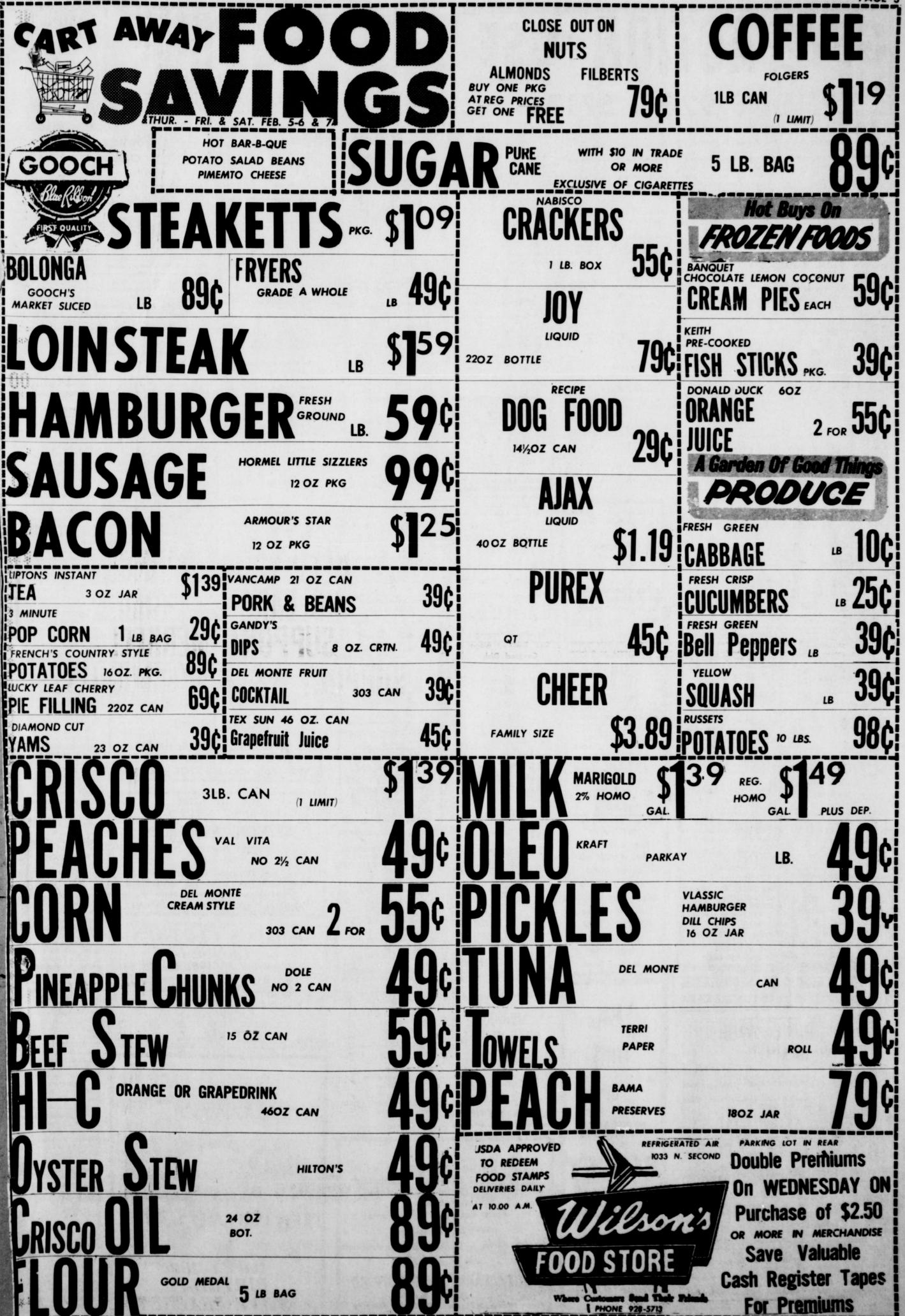
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ESTATE OF JAMES THOMAS ROBERTSON, NO. 12337 DE-

CEASED NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF JAMES THOMAS ROBERTSON, DE-

CEASED Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of JAMES THOMAS ROBERTSON were issued on the 26 day of January, 1976, in Cause No. 12337, pending in the County Court of Taylor County, Tex-

as, to:

MARY LYNN ROBERT SON The residence of such Executrix is Taylor County, Texas. The post office ad-

dress is: C/o Randall C. Jackson Suite 210, Bank of Commerce Building

Abilene, Texas 79605 All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. DATED this 26 day of January, 1976.

