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Between You

And Me

By SARAH ECKOLS

Over the week end I saw a good portion of west Texas, New Mexico and Arizona. I attended the West Texas Press Association Mid-Winter Convention in Lubbock and most of west Texas, New Mexico and Arizona blew through there Friday and Saturday. Unfortunately, the beauty and landmarks were left behind. I did think I saw a teepee or two fly by, but with dirt so thick it's hard to tell.

As we drove into Tech City, we came upon a one-way sign being blown by the high wind. Our driver asked if it is in the driver's manual published by the Texas Department of Public Safety just how one is to obey a spinning one-way sign.

You haven't seen anything until you've seen a Texas panhandle sand storm of the caliber that hit Friday. The high wind didn't seem to bother native Lubbockians, though. Any time the weather is mentioned, it is with reference to the only time mark they have up there--the tornado. Everything in Lubbock either happened before or after the tornado. They even show you the whole district where the storm hit, however, now it just looks like any other city.

While in Lubbock, I ran into a lady some of you might remember, Maxine Gardner. Maxine and her late husband owned The Merkel Mail during the late 50's. Mr. Gardner was killed in a plane crash leaving her to run the business.

Mrs. Gardner remembered fondly such Merkelites as the Adcocks, the Starbuckes, the Hammonds, the Crawfords, the Carsons and the Wilsons. She said that Merkel and Abilene people were very good to her in a time when everything in her world seemed to fall apart. She is now remarried and is Maxine Blakemore and lives in Lubbock.

Friday evening Leon Jowarski was honored with the Thomas Jefferson Award at University Center on the Texas Tech campus. Jowarski, special prosecutor during the Watergate affair was honored with this award for his contribution to maintaining freedom of the press in 1975. I was present at the reception following the presentation at which time I was able to briefly speak with this outstanding American who will undoubtedly fill many pages in the history books of America.

I regret to tell you that I also ran into something else while I was in Lubbock. It was the "stuff." It isn't really the flu, but it seems worse than a cold, so I just call it the "stuff." I call this to your attention not to solicit your sympathy, because I am beyond that point thanks to several boxes of cough drops, aspergum, aspirin and gallons and gallons of water. I just wanted to explain why such items as the student of the week for the MOC program are missing. I was unable to get out at all Monday and unable to get out and take pictures Tuesday. With a little luck and no further setbacks with the "stuff" they will appear in next weeks paper.

Robert Harris was by the office Tuesday morning with some interesting statistics that I'd like to pass along. The Merkel Volunteer Fire Department answered calls to 23 fires in the first 23 days of February. Seven of these fires occurred February 22. During these 23 days the department pumped 19,150 gallons of water and spent 230 man hours fighting fire. The department reported no injuries during the period. Needless to say, this shows that the Merkel Fire Department is on the job. It might not be too much to ask for us to say thanks the next time we run into a fireman. Remember, the next fire could be in your home.

Former Merkelite Wounded, Hawley Woman Murdered In Abilene Shooting

A former Merkel man was shot three times in the head and a secretary killed in a bizarre shooting incident at Wilson Trailer Sales in Abilene Monday morning. According to Hammonds brother, Sessions Hammond stated that the man entered his office asking for a drink of water. Hammond, who was in the office with his secretary, Linda Chapman, told the man that they had no water in the office, but he could get water at the faucet outside. The man left and re-entered Hammond's office with a gun instructing Hammond and Mrs. Chapman to lie on the floor, face down. Hammond was the first to be shot with a bullet in the back of the head. He says that he jumped up and ran as the gunman was shooting Mrs. Chapman in the back of the head, he then turned, shooting Hammond in the head a second time. Still not stopped, Hammond got out of the door and ran. The gunman hit him a third time in the back of the head and once in the hand. Hammond reached I-20 and was aided by motorists, as the gunman took Mrs. Chapman's car and fled the scene of the shooting.

Abilene police said Monday they believe the man suspected of killing Linda Chapman and seriously wounding Sessions Hammond shortly before noon Monday at their southeast Abilene office also was responsible for the

wounding of a man in Little Rock, Arkansas, and the theft of his 1972 Plymouth.

The suspect, J. M. Pittman, 30, no address known, apparently shot himself in the head as law officers closed in minutes after the shootings of the pair and the theft of Mrs. Chapman's automobile, Detective Leonard Dodson said.

