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Blanche Hewitt
new tax assessor

Beginning January 31st, 1977, Blanche Hewitt will take over duties as Tax Assessor Collector for the Merkel Independent School District.

Born and raised in Merkel, Blanche is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Farmer and a graduate of Merkel High School. Husband, Lawrence is employed by West Texas Utilities as a salesman. Son, Larry, is married and works for K-Mart in Orange, Texas. Daughter, Suzie, is a freshman in Merkel High School.

Blanche has previously worked for the City of Abilene tax office, Continental Telephone, and Merkel Independent School District, being very active in Merkel and the community. Blanche is a member of the First Baptist Church in Merkel, Organizations Director for the Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Booster Club, TAAO, and a past member of PTO and Beta Sigma Phi.

Cisco Junior College to offer 9 courses

Cisco Junior College's night course extension program in Merkel will offer nine different college courses during the coming spring semester. Registrar Olin Odom II has announced, Mr. Odom said students could take up to twelve hours work in the program by attending class four evenings per week.

Most classes will meet from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. once per week at the Cisco Junior College classroom building. On the schedule for Monday nights are Government 223 (State and Local Government) and Math 143 (Mathematics

of Finance). Tuesday night's courses include English 123 (English Composition and Rhetoric); Math 163 (Business Math) and Psychology 223 (Applied Psychology).

Offered on Wednesday evenings will be Math 113 (College Algebra); and English 223 (Readings in English Literature). The Thursday night schedule will include History 123 (History of U. S. to Reconstruction); and Economics 223 (Principles of Economics). Costs for the CJC Merkel Extension program are the

same as at all of the college's extensions as well as its main campus in Cisco, supported by the state: A full twelve hour load, \$112.00; nine hours, \$92.50; six hours, \$59.00; and three hours, \$47.50.

Registration for the Merkel program will be held at the CJC Classroom Building on Tuesday, January 11, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Any student desiring more information may contact Mr. Odom at Cisco Junior College at 817-442-2567 after January 3.

Taylor County Farmers Union make plans to attend convention

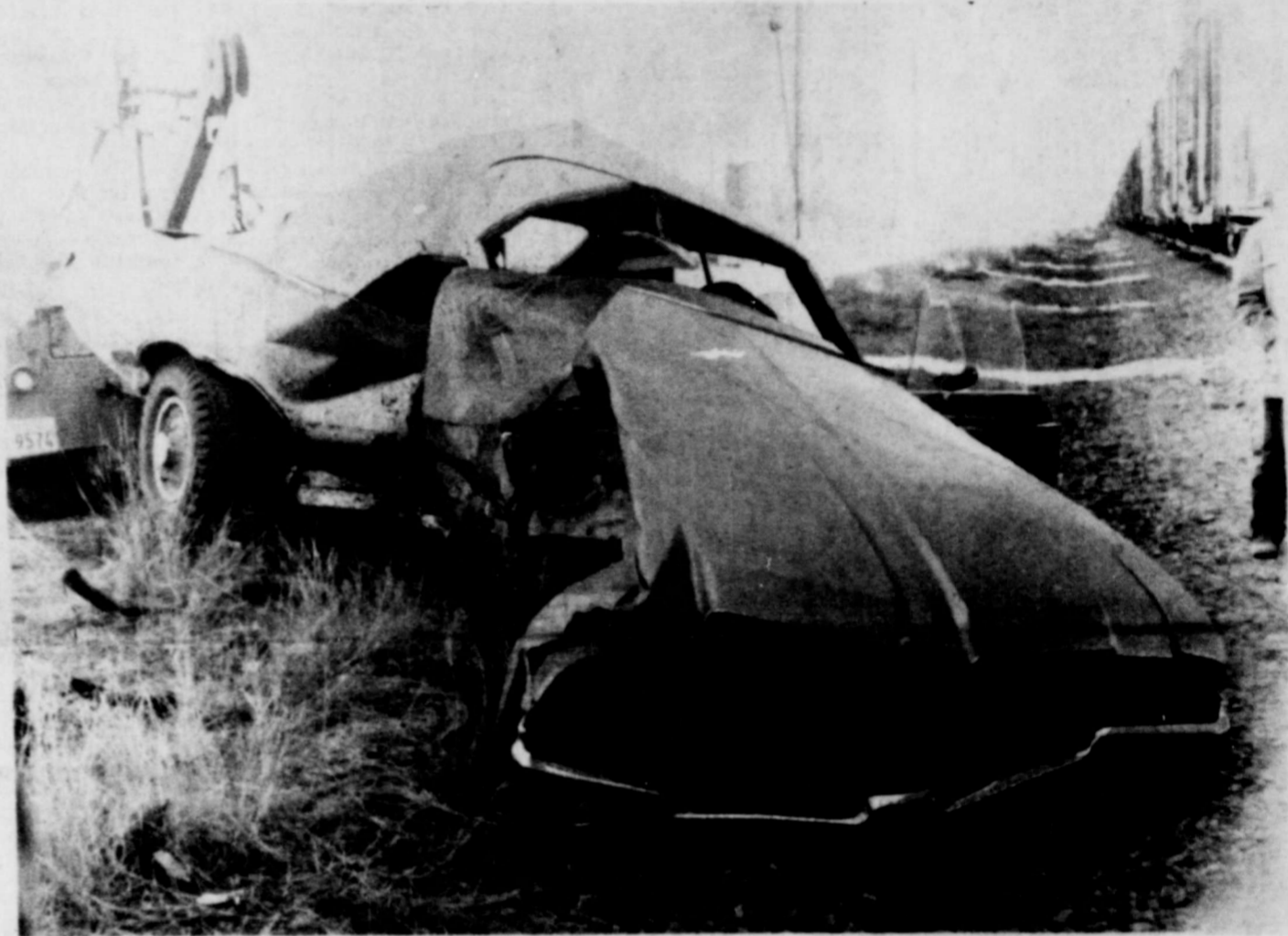
The Taylor County Farmers Union will make plans to attend the State Convention at their next meeting January 11 in the Taylor Electric Building at 7 p.m.