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TO: Virgil Eugene Abshier and Raymond E. Swindle Respondent, (s) Greeting:

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MANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County, Texas at the Courthouse in said County, in Abilene, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the Monday next after the expiration of twenty days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of the Ronney Gene Schuknecht and Patsy Ann Schuknecht, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 11th. day of December, 1975, against Virgil Eugene Abshier and Raymond E. Swindle Respondent (s), and said suit being numbered 11,353-DR on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In the Interest of Virgil Eugene Abshier, Jr. and Janet Carol Swindle a

nature of which suit is a request to Adopt. Said Virgil Eugene Abshier, Jr, male was born the 14 day of May, 1959, in Taylor County, Texas at Dyess

Child and/or Children," the

Air Force Base. Said Janet Carol Swindle, female born the 3 day of May 1976 in Koscoe, Nolan

County, Texas. The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the Child's interest which will be binding upon you, including the termination of the parentchild relationship and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to

the child's adoption. Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this the 30th. day of January, 1976.

(SEAL) Attest: Irene Crawford District Clerk Domestic Relations

Court in Taylor County, Texas. By Faye Lyons

Deputy 50-1tc

Marriage is the sensitive development of two different individuals binding together the generations that have gone before, Dorthy Taylor, family

life education specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System, points out.

**Doctor** Rongers' Health



By EDWARD W. RONGERS CHIROPRACTOR

ALCOHOLISM An alcoholic is a person who is powerless to stop drinking and whose drinking seriously alters his normal living pattern. Alcoholism could be described as a physical compulsion coupled with a mental obsession. In the simplest of terms, alcoholism is a human condition associated with the drinking

of alcoholic beverages. Alcoholism is hard to define in that a sure diagnosis is extremely difficult in the early stages. Nevertheless, it currently affects some 10 to 12 million Americ ans; with one in eight adults already on their way to becoming an alcoholic and probably one in every twelve people over the age of 18 is already an alco-

holic. There is an estimated 10 to 12 million alcoholics in America; only 3 per cent of the total alcoholic population is on skid row. Most persons suffering from alcoholism are found in homes, offices, places of business and in every walk of life. The disease attacks without regard to social standing, occupation, intelligence, education, national origin, color or race. A small percentage have an underlying psychosis and many have a personality disturbance. However, many are not noticeably different from the rest of us except in their addiction to alcohol. Many alcoholics after recovery prove to be gifted, talented, generous, responsible people, as well as good parents and good

citizens. There are three kinds

of drinkers: 1. CASUAL DRINKER. He drinks only occasionally and for perfectly innocent and harmless reasons. He could stop for a long period of time and never miss it. 2. ALCOHOL DEPENDENT

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DRINKER. He drinks everyday and depends on alcohol more than he will admit. Having to do without is a difficult and unpleasant experience, although he will argue that he can cut it out with no difficulty. During this stage, the individual usually becomes a hea

drinker. ALCOHOLIC. He has l control over his drinki and one drink mean another. Alcohol i. seriously interfering with every aspect of his life. although he may not admit