Pittman was pronounced dead at 3:15 p.m. Monday at Hendrick Memorial Hospital by Justice of the Peace Silas Clark.

Dodgen, who is heading the investigation, said Hammond identified Pittman as the man who shot and robbed him and Mrs. Chapman.

"That's him, that's the man who robbed and shot us," the Merkel man told Dodson upon seeing Pittman's body.

It was reported late Tuesday afternoon that Sessions Hammond is in very good condition at Hendrick Memorial Hospital and expected to be dismissed in a few days.

Hammond is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hammond of Merkel and resides in Hawley.

The assailant drove the Chapman auto to Motel 'G', parking it on the back, or east side of the motel. The motel is located at 4849 W. Interstate 20. A maid said he parked the car and walked back to the front of the motel and looked around a corner.

F&M Bank Promotes Smith, Names Jones VP

Don W. Hensley, President Farmers and Merchants National Bank, Merkel, Texas announces the elevation of Ted L. Smith to Sr. Vice-President and Loan Officer and the employment of Virgil Jones as Vice-President and Loan Officer. This action was ratified by Board of Directors following the Annual Shareholders Meeting, which was held February 17, 1976.

Ted Smith has been an employee of the Bank since September 1959 and during his 17 years employment has worked in all departments within the Bank and as Loan Officer for the past several years.

Smith is a graduate of Sweetwater High School and has completed American Institute of Banking, majoring in Business Administration and Commercial Law. Prior to joining the Bank Smith served with the U. S. Air Force for 4 years. He has been active in civic work, having served as President of Merkel Golf Association and Badger Booster Club. Also he has served on Merkel City Council, Chamber of Commerce and Merkel Independent School District Equalization Board. He is a member of First United Methodist Church, Merkel. Smith is married to Wanda Nell. They have three daughters, Jerre Kay, 18, Cindy 15 and Penny, age 5. They reside at 1530 Sunset in Merkel.

Virgil Jones has joined the License Plates To Be Sold

A representative of the tax office will be in Merkel at Max Murrell Chevrolet show room Saturday, February 28 and Saturday March 13 with all types of 1976 license plates and the new 1976 stickers for automobile plates.

There will be a representative in Trent February 28, Hours for purchasing license plates and stickers will be 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Bank as Vice-President and Loan Officer, coming to the Bank from Western National Bank of Denton, Texas where he was Vice-President and Loan Officer.

Mr. Jones has served with the Texas Banking Department of Austin for 6 years, having been commissioned as a State Bank Examiner in June 1974. He was formerly associated with First State Bank, Abilene for 4 years and Abilene National Bank for 2 years.

Jones attended high school at Talco, Texas and attended A. C. C. University of Abilene, majoring in Business Administration. After his schooling he served in active U. S. Army Reserve, being discharged in 1972. Jones and family are residing at Route 1, Merkel. Jones is married to Helen Arlynn, who is a registered nurse. They have two children, Lance, 6 years and Anissa, 3 years old. They are members of Church of Christ.

We are proud to have experienced Bank Officers as Ted Smith and Virgil Jones associated with our Bank. This will enable us to keep in stride with our growth, better serve the needs of our customers and the community.

Rep. Denton Brings Campaign To Merkel

State Representative Lane Denton of Waco, a Democratic candidate for the Texas Railroad Commission, brought his campaign to Merkel Monday. The candidate was in Taylor County to meet with the news media, local officials, and other supporters.

"This is a very large state, but I will attempt to keep my campaign very close to the people," Denton said. "I want to meet as many voters as I can in all parts of Texas and give them a chance to let me know their specific concerns about this race."

"One area of particular concern to me is the tremendously high cost of gas utility service," Denton said. "The Railroad Commission has the power to regulate rate hikes, but it has not acted to keep rates low."

"In many places, farmers cannot afford to run their irrigation pumps by natural gas power because of its outrageous cost," the legislator said. "During the current period of drought, the situation becomes an emergency for the farmer."

Denton, 35, was born and raised on a farm outside Waco in McLennan County. He now operates a farm-ranch there.

"We should all remember," Denton said, "that the Texas Railroad Commission belongs to the people of Texas, and it should serve them first and foremost."

FFA Students Attend Show

The National Southwestern Hampshire Swine Conference and sale was held February 24 and 25 at the Nolan County Coliseum in Sweetwater.