The Taylor County Farmers Union State Convention will be in Amarillo January 20-22. President Joe Montgomery encourages all Taylor County Farmers Union state delegates to attend this meeting as well as other members as it is a regular monthly meeting.

Charles Jacobs and Billy Bob Toombs recently went to a Farmers Union Tax Study in Austin. The Farmers Union tax panel studied with Rep. Wayne Peveto, Sullivan and Turner of the upcoming concernment of property taxation. Jacobs and Toombs with

other committees were checking to see if there were any governmental or legislative taxation proposals that had been made that the property owners would be able to agree on. Jacobs and Toombs will go to Austin January 8 to another taxation meeting to study with the representatives and to recommend tax proposals that will be equally based on the production of property or land owners.

Toombs will report to the Farmers Union members, and anyone else interested in the upcoming tax proposals, Tuesday night.



Cox car after collision with train Jerry Cox In Critical Condition

Jerry L. Cox, 20, of Merkel was still in critical condition early Tuesday in Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene with injuries received in a car-train collision about 1:30 p.m. at the Oak Street crossing in Merkel. He was taken to the intensive care unit after about three hours of surgery. Hospital authorities said he was suffering head, spine and hip injuries.

Merkel city police spokesmen said the auto Cox was driving apparently was in collision with the rear part of the first engine of a 105-car Texas and Pacific train headed toward Abilene. Cox was driving south on Oak Street.

Police said the train's brakeman shouted to the engineer, Autie Smauley of Big Spring, that there had been a col-

lision, and Smauley got the train stopped after 54 cars had passed the intersection. Smauley told police the train had been going about 50 miles per hour.

Police said the car caught on the train and was dragged about a city block or a little farther before it broke free. When ambulance attendants reached Cox, he was lying unconscious on the ground. The car was about halfway between the Cherry and Oak railroad crossings.

Cox apparently was the lone occupant of the car.

A Jerry Cox Fund has been established at the Farmers and Merchants National Bank here in Merkel for those wishing to contribute.

Subscription Rate Increase

Due to increasing mailing costs effective January 1, 1977 The Merkel Mail subscription rates will be in-

creased to \$5.50 for Taylor and adjoining counties and \$6.25 for outside Taylor and adjoining counties.

News and Thoughts

By Martha Sue Justice

In the coming weeks I hope you will enjoy News and Thoughts. It will be compiled of numerous subjects—from hospital news—passing thoughts—to trivia. Don't hesitate to call and let us know if you have any type of news or thoughts!

Duane Shugart has been troubled with bursitis the past few weeks. If anyone has a good liniment he can use—be sure and loan it to him—we'd all like to see a smile on his face again.

Robert Leo Harris stopped by the office the other day and was complaining that Santa didn't come to see him. I wonder Why?

Ronny Doan had a birthday December 31st and wife Ann has one today, January 6th. From what I hear—both of them are getting quite old, Shaws and rocking chairs would be quite appropriate for both of them!

Mrs. Leon Harris' car had a wreck shortly before Christmas. Now mind you—Mrs. Harris didn't have the wreck—her car did! For further details you'll have to ask her—she threatened me with my life if I told any more than this—

I understand Sonny Sandusky had a problem with wife, Virginia's Christmas present—After strenuous shopping—he still had to give her the money to pick out her own. Shame on you Virginia!

Roy Hewitt is now home from the hospital after undergoing eye surgery. Roy will be unable to read for a while, but up and able to have visitors. Welcome home Roy!

J. A. Sadler presented Benny Melton with a unique gift shortly before Christmas—It was one of the sickest looking cactus plants I've ever seen—in fact it looked like the poor little plant had been stricken several months previously!

What would we do without our friends and their fun filled pranks?—Life would become quite monotonous!

Christmas is over again for another year, but lets not lose our Christmas Spirit! Keep it up the year around. Continue to do special things for your friends and relatives. Reach out to those less fortunate and visit with those that are lonely. Be cheerful with individuals that are depressed and last but not least—Lets all Thank God for our many blessings—don't look back—look forward to another year with happiness and a Christian spirit.



Mona Faye Bartlett
retiring

Mona Faye Bartlett, Tax Assessor Collector for the Merkel Independent School District since 1971, will retire from her duties effective January 31st, 1977. Mona Faye has been very active since moving to Merkel in 1939, and intends to stay busy even after retirement.