Alcoholism begins simply because everyone is human and 3 out of every 4 adult Americans at one time or another will drink alcoholic beverages; so alcoholism is a potential hazard to almost

everyone. Alcoholism is not an illness like measles or a cold which can be caught overnight. Instead, it is a slow developing, progressive disease There is no hard and fast line between casual drinking and alcohol dependency, nor between alcohol dependency

and alcoholism. A person who drinks should be aware of the nature of alcohol and its effect on the human body and mind, and ar acceptance of the fact tha abusive drinking can lead to

an incurable disease. The fact that alcohol is a drug generally comes as": surprise to the average drinker. Most people think o it as a stimulant which help them to loosen up and make them feel less shy and mor courageous. All of this ma be true, not because the dru is a stimulant, but because i

is a depressant. When one thinks of a dru being abused today he think of marijuana which has foun increasing popularity amon young people. Adults tend t ignore the seriousness abusing alcohol and pass off by saying that alcoho does not lead to stronge drugs as does marijuana However, it would probabl be found that the drug mos

heroin addicts begin with alcohol. Alcohol is a chemical ar there are several types, a of which are toxic or pol sonous to some extent. Th type used in alcoholic drink is ethyl alcohol which is poison that is rendered harn less as it passes thru tl liver. However, the intoxica ing effects of ethyl alcoh

remain and increase with t

amount and the speed of it

When alcohol reaches t stomach it starts workir its wa: into the blood strea to be carried to all the tissu of the body, including t brain. When alcohol reach the brain, it acts as an al esthetic. The first couple. drinks dull the consciousne and begin to remove inhit tions. A few more drinks a one's sense of judgement a perception disappear witht result being that intelligen and reasoning may fina give way to the emotion A large enough inte w result in the loss 2 ev instinctive reactions with total lack of co-ordination loss of memory, unco sciousness and possible dec

due to paralysis of vital r flex actions. When a person drinks to point of passing out, an es mated 10,000 cells in the co tex of the brain are destroy These brain cells are nev replaced or regenerated, th a drinker becomes "less telligent" as a result of

over-indulgence. If an individual suspects has become dependent up alcohol, he should go to family physician and discu his suspicions. It is solutely essential thonesty be employed if doctor is to be of any he A clergyman may be co sulted for additional help telephone call to Alcohol Anonymous or to the lo alcoholism informati center can prove worthwh



Mr. and Mrs. Don sock announce the bith

daughter, Anita Kay, January 28. The baby 8 pounds and 7 ounces. Hollis Horton of Mess the maternal grandfather

928-5100

Whether spent pulling Lamon Johnson out of the Peranales River, working as a wrangler on a cattle drive, or cutting cordwood for a living, A. A. Holt's days as a youngster were never idle

"I was grown when I was born," laughed Holt, now 76 years old. He and his wife Adelle ("Granny") live on a farm a mile and a half south of Trent.

It was when Holt was a lad of 12 that he rescued fiveyear-old little Lyndon Johnson from a tumble he took into the Pedernales.

He was working on a ranch and attending school near Stonewall, down the road from the Sam Johnsons.

When the Johnsons' grandson Lyndon came to visit, A. A. would go over and play with him. One warm spring Sunday afternoon, the two boys were romping by the river when the younger lad fell in. Holt jumped in after him and fished him out.

Lyndon's grandmother afterwards gave the pair a stern lecture on the danger of playing near the water.

"I don't remember too much about Lyndon. He was just a little bitty kid then," Holt said. But of the older Johnsons, he said, "T he were awfully good people. If anybody needed help, they were always willing."

A. A. and Adelle Holt have been married for fifty-six years. They have five children, seven grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Both have gone through life with a delightful gaiety. Of their marriage, she said, "We have had, and do have a wonderful life."

He said, "I guess if we'd had any sense we'd have separated long ago."

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She was asked about her cooking as a young bride. Before she could reply, he answered for her, "Why, I could dehorn the biggest bull running with one of her biscuits!'

"Granny," as everyone in the area who knows her calls her, was born Adelle Morgan near Kennard in East Texas, where she lived until she graduated from high school. According to her husband, "The poor little thing never had been anywhere until she married me, and now she's been everywhere.

"Actually she hemmed me up in that pine thicket and

After their marriage they lived on a 40-acre farm in the Davy Crockett Forest. For a number of years their

home was a log house.

In addition to farming, Albert ran his cane syrup mill in the fall, his shingle mill in the winter, and on Saturdays his grist mill. It was on the farm that most of the five children were born.