February 25, 8 FFA students from Merkel's chapter attended the conference and entered the judging contest of the barrows and the breeding animal classes. Adults, both men and women along with college judging teams and FFA teams compete against each other for awards and prizes.

Breeding seine and barrows from Iowa, Oklahoma, Missouri, Illinois, Nebraska, Kansas, Wyoming, California, Indiana and Texas were entered in the show and sale.

Manny Moore, Grant Sandusky, Lee Reddin, Jay Boyd, Richard Schultz, Bill Fisher, Thomas Kraatz, Randy Holmes attended the conference and sale accompanied by Chester Collinsworth, Merkel Vocational Agriculture teacher and FFA advisor.



TED SMITH
...receives promotion



VIRGIL JONES
...employed at F&M Bank



REP. LANE DENTON
...campaigns

Lee Presswood Named Principal At Merkel High

The Merkel School Board has hired Lee Presswood to fill the position of high school principal. Presswood succeeds Travis Davis, present High School Principal, who will become superintendent of Merkel I. S. D. on July 1 of this year.

Presswood, 39, is a native of Abilene where he graduated from Abilene High School and Hardin Simmons University. He received his M. A. Degree from Sul Ross State College and has done graduate work at Tarleton State University. Following graduation from college, Presswood taught five years in the Odessa Public Schools, was principal for three years at Comanche Junior High School and has been principal of Comanche High School for the past seven years.

Presswood is active in educational associations including Texas State Teacher's Association, Texas Classroom Teacher's Association, National Education Association and Texas and National Associations of Secondary Principals. He is also a member of Phi Delta Kappa fraternity, Sul Ross Exes Association, Comanche Chamber of Commerce, Comanche County Livestock Association, Comanche Library Association, Boy Scouts and Comanche Kiwanis Club.

He is married to the former Margaret Bridges. She has taught speech and English and is presently teaching reading and English in the seventh wood have a daughter, Margie Elaine, 16 and a son, Vernon Lee, 13.

They are members of the Baptist Church where he is a deacon as well as training union director, Sunday school teacher and training union teacher.

Presswood's philosophy of education as a public school administrator states:

"I believe that it is the job of the administrative leader of any school to exert educational leadership with the superintendent of the schools, the school staff, and the citizens of the community. I also believe that he should be the executive officer of the school, recommending those policies to the superintendent which will be of maximum benefit to the school children within the school. Too, I maintain that we should not settle for a second best



LEE PRESSWOOD
...named principal of Merkel High School

school or a status quo school, but should strive for the most effective educational program possible. Through my leadership I believe that I can give these items to a school with the cooperation of the superintendent, school board, the staff, and the community."

Farmers Union Members To Washington, D.C.

The Texas Farmers Union today announced that a group of Texas farmers and ranchers are on their way to Washington, D. C., as part of a National Farmers Union Fly-in to lobby Congress and the U. S. Department of Agriculture for major action to improve farm prices.

Joe Montgomery, of Abilene, and R. E. Clemmer, of Merkel, are among the group headed for Washington.

According to Farmers Union President Jay Naman, the Texans will be a part of about 200 farmers from three states who have asked for a meeting with Secretary of Agriculture Earl Butz.

"These rural lobbyists will be seeking a firm positive

commitment from Secretary Butz on U. S. agricultural export policy and the outlook for farm policies and prices for the remainder of 1976," Naman said.

The state farm leader also noted that the Farmers Union members will be on the Hill lobbying Congress for legislation to increase the estate tax exemption and for the Young Farmer Homestead Act, introduced by South Dakota Senators George McGovern and James Abourezk.

Naman pointed out that farmers are "deeply concerned with the disastrous decline in farm prices we have been experiencing; wheat for example, has slipped to 71 percent of parity which is far below the farmer's production costs."

The Texans left Monday morning by plane and will return February 26. They will be joined in the Nation's capital by Farmers Union delegations from South Dakota and Indiana.

While in Washington, they will visit with numerous congressmen from around the Nation in addition to the Texas Congressional delegation.

"Nobody can tell the farmer's story better than farmers themselves. We hope that this group can convince Congress and Secretary Butz that immediate action is necessary to avoid a disastrous collapse in farm income," Naman concluded.

Merkel City Secretary Resigns

The Merkel City Council has accepted the resignation of Roy Kimbrell, City Secretary. The resignation is effective February 28.