Justice Prevails

By Mychale Hammond

We at The Merkel Mail would like to introduce to you, our readers and friends, a new editor. She is Martha Sue Justice, and most of you already know her. For those of you who do not—here is a little of her background: She was born in Sweetwater on January 2, 1936 and has lived in Midland, Snyder and San Antonio. She moved to Merkel seven years ago,

along with her husband, Larry; her daughter, Salinda; and her son, Donan. She has been on the Merkel Mail staff for two years, acting as advertising manager.

All the "Indians" on the newspaper staff are pleased to have Martha Sue as the "Chief." We know that as you become acquainted with her, you will be pleased too.

**REMEMBER
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STOCK
SHOW
SATURDAY**

Prominent Merkelite Horace Boney Dies

Horace O. Boney, 57, former Merkel mayor died at 9:30 p.m. Monday, December 27th at his home of an apparent heart attack. Services were held December 30th at the First Baptist Church in Merkel.

Survivors include his wife, a daughter, Mrs. Benny (Annette) Melton of Merkel; two granddaughters, Belynda Ann and Melynda Jan, both of Merkel; and a brother, Harold of Colorado City.

West Texas Rehab

The West Texas Rehabilitation Center television auction for "Rehab '77" received a tremendous boost last week when the keys and title for a 25 foot FK Free Spirit travel trailer built by the Holiday Rambler Corporation was presented to Shelley V. Smith, Executive Director, by Charles Gibson, manager, Southwest division of Holiday Rambler Corporation.

Smith stated that this was the largest single gift received to be auctioned on the January 8 telecast. Items, with a total value of almost \$35,000, have been pledged to the Center for the show.

Other items donated to this year's Auction Board are Tex Robin of Coleman, 1 pair of hand made boots-Retail Value \$175.00; Plastics Incorporated, 1 mile of plastic pipe-Retail Value \$900.00; Wedge Implement of Stamford, 7 shank Wedge chisel plow-Retail Value \$780.00; Butcher Block, 1 2 beef-Retail Value \$250.00; Shook Tire Company, 1 set of 4 Michlan Steel Belted radial tires-Retail Value \$425.00; Pender Company, Executive desk, chair and secretary's desk and chair-Retail Value \$2,000.00; Allene Portable Buildings, 1-8 x 12 colored building-Retail Value \$500.00; James Leddy, 1 pair of Ostrich or Ant Eater boots-Retail Value \$325.00; Gardener Turkeys, 10 turkeys-Retail Value \$175.00; Elanco, 5 cans of Trellan-Retail Value \$600.00; Bill Peagan of Hamilton, 1200 gallons of diesel delivered within 50 miles of Abilene-Retail Value \$480.00; and Sears, Microwave oven-Retail Value \$400.00.

Also donated are Knight Kampers, 1 camper-Retail Value \$425.00; Harold Crawford Firestone, 25" Philco color T. V.-Retail Value \$700.00; Subaru, Subaru-Retail Value \$9,516.40; Acco Feed Company, 6 tons of 21" Breeder Cubes-Retail Value \$900.00; Luskey's Western Store of Texas, H-C 1-Men's Dress Suit-Retail Value \$150.00; Silver Luskey Roper Saddle-Retail Value \$950.00; Luskey Roper Boots - 3 pair - Retail Value \$125.00 a pair; Resistol Hat-Retail Value \$125.00; Theratons, Refrigerator-Retail Value \$500.00; Logan's Trenching, 8 hours of backhoe services-Retail Value \$150.00; Arrow Ford, 2 city cars-Retail Value \$3,500.00.

each; Jim Dean, 6 pig skin coats - Ladies or Man's - Retail Value \$185.00 each; Godbold Industries of Lubbock and Marfa, 6 tons Mineral Block for Lubbock or Marfa-Retail Value \$900.00; Brister and SoRellel of Haskell, 1 mile of parallel terracing within 40 miles of Haskell-Retail Value \$1,400.00; Abilene Grain and Purina Feeds, 3 tons of 20% Purina range cubes-Retail Value \$480.00; General Welding Works of Stamford, 10' x 20' building-Retail Value \$1,050.00; Abilene Travel Town, Versi-Travel Trailer-Retail Value \$379.00; Wendy Ryan, hand made saddle-Retail Value \$600.00; and W. W. Manufacturing Company, Beef Master XL Squeeze Chute with yet gate-Retail Value \$740.00.

Also, Boyd Industries and West Texas Veterinary Supply Company, 1-15' Boyd built combination hay and feed trough-Retail Value \$360.00, 2-8' troughs-Retail Value \$55.00 each, and 3-12' troughs-Retail Value \$80.00 each.

Those people wishing to bid on these items can do so by watching the Rehab telecast starting at 7 p.m. January 8.

The following have made donations to the Merkel Cemetery Association.

Mrs. Jack Sayles, Mrs. H. B. Tandy and R. L. Bland Jr. in memory of R. L. Bland and Eula Ditz Bland
Ben and Elizabeth Hicks in memory of Horace Boney
A. Ward Berryman
C. B. and Helen Rust Lawrence, Blanche and Suzie Hewitt in memory of Horace Boney
Mrs. Geo. T. Moore in memory of Horace Boney
Mr. and Mrs. Earl Baze in memory of Horace Boney
Mr. M. E. Ryals
George Groene
Mrs. J. W. Cumpton in memory of J. W. Cumpton and Finley Martin
Mr. and Mrs. David Gamble Gertrude Liles in memory of my late husband, Cleo Liles Lila J. Stanley in memory of Ira Stanley
Mr. and Mrs. Norman King
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hester in memory of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Hester and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Horton
Cecil Justice
Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Bishop

Xi Nu Chi Starr Nursing Home News

News

Xi Nu Chi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held their annual New Years Eve party December 31st in the home of Kathy Leverich. Games and singing were enjoyed by all. To insure a happy and prosperous new year an elegant mid supper including black-eyed peas and cornbread was served to members and their husbands. Mr. and Mrs. John Brady, George Starbuck, Bobby DuBose, Bob Garner and Jimmy Leverich,

We have a new resident, Eddie Whisenant. We are sorry he is ill, we hope he will soon be able to be up and about.