In 1942 the fa.nily moved to Trent, where he farmed and ranched fifteen hundred then seventeen hundred acres. Now they have only 30 acres since Holt's health caused him to retire from the larger-scale operations, but he still works the 30 acres himself.

Holt was born in Wimberly, near Austin. His father was a sometime farmer -- "he would make a crop every year''--but was also a cowboy and a "freighter" or

At the age of 9, Albert worked in a cattle drive as a wrangler in charge of the yoke of bulls pulling the chuck wagon. The drive from Stonewall to Austin took five days with three days for the return trip. His pay was fifty cents a day.

He remembers another time when he helped drive a wagon team back from this area to Crockett. It took 21 days.

"Now we can get there driving in seven hours," he

Cattle drives were fun, he said, but there were hard times involved. He remembers awakening "laying in water" after the tent they pitched had leaked during a night rain.

'From 1912 to 1914, I never put my foot on a wood floor," he declared. "Me and my brother spent our time living in tents and working." camping out is still a great

love of the couple. They take their pickup truck, spread a tarp over the back of it, and sleep on mattresses in the "I love to get out and sleep

out in the fresh air. I don't like to be shut up in a house by windows and curtains," Holt said. Holt left school young, and

said he had an uncle "who taught me as much about books and learning as any school."

He taught himself to be a

MR. AND MRS. A. A. HOLT ... remember Trent

is still amazed at the way "he can take a real long column of big figures and add them in a few seconds with-

out, fishing, and visiting children and grandchildren.

Their children are Horace near San Antonio. Holt, who works at Grimes

Gasoline Plant near Trent; Dorothy Bishop, who works at Ben Franklin in Merkel; Catherine Bishop (the around here," he proclaimed. out a pencil, just by look-ing at them." daughters married brothers), who works at Valley Faucet who works at Valley Faucet The couple's leisure time in Abilene; Mark Holt, a fifth these days is spent camping grade teacher in Port Isabel, and Jewel Henager, who is a teacher's aide in Charlotte

From 1945-50, Holt was an

earth contractor in the area. "I built 2700 miles of terraces and diversion terraces

"We've had fun in our lives. We've had our share of trouble, but goodness knows, the good outweighs the bad," said Mrs. Holt.

The couple are members of Trent Methodist Church.

# Starr Nursing Home News

The flu has been on rampage around Starr Nursing Home, but is beginning to subside.

Mrs. Bessie Putledge celebrated her 82nd, birthday Monday. Her birthday was Sunday. Her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Felix Williams and her son, Mr. and Mrs. Garth Halman came from Norwark, California to help with the celebration.

The Presbyterian church of Merkel brought the Sunday wizard at math, and his wife service. We enjoyed the good

music. Miss Christine Collins was missed by everyone. We all hope she is well enough to visit soon.

Ladies from the Noodle Baptist Church visited with us Monday and brought 9 lovely lap wraps made of polyester. They are greatly appreciated. We all wish Winnie Cypert a speedy recovery.

Delma Scott visited in the home recently. She is our dietitian and it is always a pleasure to have her.

Edna Horton is home fol-

lowing a week in West Texas Medical Center and a week in a Dallas hospital. W \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