Beginning March 1, Kimbrell will be managing the 9th Street Grocery, C. A. (Pete) Shouse, Kimbrell's father-in-law and owner of 9th Street Grocery has become inactive in the business due to ill health. He and his wife, Madge plan to retire to their home in Abilene in the near future.

Fifth Sunday In February A Day To Remember In Merkel Church

In February of 1920 a young man by the name of Elmer Landreth was granted license to preach by the Quarterly Conference of the First Methodist Church of Merkel. Not only was he granted license to preach on that Sunday, but he also preached at

the evening service of that day. That has been fifty six years ago, and Dr. Landreth has retired and lives in Colorado.

That Sunday in February in 1920 happened to be a Fifth Sunday like the one of this year. That fifth Sunday in February was a well remembered one for that young preacher. There has only been one other fifth Sunday in February since that 1920 date.

First United Methodist Church of Merkel will try to make this Fifth Sunday one to be remembered in our church. We urge all our members to be present for Sunday School and for the worship services to follow in which the men who made "preachers" from this church will be recognized.

The evening service will be a program consisting of a 5:30 fellowship supper in the Fellowship hall--followed by pictures and stories of the Mexico travels and experiences of Dr. and Mrs. Jarrett Williams. The travel presentation will start at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome.

Services Held Monday For Ernest Spurgin

Ernest Spurgin, 69, of Noodle Community, died at 2:40 a.m. Sunday in Anson General Hospital after a lengthy illness. Services were at 2:30 p.m. Monday at Presbyterian Church in Merkel.

pastor, officiated, assisted by the Rev. W. E. Nowell, pastor of Noodle Baptist Church. Burial was in Comper Cemetery in south Jones County, directed by Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born July 22, 1906, in Howard County, he moved to Noodle with his parents at 6 years of age. He had farmed in the Noodle area for the past 60 years.

He married Mary Hazel McLaren December 25, 1934, in Anson.

He was a graduate of Merkel High School. He was a member and past master of Merkel Masonic Lodge and was a member of the Presbyterian Church in Merkel.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Macky of Anson and Carroll of Kerrville; a daughter, Mrs. Judy Tolliver of Breckenridge; his mother, Mrs. Jessie Spurgeon of Merkel; a brother, Ray of Tucson, Arizona; two sisters, Vessie Justice of Merkel and Missie Spurgeon of Midland; and seven grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Alford Parham, Albert Criswell, Robert Campbell, Troy Sloan, Bobby Dudley and Henry Ueckert.

Members of the Merkel Masonic Lodge were honorary pallbearers.

Mrs. Stanley Died In Boating Accident February 19 TH

Mrs. Alice Wallace Stanley, 60, of Austin, formerly of Merkel, died Thursday, February 19, 1976. Mrs. Stanley was a member of the Gateway Baptist Church and

was serving as church organist at the time of her death. She is survived by her husband, Samuel Claude Stanley, Austin; three daughters, Mrs. Inond (Kay) Themann, Austin, Mrs. Linda Irene Lacy, Irving and Mrs. Elizabeth Davis, China Lake, California; two sons, Dr. Colonel J. Wallace, New Orleans and Charles Francis Stanley, Camarillo, California; two brothers, Charles Pate Church, Abilene and Bonny Church, Plano; fifteen grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday in the Colonial Chapel of the Cook-Walden Funeral Home with Rev. John Bailey officiating.

Graveside services and burial were at 2:00 p.m. Monday in the Seaside Memorial Cemetery, Corpus Christi.

Mrs. Stanley was the daughter of the late Colonel Pate Church and Mary Katherine Wheeler Church. She had formerly lived in Abilene and Merkel. Death occurred in a boating accident.

Noodle Native Died In Anson

John R. (Buck) Cook, 79, of Anson, a retired farmer, died at 10:00 p.m. Friday, February 6, in Anson General Hospital after a brief illness. Services were held at 2:00 p.m. February 8, at Anson Church of Christ.

Dale King, former Church of Christ minister, officiated. Burial was in Mt. Hope Cemetery directed by Lawrence Funeral Home.

Born December 9, 1896, in Noodle he was the son of a pioneer family who moved there in 1885, who had a family of twenty children. He married Ara Lee Farmer August 29, 1934, in Aspermont. She died in 1971.