Everyone else is fair at this writing only aches and pains.

To those who brought Mrs. Elizabeth Harris on gifts for Christmas, she and her family would like to express their thanks. She received so many gifts with no names and they do not know who to thank. She is over 90 years young and doesn't know who brought them.

Mr. Fred Reese and Mr. Fred Sherrill of California, Boyd Reese of Tuscola and O. T. Reese of Anson visited John Reese during the holidays.

The First Methodist Church of Merkel filled their appointment at the nursing home January 2. Rev. McAnally, minister brought the devotional. There was a large group of members who came to sing. The services were enjoyed by all.

After writing the news last week Robert Harris passed away. The nursing home ad-

ministrater, Brenda Roberts wanted to send him to the hospital but it was his request that he die in the nursing home. He said he had received such good care here and loved everyone. We miss him so much, he was such a good patient and appreciated everything anyone did for him. Our loss was Heaven's gain, he had been ready to go for a long time.

We are very sorry that Deloris Chavira's husband had an accident on the city trash truck. His hand and arm was caught in what they put the trash in. I do not know the name as I'm not very mechanical. He was carried to Hendricks Hospital where he is still a patient. Deloris is our evening L. V. N.

Thanks to the Robert Harris family for the beautiful mums they brought to go in the chapel for church services so that everyone might enjoy them.

Mr. Lloyd Knecht of San Antonio visited in the nursing home Saturday. He was one of the former owners of the Starr Nursing Home but sold out to two of the other owners. He came by to see how the remodeling was progressing. He drew up the plans for the remodeling. He still has homes at Gorman, Arlington and Stephenville.

Mrs. Minnie Farr had her three sons Dudley of San Angelo, Archie of Midland and Wayne of Abilene visiting her during the holidays. We still appreciate Mr. Pribles music, playing the piano. To those who have talent, why don't you remember our residents at the Starr Nursing Home and see how happy it makes them.

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Robert J. Harris Dies

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Mr. and Mrs. Henry Howard in memory of Horace Boney and Robt. Harris
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Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Conley in memory of Horace Boney and Robt. Harris
Mrs. Pet Touchstone in memory of Horace Boney
Dr. and Mrs. W. T. S adler in memory of Mrs. Fenton Boyd
Mrs. Wade Ensminger in memory of Horace Boney and Robt. Harris
Mr. and Mrs. Edwin E. Read in memory of Mrs. Fenton Boyd and Horace Boney
Mr. and Mrs. Orin Higgins in memory of Mrs. Fenton Boyd and Horace Boney
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Math 143 6:30-9:30 Mathematics of Finance
TUESDAY English 123 6:30-9:30 English Composition and Rhetoric
Math 163 6:30-9:30 Business Math
Psychology 223 6:30-9:30 Applied Psychology
WEDNESDAY Math 113 6:30-9:30 College Algebra
English 223 6:30-9:30 Readings in English Literature
THURSDAY History 123 6:30-9:30 History of the U. S. from Reconstruction
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WORDS CANNOT ADEQUATELY express our deep appreciation for the many kind and sympathetic acts that came to us at the time of our recent bereavement.
The Robert J. Harris Family
46-1tp

WE WISH TO EXPRESS OUR THANKS to all who had a part in making our 50th wedding anniversary a success, and for the gifts, visits cards and every act of kindness.
The Irl Walker Family
46-1tp

THE KINDNESS AND SYMPATHY of neighbors and friends in our recent sorrow will always remain with us as a precious memory. Our sincere thanks and gratitude for all those comforting acts.
A special thanks to Rev. Bob Whitlock of the Trent United Methodist Church for the beautiful services.
Wayne Boyd
John and Mary Boyd
G. W. and Faye Hughes
46-1tp

WE ARE SINCERELY grateful to friends and neighbors for their many kind acts of sympathy during our sad bereavement. Our appreciation cannot be adequately expressed.
God bless you.
Fannelle, Benny, Annette, Ann, Jan, and the Harold Boney Family
46-1tp

CANCER ANSWER LINE
American Cancer Society
M. D. Anderson Hospital and Tumor Institute

A reader explains: "I would like to know just how effective X-ray mammography is in finding breast cancer in women under 50. Out of 129,000 symptom-free women between 35 and 50, enrolled in breast cancer screening demonstration projects sponsored by the American Cancer Society and the National Cancer Institute, 223 women were found to have breast cancer on the initial screening. Of these, 100 breast cancers were found by mammography alone. Of great importance is the fact that the great majority of these 223 breast cancers were found in an extremely early stage when the probability of cure is excellent in most cases. And this mammography involves very low doses of radiation: an average of nine-tenths of a rad exposure to the center of each breast (a rad is the standard unit of measure).