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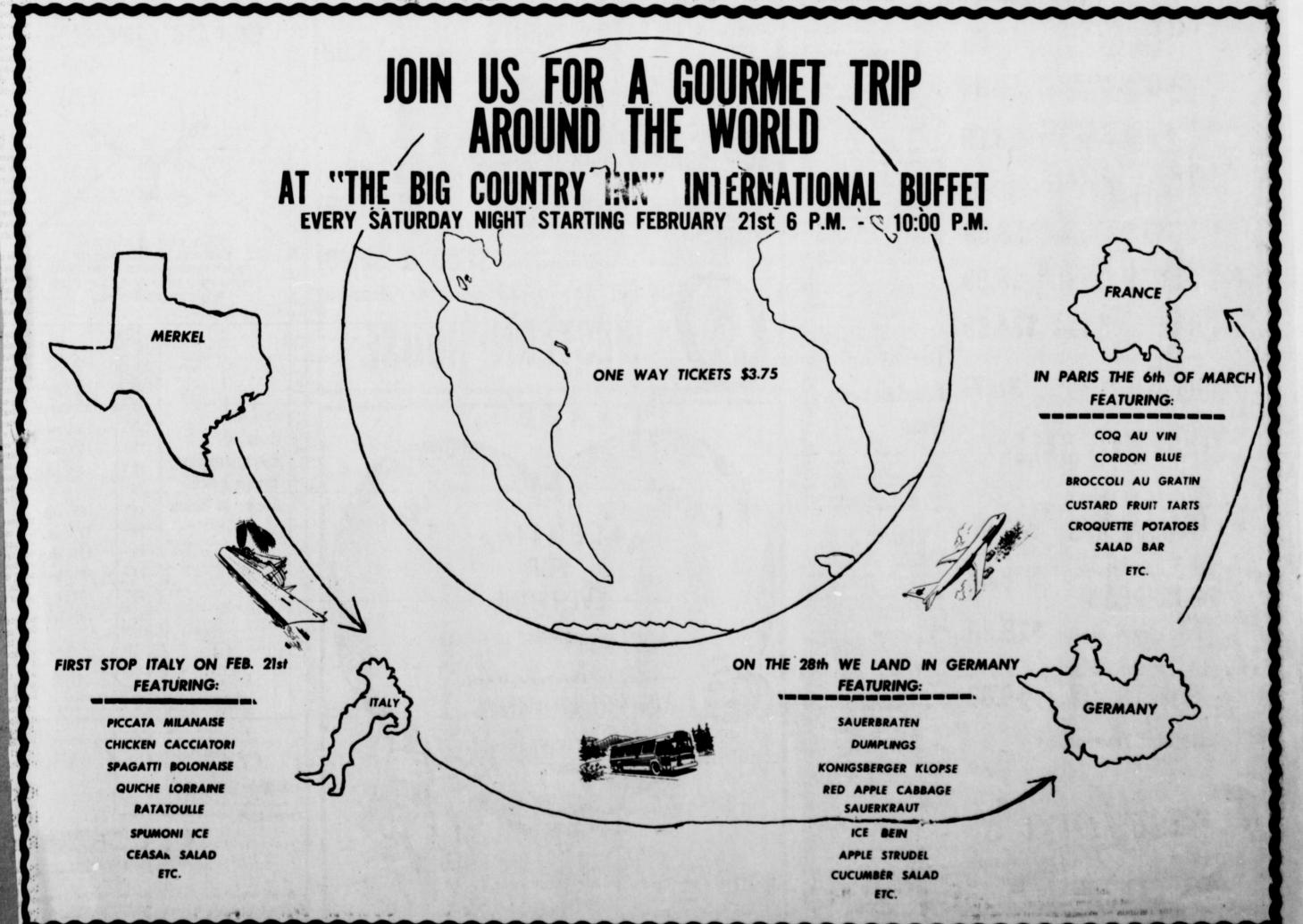
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# Hancock Announces For Tax-Assessor Collector

Jack Hancock called members of the press together for the purpose of announcing his andidacy for 7 71 Assessor

Collector of Taylor County. Jack Hancock of Route 1, Ovalo, 61 years of age has owned and operated his farm and ranch in Taylor County for the past 28 years. He is a 1940 Agriculture Graduate of Texas Tech in Lubbock, and did postgraduate and graduate work at Columbia University, A&M and Hard n-3.m mo s Univer

A veteran of World War II, he was a Navy Officer with the rank of Lt. Senior Grade.

Hancock taught Agriculture to veterans at Clydefor three years and Vocational Agriculture for eight yearx; 2 years before entering military service, and 6 years at South Taylor High School after service. In 1957, he resigned his teaching to join Coleman Production Credit Association as field man in the Abilene Area, and was manager of the Field Office in Abilene for six years. Here the work consisted of banking, that of lending and collecting. After 6 years, he resigned to devote full-time to his ranching business.