He lived and farmed in Carpenter Gap, west of Anson. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include a daughter Scherrie Kay Burson of Hurst; a sister, Mrs. Roy Foster of Merkel; a brother, O. V. of Anson; three grandsons, Danny Burson of Arlington, Rodney and Dayne Burson both of Hurst. Also twenty-five nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Jim Lee Baucum, Danny Tollison, Richard Calley, D. V. Cook, Jr., Wayne Adcock and Jackie Williams.

Sister Of Local Woman Died In Corpus Christi

Mrs. Zelma Herring, 76, of Bishop died in Corpus Christi February 12 at 7:30 a.m. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday in the First United Methodist Church with the pastor officiating. Burial was in Bishop Cemetery.

Born Zelma Bicknell October 6, 1899 in Alabama, she was a native of Jones County.

Survivors include 3 sons, Euell of Alabama, Verne of Corpus Christi and Wendell of San Antonio; two daughters, Doris Nanny of Houston and Anita Lockwood of Bishop; 14 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Otto Bicknell of Long Beach, California, Norman Bicknell of Abilene, and Ted Bicknell of Austin; two sisters, Elia Nicholson of Lubbock and Modell Eoff of Merkel, and her step mother, Mrs. W. J. Bicknell of Trent.

Clemmon Watson Died In Arizona

Clemmon Tine Watson, 85, died at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in Maricopa, Arizona. Services were at 4 p.m. Saturday at Merkel Church of Christ.

Card of Thanks

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK all of our friends and neighbors for their many expressions of sympathy and acts of kindness at the passing of our mother and sister, Clemon Tine.

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Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Parker announce the birth of a daughter, Jacqueline Jeanene born February 4.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Adams of Trent and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Parker, Sr. of Merkel.

Valentine's Day. Hostess was Mrs. Leo Harris assisted by Mrs. Raymond Thomas, Mrs. Claud Thomas and Mrs. Gordon Pursley.

Mrs. Keith (Fannie) was presented with a corsage from Mrs. Billy Lucas and a friendship card signed by the guests, the members of the TEL Sunday School Class and the Dorcas Class. A card was also signed and sent to Mrs. Charley Seago, a member of the class.

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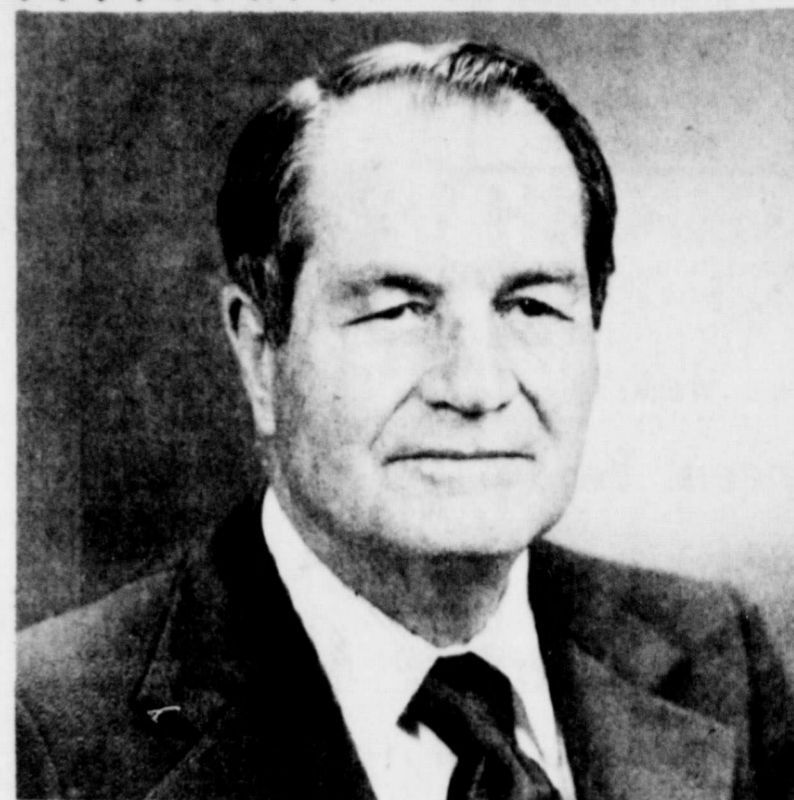
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Don Kannel Completes Basic Training With Navy

Seaman First Class, Don Kannel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Vanderwerker of Merkel was promoted to that rank in

January. He is presently at sea on the U. S. S. Prairie which is based in San Francisco.