A woman writes: "Several members of my family have had a colon-rectal cancer. I am concerned not only because I am afraid of developing the disease, but because I would rather die than have a colostomy." **ANSWERline:** A family history doesn't mean that you will ever actually develop colon-rectal cancer or even if you do, that you will require a colostomy. A colostomy is an operation in which the diseased portion of the bowel is removed, and an opening is created in the wall of the abdomen for the elimination of natural waste. A colostomy can rightfully be considered a symbol of life rather than death from untreated cancer. Today's medical rehabilitation techniques mean that the colostomate is better able to work, enjoy sports, and have sexual contact. Without minimizing the personal effort it takes to overcome the trauma of any cancer surgery, people who have had colostomies have formed self-help clubs (United Ostomy Association)

throughout the nation, and many are American Cancer Society volunteers eager to help the new colostomate adjust in a positive way. The ACS also supports the training of specialists, called enterostomal therapists, who are able to teach new patients how to be comfortable and confident. Colostomy may not yet be an easily-discussed topic, but there has been tremendous change.

The owner of a health food store writes: "When are they going to stop fluoridating our drinking water? Why should we be exposed to cancer just to prevent a few cavities?" **ANSWERline:** In a report that was issued by the National Cancer Institute in June, it was once again reaffirmed that fluoridation of drinking water does not contribute to cancer. The American Cancer Society fully agrees. And, further confirmation of this well-established fact comes from the Royal College of Physicians of London as well. Cavities are hardly a paltry problem, dental caries is one of the most prevalent of human diseases!

Do you have further questions? Call your local unit of the American Cancer Society or call M. D. Anderson Hospital & Tumor Institute's Cancer Information Service, 1-800-392-2040 toll-free in Texas, 792-3245 in the Houston area.

Ag officers
New officers of the Professional Agricultural Workers of Texas include President J. A. Marshall, Austin, director of agricultural education with the Texas Education Agency; First Vice President A. H. Walker, College Station, retired state agricultural leader with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service; Second Vice President Bruce Miller, Corpus Christi, with Central Power and Light Company; and Secretary-Treasurer Foy Page, Bryan, coordinator of teaching materials for Texas A & M University.

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San Antonio low, Abilene down

AUSTIN—For the fourth straight month, San Antonio's grocery bill of \$16.94 capped the list as the cheapest of 12 Texas market basket survey cities, Agriculture Commissioner John C. White said today.

According to the survey conducted by the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA), the average statewide price of 20 commonly-purchased grocery items totaled \$18.32 in December, some 13 cents above the average of November but only ten cents more than that reported four months earlier.

In releasing the December market basket survey of the 12 Texas cities, Commissioner White noted that grocery prices remained relatively stable throughout 1976.

National reports issued by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) also indicate that food prices are

expected to continue on a steady course into the New Year.

"But while the current food price situation may be stable at the retail level, producers at the beginning of the food chain generally had little to shout about in 1976 and can only look to the new year for any improvement in their profit picture," White said.

Farm prices for 1976 wound up at 66 per cent of parity, the lowest recorded in 43 years, with no crops or livestock except potatoes having gone above effective parity in months. Parity is computed as the minimum price at which production costs can be recouped.

While San Antonio led the survey with their lowest total some 17 cents above November, the highest total, \$18.99 for McAllen/Edinburg, was 36 cents above a month earlier.

Other cities included in the survey in order of total

price and with comparisons to their November surveys are: Austin, \$17.54, up 13 cents; Laredo, \$18.00, down six cents; Tyler, \$18.22, up nine cents; El Paso, \$18.32, up ten cents; Abilene, \$18.35, down nine cents; and Dallas, \$18.42, down three cents.

Also, Houston, \$18.59, up one cent; Fort Worth, \$18.73, up two cents; Corpus Christi, \$18.74, up 30 cents; and Lubbock, \$18.95, up 56 cents.

The expected stability in food prices into early 1977, caused by generally large food supplies, will only be partially offset by strong consumer demand, rising marketing costs, and seasonal price increases for several food categories.

Exceptions to the generally stabilized prices include that for coffee, which continues on the rise as the result of freezes which decimated much of the Brazilian crop. December survey results in the 12 Texas cities show a 19 cent increase in the price of a pound of coffee in December, with the statewide total averaging \$2.33.

Other items in the TDA market basket and their statewide average prices include: one gallon one-half per cent low fat milk, \$1.39; one gallon whole homogenized vitamin D milk, \$1.66; one dozen grade A large eggs, \$.92; 12 oz. package individually wrapped American cheese singles, \$1.28; one lb. margarine, \$.53; 24 oz. loaf white sandwich bread, \$.41; one lb. whole fryer chicken, \$.26; and one lb. regular ground beef, \$.80.

Also, one lb. round steak with bone, \$1.50; one lb. family pack pork chops, \$1.16; six and one-half oz. light chunk tuna, \$.64; one lb. bacon, \$1.10; one lb. Red Delicious apples, \$.45; 18 oz. box corn flakes, \$.67; one head lettuce, \$.44; one lb. fresh tomatoes, \$.67; one lb. dry pinto beans, \$.24; 49 oz. box detergent, \$1.42; and six oz. can frozen orange juice, \$.25.