In 1965 he returned to the teaching field, in the same school district, teaching science at Jim Ned High School. After four years, his ranching interests expanded to where he once again needed to devote full-time to it.

A 25 year member of South Taylor Lions Club, Hancock has served as president on two different terms....he is a 25 year Mason, having served as various officers. He was a trustee on the Jim Ned School Board, where he served as secretary during which time the present High School was bonded and built, Hancock and his wife are



Letter To

Dear Editor,

First, let me thank you for

printing my letter of Feb-

ruary, 1974, about the cotton

industry in and around Mer-

kel, in the 'old days,' I heard

from friends I had not heard

of in many years. Some by

phone some by letters. You

cover a wide area in cir-

culation. One old baseball

catcher, now living in Cali-

fornia, has been to see me

twice since reading that poor-

kel Mail (and I read it all;

I have just read my Mer-

even the 'ads.') I read the

article about the Adcocks with

mixed emotions. I have known

both families since I was a

and I were around the same

present when the terrible in-

cident occurred that hot July

night in front of Fred

Groene's Cozy picture show.

I am very thankful I was

not close enough to be a

of the Stephenville Chamber

of Commerce, I, naturally,

am interested in industry. It

is remarkable what a few

small industries can do for

a town. This pay roll money

turns over some seven times

after the checks are writ-

ten. I am glad to see Mer-

kel is breaking the ice, and

is bringing in some pay rolls.

Keep up the good work; you

can never tell; with Inter-

state 20, and the T&P Rail-

road, some rather large pay-

rolls might decide Merkel is

just right for their operation.

They could not pick a better

small town for their

I hope you pick up the base-

ball project you worked on

last year, and get a park

built. Merkel is a good base-

ball town. Olga Sheppard

Gamble, and a few others,

will remember when we had

a good enclosed park, with

about where the present Big

Country Inn is located. Home

base was near where the

south. Mrs. Gamble had a

cousin, Doss Sheppard, play-

ing out field. This was a

'semi -- pro' team, with about half the players home grown

boys. A few I remember. (as I was rather young) include Letch Hunnicut, (who worked

for Chas. Sinclair at the Elite

Confectioney) Ernest Faucett

(bank cashier), Dr. Miller

two others, I cannot recall.

We imported pitchers, Sanders and Griffin from around Paris, Texas; alsoimported five or six full

blooded Indians from Okla-

per month, but the 'locals" played for 'fun.' I think the

admission price was around

business end of the thing.

Merkel, but due to a heart flare-up in March of '74,

I am not able to write many

letters. Also, my driving is

very limited, and I miss my

L. B. Howard

1211 N. Neblett Stephenville, Texas

periodic trips to Merkel.

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Baseball

News

i Sincerely,

I would appreciate hearing from any of my 'old cronies,' in, or out side of

25¢-50¢, but I got in 'free' as my cousin managed the

(dentist) Doss

building is located, hitting

employees.

Having served as manager

age; grew up together.

witness to it.

kid. In fact John Chadwick

Unfortunately, I was

ly written article.

JACK HANCOCK . . .candidate for office

Church in Abilene, where they both teach Sunday School, He has been a Deacon for 25

They have three grown daughters, Joy, Dena, and Jackie, and four grandchildren.

Many citizens of Taylor County have urged me to seek the office of Tax Assessor-Collector, as they, as well as I, feel it is time for a change.

"I am a candidate for thi office because: (1) I want the job; (2) I want it for the service I can render..... (3) I believe in giving people choice;.....(4) I want to help people understand the structure of the tax office -the WHYs and HOW COMEs ... (5) The Tax Office is a people's office, therefore I believe in listening to people, being accessible to the people .... My desire is for the tax office to be a place serving the interest of people," said Hancock at the press conference held January 30 at the Abilene Civic Center.