Seaman Kannel completed basic training December 19, 1975 at the U. S. Naval Training center at Great Lakes.



BURL KING

CANDIDATE FOR COUNTY ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR

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CITATION

BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: Gerald Wayne Varnado Respondent, (s) Greeting: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED 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 Juanita Bradshaw and Jacob Bradshaw, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 30 day of December, 1975, against Gerald Wayne Varnado Respondent (s), and said suit being numbered 11,389-DR on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In the Interest of Rosa Christine Varnado and Patrick Wayne Varnado a Child and/or Children," the nature of which suit is a request to appear.

Said Rosa Christine Varnado, female was born the 15 day of July, 1968, in Abilene, Taylor County, Texas. Said Patrick Wayne Varnado, male was born the 21 day of June 1971 in Abilene, Taylor 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 parent-child 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 10th. day of February, 1976.

(SEAL) Attest: Irene Crawford District Clerk Domestic Relations Court in Taylor County, Texas.
By Faye Lyons Deputy 52-4tc

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF FRANK J. LESHKAR, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Evelyn Callie Leshkar were issued on September 17, 1975 in Cause No. 12,178, pending in the County Court of Taylor County, Texas, to Kyle Simonton. The residence of such Executor is Lubbock County, Texas. The post office address is:

% Bob Lindsey P. O. Box 5702 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 17 day of February, 1976.

Kyle Simonton BY Bob Lindsey Attorney for the Estate 1-1tc

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Twins Celebrate 86th Birthday Together

Twins M. L. Payne and Mrs. Bessie Jackson will celebrate their 86th birthday Wednesday with a family dinner at the home of Mr. Payne's daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George Brown.

They were born February 25, 1890, in Dixie, Oklahoma. Their father died when they were small and they moved with their mother to Jones County near Anson when they were six years old.

Mr. Payne was married to Clara Caffey December 19, 1909, in Anson, and in 1932 they moved with their family to Noodle where he farmed until they moved to Trent in 1948. He operated a service station in Trent until his retirement in 1957.

Mr. and Mrs. Payne have three children, R. O. Payne, Mrs. George Byrom and Mrs. Clifford Talbott, 1458 Kirkwood, Abilene. There are 11 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren.

Bessie Payne and Ancil Jackson were married December 18, 1928, in Abilene. They lived first near Anson and Truby, later moving to Lubbock where they lived 12 years. Mr. Jackson died in 1952, and Mrs. Jackson moved to Merkel in 1955.

Mr. Payne is a member of Trent Baptist Church and Mrs. Jackson belongs to First Baptist Church in Merkel, memory of Mrs. R. R. Buford Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Atz-wine Mrs. Boog Eysen in memory of Eula Sears

Cub Scout News

The pack meeting will be held Thursday evening at the Merkel School Cafeteria at 7 p.m.

This will be the blue and gold banquet which is held annually. All prospective cub scouts and their families are invited to attend.

Any adult willing to contribute time to the scouting program is urged to attend.

HD News

The Goodman Home Demonstration Club met in the home of Mrs. Frank Carter February 13, 1976. Mrs. Garland Price brought the recreation. Roll call was answered with everyone naming the fruit they eat most at their house.

The minutes were read and the recommendations sheets were filled out for the next council meeting in Anson. It was agreed to put up quilt Tuesday morning and to quilt Thursday February 19 at Mrs. Frank Carter's home.

A program was held on Nutritional Snack Food by Mrs. Nadies Wilburn of Anson. Ladies attending were: Madams Ted Windham, Garland Price, Frank Carter, David Carter, Cal McAninch, Dennis Butler and Nedy Wilburn.

Xi Nu Chi

The Xi Nu Chi chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met Tuesday, February 17 at the home of Opal Garner. The meeting was called to order by president, Darla Mawson. Committee reports were given. The program "A Woman Speaks" was presented by captain Conni Harris, and co-captain Edna Earl Robertson. Following the program a brief discussion was held.

The closing ritual was repeated by all members and refreshments were served. Members present were: Mmes; Bobby DuBos, George Starbuck, John Brad Juan Ybarra, Robert Harris, Charles Eager, Bob Garza, Jimmy Leverich, Darla Mawson and Mamie Steck.