Community College announces registration

The Community College Center of Abilene, an extension of Cisco Junior College, has announced that it will hold registration for the 1977 spring semester on Wednesday, January 12, with classes scheduled to begin a week later on the 19th.

Registration for day classes will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and students may sign up for night school courses from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. The enrollment sessions will be at the CCCA facilities at 1600 Sherman, near South 14th and the Winters Freeway.

CJC Registrar Olin O. Odum, III said that five different technical-vocational programs will have classes on the spring schedule. They are Mid-Management, Office Occupations, Maintenance Mechanics, Real Estate, and Child Care and Development. Mid-Management and Office Occupations will offer classes during both day and evening hours, while the other programs are set for night school only.

Detailed schedules and

further information may be obtained by contacting the CJC Dean of Admissions at Cisco or by getting in touch with Mr. David Allen at the CCCA, telephone 915-692-8386.

In addition to the five technical-vocational programs, offering some thirty-five different courses, the CCCA also teaches specialized programs in Law Enforcement and Fire Protection Technology at Dyess Air Force Base, and programs in Licensed Vocational Nursing and Fire Protection Technology in Abilene.

The CCCA began its operation at the 1600 Sherman location on a full-time basis during the preceding fall semester of 1976.

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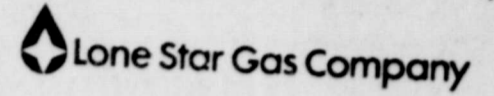
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A Statement of Intent has been filed with the City of Merkel

and is available for inspection at the Company's business office located at 1289 N. 2nd, Abilene or Merkel City Hall.



Cottonseed bargain supplement for cows

Both cow-calf producers and cotton farmers could benefit by doing some business with each other this year. If cattlemen would boost their winter feed supply by purchasing whole cottonseed from cotton farmers, they would be able to save on feed costs while at the same time helping cotton farmers sell their cottonseed.

Cottonseed was once a common cow feed, but its use has declined in recent years as the value of cottonseed oil has increased, point out Dr. Dennis Herd and Don Parks, beef cattle specialist and area economist, respectively, with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Cattlemen now commonly feed cotton oil by-products such as cottonseed meal, cubes and hulls. But current cottonseed and feed prices indicate that feeding whole cottonseed should be reconsidered.

Herd and Parks note these advantages of feeding whole

cottonseed:

1. Feeding value—Whole cottonseed, with 23 per cent protein and 90 per cent total digestible nutrients (TDN), contains 10-15 per cent more protein and 30 to 60 per cent more digestible energy than the typical 20 per cent protein range cube which may vary in fiber from 10 to 20 per cent. The extra energy is particularly helpful in successfully breeding and wintering fall calving cows.

The two Extension specialists suggest feeding 10 pounds of whole cottonseed whenever it may be fed cheaper than 3.5 pounds of cottonseed meal and 6.5 pounds of mlo. Costs should consider differences in labor, waste and storage which will vary greatly among cattlemen.

2. Amount of feed required—Less whole cottonseed is required compared to range cubes, particularly for cows nursing calves.

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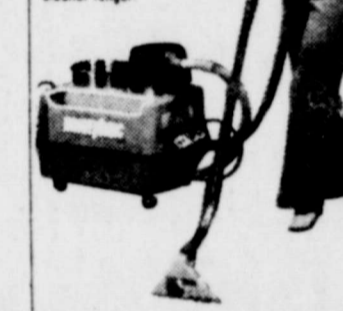
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Visits and Visitors

Yaddows in Nebraska

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Yaddow and Todd spent the Christmas holidays in Mead, Nebraska visiting Lee's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. David Todd and Lee's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Yaddow of New York.

Harris visit San Antonio

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Harris and son Randy spent Christmas in San Antonio visiting with Mr. and Mrs. James Frame, Mrs. Della Callison, Mr. and Mrs. Don Walker, and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Reddin.

Leon had the opportunity to get out Thursday before Christmas for a little deer hunting and did bag one. However the trip almost ended badly when they were nearly involved in an automobile accident.

Johnnie Cindle home

Miss Johnnie Cindle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Shugart was home for the holidays. Johnnie is attending a court reporting school in Fort Worth where she will graduate in April.

Mrs. T. T. Carey in Amarillo

Mrs. T. T. Carey and family had a happy holiday week while spending Christmas with 23 other family members in Amarillo.

Ford Smith visitors

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ford Smith Jr. during the Christmas weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Wood, Tammy and Kenneth Jr. of Pauls Valley, Oklahoma.

Shugarts entertain

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Shugart entertained 85 friends and relatives in their home Christmas Eve. Son, Tony, was also home for the holiday festivities. Tony is stationed in San Diego, California.

Vaughn visitors

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Huddleston and children of South Bend, Indiana are in Merkel visiting with Norman's mother Mary Vaughn. Miss Pam Lollar of Bazona, Texas is also visiting in the Vaughn home. Pam is her granddaughter.

Pangle visitors

Ruth Pangle was visited during the Christmas holidays by her son and daughter-in-law and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Pangle of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Holts have a fun Christmas

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Holt had a beautiful Christmas this year due to all the family being together. Mrs. Holt said, "It wasn't just the food and the gifts that were important. The important part of our Christmas was just the fun and joy of all of us being together."