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Reagan and Tonya Mercer. "A-B"-Eugene Panza, Christina Patterson, Eric Lewis, Lonnie Bennett, Teresa Allen, Michael Mauzey,

Family Member

Joann Mendez, Douglas Tay lor and Tracy Jordan. Second Grade

"A"-Mike Keith, Kathy Mercer and Keith Watson. "A-B"-Mary Barnes.

Third Grade "A"-Robert Brooks, Bill Adams, Greg Sourr, Joyce Patterson, Tar .ny Tyler and

Lisa Cantu. "A-B"-Charles Corbin and Dale Roys.

Fourth Grade "A"-Nancy Bunting. "A-B"-Laura Esquivel

and Donna Miller Fifth Grade "A-B"-Brian Gary, Mark

Turner, Kathy Gill and Willie Perry. Sixth Grade "A"-Alan Glick and Ed-

ward Herrera. "A-B"-Linda Lummus Roy Lee Isom, Ruby Perry and Allan Roper.

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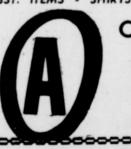
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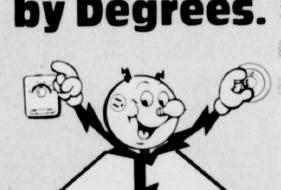
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# Carsons In Grocery Business For Four **Generations** — A Family Tradition

The Carsons, owners of Carsons Supermarket at 217 Edwards, are carrying on a family tradition in the grocery business that's four generations old.

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> Around the turn of the century, J. N. Carson opened a grocery store in Whitesboro, near Sherman. The family had moved there from Tennessee, where they had farming operations.

In 1905, the Whitesboro store burned down. J. N. then headed west with his family for Midland, where he opened another store in 1906, selling out in 1908 and heading still farther west, for Eunice, New Mexico.

In Eunice, J. N. opened a general mercantile store. Supplies to the store were trucked to their store there by a 14-mule wagon from Midland, the nearest distribution point, then larger than Lubbock because it was on the railroad.

In 1921, J. N. sold out the Eunice store to his son, E. O. Carson, and moved to Merkel, putting in a grocery here in 1923.

Then in 1924, E. O. Carson sold out in Eunice and came to Merkel to work for his father J. N. again.

In 1927, J. N. opened up a branch of the "Hocus Pocus" grocery store franchise on Edwards street where Braggs Department Store now is, but occupying 25 by 80 feet, only half of the

space that Braggs now does. The Hocus Pocus store innovational in that shoppers selected their own purchases instead of ordering through the grocer over the counter as had been the practice in

the past. In 1931, the Carsons went back to Eunice, again opened a store there, and, caught in the throes of the Great Depression, promptly went broke.

They moved out and left all the store fixtures sacked up under a big tree--they couldn't even afford to have them moved back to Merkel. For a time, the Merkel store had apple crates and baking soda boxes as shelves as family members worked at rebuilding the business from the Eunice loss.

In 1933, the store changed from Hocus Focus to Carsons, and in 1936 E.O. bought out his father.

E. O. had five sons. One in the communication of nursof them, Herman, was six ing home news in Texas. years old when the family first came to Merkel. In 1938, dent of the Big Country chapter of TNHA presided

### Jones Retires From Skelly

L. D. (Lefty) Jones of Merkel, pumper for Skelly Oil Company in Sweetwater will retire March 1 after more than 17 years of service. Jones joined Skelly's exploration and production department in 1959 as a floor and derrick hand in Aspermont, Texas. He obtained the position of pumper in 1962 and transferred to El Dorado. In 1973 he transferred to Sweetwater in his present position.

Jones and his wife, Wilma, live in Merkel.

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with his father. Howard left to serve in the Army in 1941, where he was stationed in Europe in World War II. In 1946 he returned to Merkel, and became partners in the grocery store with his brother Herman. In 1946 the store, where Briggs now is doubled in size to a 50 foot front.

In 1957, the brothers moved the store to its present location, at 217 Edwards, and changed the name from Carson's Grocery to Carson's Supermarket.

In 1973, one-third interest in the business was sold to Herman's son Tom, making the store a three-way partnership which it now is between Herman, Howard, and Tom. Brother J. C. is in charge of the store's meat market.