Lambda Beta

The Lambda Beta chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met the home of Pat Castill February 17. The meeting was called to order by president, Chera Hohertz. Roll call was answered to the question "Are you proud to be a woman today? Why?" Committee reports were given.

The program, "A Woman Alone," was presented by Betty Allday, captain, a Pat Neff, co-captain. Members present were: Mmes, Jim Allday, Gl Bright, Bill Booth, Ros Castille, Junior Clark, Or Coker, Mike Couch, Ken Elliott, Richard Hill, Harold Hohertz, Craig Jones, Bill Lucas, Paul Moore, Billy Neff, Phil Seymore, MI Welch and Lee Yaddow.

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Winners Named In L&W Pool Tourney

The winners in the pool tournament held at L & W Snack Bar February 19, 20 and 21 were Jr. division, Dale Rogers, first; John Cain, second and Mark Shaw, third; Local division, Pat Williams, first; Vernon Wade, second and B. Moreno, third; Open division, Jimmy Ray Jenkins, first; Don Glascock, second and Joe Benavidez, third.

There were 20 men and one woman, Pam Bishop, entered in the tournament with the lady taking 5th place in the division in which she competed.

The management and personnel of L & W Snack Bar expressed their appreciation for the big turnout and interest spectators showed in the tournament. Your patronage was greatly appreciated and helpful to make the three-day tournament the success that it was. We hope your patronage will continue in the tournaments to come. Our next tournament will be announced in your next Merkel Mail.



LOCAL DIVISION-Pat Williams, first; Vernon Wade, second and B. Moreno (not pictured), third.



OPEN DIVISION-Jimmy Ray Jenkins, first; Don Glascock, second and Joe Benavidez, third.

There will be a tournament for ages 14 and under. It will be co-ed, so come on, girls, show the boys up! In the near future, an all-

girl tournament is planned for ladies 8 to 80!! Anyone over 89 will have their fee paid by the L & W Snack Bar.



JUNIOR DIVISION-Dale Rogers, first; John Cain, second and Mark Shaw, third.

Compre HD News

Compre HD Club met Thursday afternoon February 12 in the home of Mrs. Ab Hunter, club president who called the meeting to order. Mrs. Hugh Taylor led in a devotional and Mrs. Clarence Allen led the group in a quiz game on flowers and gave a test on observation. Roll call was answered with "the fruit we eat most at our house."

Committee reports were given by chairmen and the minutes of the last meeting were read by club secretary, Mrs. Dewey Ramsey.

Mrs. Ab Hunter led in a business session. Mrs. Clayton Dillard was nominated as delegate to attend the district club meeting to be held at Sagerton April 6.

The program was presented by the Jones County Extension Agent, Mrs. Kenneth Wilburn. Mrs. Wilburn served taster bits of chocolate fondue and meat balls as part of her program entitled "Nutritional Snack Food." She stated that snacks can make up for nutrients

lacking in the day's diet. Copies of recipes were passed out.

The Valentine motif was carried out in the serving of cold drinks, turkey sandwiches, chips and dips and strawberry shortcake to the following members, Mmes: Don Adair, Clyde Mimms, Clarence Allen, Hugh Taylor, Ernest Spurgin, Clayton Dillard, Clyde Chancey, Dewey Ramsey, Ab Hunter and two visitors, Jones County Extension Agent, Mrs. Kenneth Wilburn and young son.

The program of the next club meeting which will be held at the Noodle Community Center at 9:30 on February 26 with Mrs. Ernest Spurgin as hostess, will be "Art Expresses You," consisting of matting and framing of pictures and how to group pictures. Members are asked to bring their favorite needle art to the meeting.

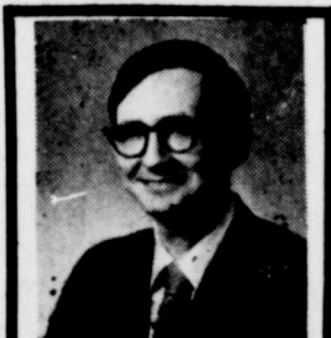
Compre HD Club extends an invitation to all to attend the club meetings and to become a club member regard-

less of race, color, national origin or economic circumstances.

Card Of Thanks

THANK YOU TO OUR MANY friends who were so nice to us during my stay in the hospital and to all who continue to visit with us.
Jessie Reagan
1-1tc

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Honor Society Names Outstanding Students

The National Honor Society of Merkel High School is sponsoring The Outstanding Student Award Program for the 1975-1976 school year. This program was begun last year, when nine students were honored.