Mrs. Johnson in Hurst

Mrs. Zedie Johnson just returned from spending the holidays with her son and daughter-in-law, the Glen Johnsons and granddaughter Karen in Hurst, Texas.

Hewitt visitors

Visiting in the T. L. Hewitt home during Christmas was Larry and Patty Hewitt of Orange, Texas, Fred Farmer of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. James E. Farmer of San Antonio, Brenda and Melinda Farmer of San Antonio and Mr. and Mrs. Travis Farmer and Dusty of Abilene.

Home from college

Mr. and Mrs. Larry White and son, Russell, were happy to have their daughter, Rhonda, home for the holidays. Rhonda is a freshman at Tarleton State University at Stephenville.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Christmas Party

Dear Editor,

On December 6th I had a group of girls from Abilene State School in my home for a party. It was very cold and my Santa had the flu. Never the less those ten girls made Christmas a very joyous time.

If you don't know how much these groups enjoy such a little, sometime drop by. They enjoyed every minute and they make you enjoy it also. This is my third year

for them and I never once regret it.

Sometimes we get blue and depressed and feel our life at an end and then along comes someone who can make you happy.

We would like to take time to say Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone who has helped me this year in my work.

Mrs. Fay Jones and Girls from Dorm 51

Myrtle Duncan

Funeral Held

Miss Myrtle Duncan, 82, of San Angelo died December 25th. Services were at 2 p.m., December 27th at Cook-Walden Funeral Home.

Miss Myrtle Elizabeth Duncan, R. N. was born October 19, 1894 in the Highland Community in Travis County. She was the daughter of the late William T. Duncan, who later settled in the Golan Community of Jones County.

Miss Duncan was graduated as a Registered Nurse from the Seton Hospital School of Nursing of Austin, Texas in 1919. Most of her life was spent as a special duty nurse in the Austin hospitals.

For the past several years

she had made her home in the Cactus Hotel of San Angelo later being transferred to the Baptist Memorial Hospital of San Angelo.

She is survived by a number of nieces and nephews; Mrs. Wanda Tittle, Mrs. Wilma Schrimsher both of Merkel; Mrs. Frances Morrison of Frisco; Mrs. Maxine Miller of Roswell, New Mexico; Mrs. Ann Cross of Wichita Falls; Mrs. Billie Langston of Abilene; Granville Byrom, Odessa; Leonard Stribling, Duncan Stribling of Huntsville and Lloyd Thompson of Boise, Idaho.

Interment was in Austin

New specialist

C. Jeannine Callahan has joined the state 4-H and youth specialist staff of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, with headquarters at College Station. The new specialist served as an Extension assistant in Dallas County for the past two months, and before that was a 4-H communications specialist with the Extension Service. In her new role, she will be involved in interpreting 4-H programs to Extension audiences, developing educational materials for youth and adult audiences, and in assisting with various 4-H activities.

Basketball schedule

January 4--Ballinger at Merkel boys, girls, 5 p.m. (District 6-AA game)
January 6--Merkel 8, 9 boys at Sweetwater tournament
January 7--Merkel boys, girls at Stamford, 4 p.m. (District 6-AA game)

New Health Care Introduced

Representative Omar Burleson (D-Tex.) introduced legislation recently that seeks to improve the nation's health care system without imposing excessive new taxes or creating a burdensome and expensive Federal bureaucracy.

In proposing the National Health Care Act of 1977, the veteran Texas legislator, who serves on the House Ways and Means Health Subcommittee, told Congress that the goal of better health care for all Americans can be attained now "if we enlist all our resources, private and public, in a meaningful and workable partnership to frame solutions that are both realistic and effective."

Burleson said he believes this legislation offers us "the most effective, efficient and economical way to improve health care and extend its availability to all Americans. My bill would build on the present health delivery and insurance system with improved Federal standards and guidelines. It would not only improve protection for all Americans, but it would also help control the cost of health care. This bill would achieve

these goals without destroying the present health care system which has served our nation well. It would not create a burdensome and expensive Federal bureaucracy and it would not impose unconscionably higher taxes on our already overtaxed citizenry. It is time to improve our present health delivery and insurance system, not destroy it."

He said the National Health Care Act addresses the most complex problems--rising medical costs, lack of ambulatory health facilities, inadequate cost and quality controls, diffused leadership patterns, fear of catastrophic illness, and uneven benefit levels. Burleson noted that it does so "by the most efficient, least expensive methods, while blending the expertise and strengths of the major elements of the private sector with the unique capacities of Federal and State governments."

The National Health Care Act has important advantages over any Government-administered and financed program. Burleson explained, "For one thing, it would cost far less in Federal taxes and divert far fewer tax dollars from other high-priority social needs."

Burleson also noted that the Health Security Act, which was proposed in the last session of Congress, would require an increase in new Federal tax dollars of \$130 billion by 1980, according to a cost study done for HEW in September, 1976. "The nation cannot afford such a new expenditure. The legislation which I am introducing today would not create these

excessive new taxes." Burleson concluded that this is no time to enact a program of nationalized compulsory health insurance that would greatly increase Federal health care costs and place an excessive new strain on the Federal budget.

Nursing home

course offered

Cisco Junior College officials have announced that a 200-hour program in Nursing Home Administration will begin at their Cisco campus in the spring semester of 1977, registration for which will be held in mid-January.