A fourth brother, Louis, is in Seattle working in civil service after retiring from the Navy. The fifth brother was killed nine years ago while on a fishing trip to Corpus Christi.

Herman recounted how times have changed since he first was exposed to the grocery business as a small

"A store had to carry everything back then: horse collars, trace chains, axle grease, buggy wheels, nuts, bolts, screws, sow belly, red beans, and flour," he recalled.

"Through the late 1920's, we had to sack our own sugar, beans, dry fruit and a lot of other things. Candy and cookies came in bulk in wooden boxes.

"The first thing that came packaged was soda and baking powder. It started coming in wooden barrels packed in between wheat husks. "We didn't sell fresh meat

for a long time--all we had was salt pork and sugar cured

The Big Country chapter of

the Texas Nursing Home As-

sociation n.et Tuesday

evening at 7 in the River

Oaks Cafeteria in Abilene.

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recognition of the news media

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Larry Wellhousen, presi-

over the meeting and pre-

sented awards to the area

TV, radio and newspaper per-

sons responsible for keeping the public informed as to what is going on the field of nurs-

ing care. Those present to

receive the certificates of

recognition were Bill Shan-

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Collins of the Ranger Times

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in Merkel, Richard Perry of

the Ballinger Ledger in Bal-

linger, Danny Owens of the

Munday Currier in Munday,

and representatives of KERC

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will be mailed to those re-

ceiving awards but who were unable to attend the meeting.

the Hide advertising agency in

Austin. Mr. Hide has been in

the public relations field for

many years and has worked

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Dolph Briscoe. Hide, though

not a native of Texas, has

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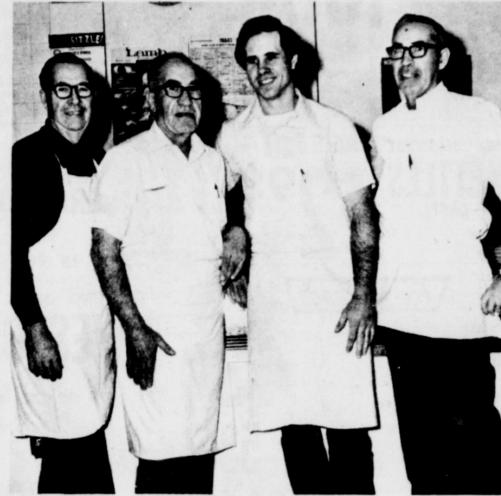
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(left to right) HOWARD, HERMAN, TOMMY AND J. C. CARSON . . . it's a family affair

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bacon and bologna. You got the rest at the butcher shop. "And we didn't have fresh

vegetables regularly until the late 1930s," he said. He noted how times have changed in terms of the dollar

volume of business. "In 1938, I remember one month I did \$1250 worth of business. Now it would be a bad day if I didn't do that

much in a single day!" A big change in merchandising came about seven years ago, when warehouses

introduced as an expert. "An

ex," he explained, "is a has

been, and a spert is a drip

Hide spoke on public re-

lations. "Public relations,"

he says, "is doing a good job

and letting the public know

about it," He also told of the

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under pressure."

went from 30-day terms to passing up local merchants cash-on delivery or 7-day terms, a development that Herman said was a blow to the independent grocer. He said that he's glad of sales in Dallas.

'In a small town, people are more friendly and you can get more involved in the community. Of course, I've never lived in a big town!" In order for small towns to

his decision to remain in

survive, people must do their shopping in them instead of two grandchildren. 

for those in neighboring large cities, he strongly believes. Herman's children are Tom, and Paul, who is in

Howard is the father of Don, a musician in New Mexico; Ann Roberts of Merkel, and Cathy, now of Abilene.

J. C.'s children are Randy, who is employed by Abilene Auction, and David, who is in military service. Howard and J. C. each have

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J. N. CARSON

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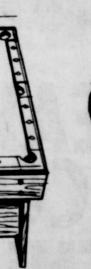
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