Five students are being honored now for the first two quarters of the current school year.

Chosen by the faculty, these students must exhibit good leadership in school, clubs, or community; they must be serving or representing the school and community well; they must be outstanding in character. The fourth quality concerns scholarship. The students do not have to be A or B students. They must be doing work equal to their ability.

The National Honor Society is pleased to honor as Outstanding Students for 1975-76 the following:

Netta Stephan, Suzanne Warner, Kandi Ascencio, David Booth, and Marlon White.

These students are all honor-roll students, most of them making straight A's every six weeks.

Two of the five, Netta Stephan and Kandi Ascencio, were also honored with this same award last year.

The National Honor Society will recognize other outstanding students at the end of the third quarter.

Netta Stephan, 18 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stephan was selected as one of the Outstanding Students of M. H. S. She is presently serving as senior class president, president of the National Honor Society and F. H. A., vice-president of the Badger band, and was co-captain on the varsity basketball team. She was selected as Young Home-maker's Little Sister of the Month, Homecoming Queen, Annual Queen and has been in Who's Who both her junior and senior year. She plans to attend college with a major in physical education.

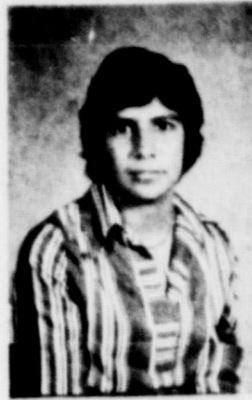
Suzanne Warner is the 17 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Warner, Sr., of Tye. She is a junior at Merkel High School. In her spare time, she enjoys sewing, embroidery, taking part in church activities, and playing the piano, flute, and piccolo. She takes part in University Interscholastic League contests in spelling, ready writing, and shorthand. She has been active in various writing contests, having placed in the Middle Clear Fork Soil Conservation Essay Contest for several years.

Kandi is the 16 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Ascencio. She is a sophomore at M. H. S. She

plays the saxophone in the band and also plays on the girl's varsity basketball team and on the tennis team. She is very interested in all types of sports; tennis, swimming, bike riding and basketball. Her general interests are dancing, music, and drawing. Her favorite subjects in school are english and history. She has been on the honor roll for the past 6 years. She served as class president and representative of the student council her freshman year. After graduating from high school she would like to be a teacher and a coach.

David is the son of Lt. Col. and Mrs. William Booth. He moved to Merkel with his family from Alaska in 1974. The 16 year old junior at Merkel High School is active in UIL slide rule and editorial and is presently taking classes at Cisco Junior College in Merkel. He works at The Merkel Mail and his interests include mathematics, herpatology, paleontology and small bore rifle competition. He plans to attend college after graduation.

Marlon is the 16 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvyn White of Tye. He is business manager of the student council, homeroom representative of the student council, class secretary and an honor roll student. He is active in UIL in journalism and prose reading and a member of the annual staff. He won third at regional in headline writing. He is active in the youth program at church and plans to attend medical school and study to become a pediatrician.



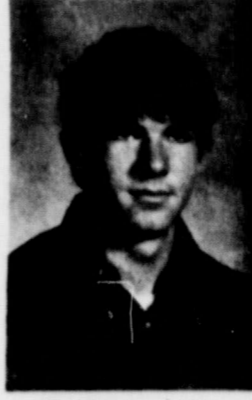
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NETTA STEPHAN

Alpha Nu Nu Art Show Scheduled For March 13-14

Alpha Nu Nu Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi will host an arts and crafts show at the Lions Club Building in Merkel March 13 and 14 according to Ann Leach, ways

and means chairman. Entries are currently being accepted and prices will be \$3 for a single space, \$5 for a space if you desire a table furnished. If you wish to furnish

your own card tables the charge will be \$3 for one and \$5 for two.

Merkel Visitors

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Proverbs 31-18

Our many thanks for your prayers, food, telephone calls, flowers, cards, and letters.
The Callie Newsom Family
1-1tp

WE WOULD LIKE TO say thanks again to the lovely people in Merkel. Thanks first for loving my dear sister Callie while she was yet alive and thanks for the many beautiful ways you expressed that love for her and her family at her passing. May God bless each of you in a special way as your prayer.
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