The various NHA courses to be offered will be the first taught by the Cisco college in several years. The reason for the proposed program, according to Technical-Vocational Dean Gerald Bint, is that a new state law requires that new administrators of nursing homes have a specified amount of college training in order to be certified.

Dean Bint further stated that a new law requiring nursing home administrators to have an associate, or two-year, college degree has been temporarily suspended in order to fill the present need, but in the near future the legal requirement of the degree would be reinstated. In the meantime, a 200-hour program, consisting of five 3-credit courses is the minimum requirement for certification.

The Change is Here . . . One More Time.

With the new year comes a new system in seed standards for Texas, and when you buy certified seed they will apply to you.

Certified seed carries two labels. One label will be the official certification; this will assure that the seed is the variety stated on the label.

The other label will list analysis of the seed. These will include such factors as purity, inert matter, other crop seed, weed seed, noxious weed seed, and germination percentage.

That's the label you'll need to study carefully to determine if the seed will meet your requirements.

It will be up to you as an individual producer to study the label to make sure you are getting the seed best suited for you.

The Texas state seed law has as its purpose to assure agricultural producers of getting the best seed possible. Reasons for the change include encouraging competition for producing higher quality seed; allowing production of certified seed having quality characteristics for different markets; encouraging international seed trade; and establishing uniformity with the federal seed act.

Producers having questions about the change should contact Texas Department of Agriculture officials. The TDA is charged with the responsibility of administering the Texas seed law.

One of the most asked questions concerns how the variety identification is insured by certified seed. The registered class of seed must be produced from foundation or breeder class of seed. The certified class of seed must be produced from foundation, registered, or breeder class of seed. Seed production fields and processing plants are inspected by the TDA to insure that genetic identity is maintained.

Another question relates to certified seed having a high germination percentage. The germination percentage may vary. It is required that the analysis label give the germination percentage, and you must then determine if this meets your requirements.

Your seed dealer can also answer other questions relating to the new standards now in effect throughout the state.

ONE MORE REMINDER comes from the Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service about those crop and livestock questionnaires.

About 75,000 Texas agricultural producers have or will be receiving a crop or livestock questionnaire. If you do receive such a form, you are requested to fill it out as accurately as possible and return it promptly.

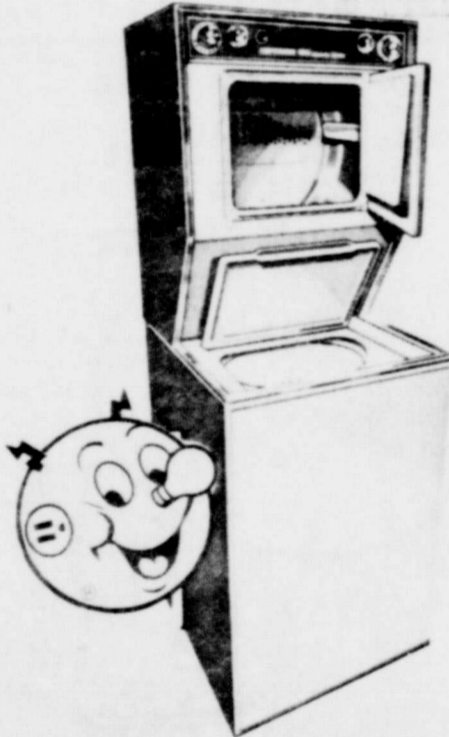
These will be the basis for determining the financial balance sheet for Texas agriculture, our state's most basic and important industry.

The reports will be confidential and will not be released on an individual basis to anyone.

All figures will be used as they relate to county, state, and national totals for agriculture production figures.

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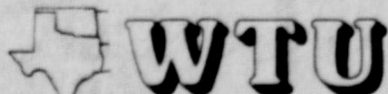
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Farmers facing continued bad news

Texas Farmers Union has reacted to the agricultural "price report" released October 29 with a statement that it amounts to "bad news for farmers and consumers."

The statement released for publication at the Texas Farmers Union state office in Waco stated as follows: The "agricultural prices" report reflecting prices received by farmers as of October 15, shows that the economic well-being of the

nations farmers and ranchers has slipped again. The national parity ratio, an accurate measure of the agricultural economy, relative to other segments, has dropped to the lowest of any months since 1971. The report shows that it is now only 68 per cent of parity.

This means that farmers are doing worse, relative to the rest of the economy, than they did even in the depression years, when they were

receiving 81 per cent of parity. Farmers did best during the Truman administration, 1946-1952, when farmers received an average of 107 per cent of parity. They did worse during the administration of President Ford since 1975 when they only received an average of 73 percent of parity.

The fact that farmers are not being compensated for the tremendous risk that they take, and are only earning a "return on equity" of about 4.7 per cent, translates into a serious economic problem for our nation's agriculture as well as the consumers.

shortages in possibly one year or 18 months at the longest.

Parity is the best measure of the economic well-being of farmers, and is still an integral part of national farm laws. Farmers are en-

titled to 100 per cent of parity to give them the incentive to take the risks that they must take to produce in abundance. The news that the parity ratio has dropped below the 70 per cent mark is very bad for the nation.



Mr. & Mrs. Bob Dye

Dye's celebrate 50th

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dye were honored Sunday December 26th with a dinner for their 50th wedding anniversary in the home of their daughter and son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Don King.

Mrs. Dye was born in Bandaro County November 17, 1907 and Mr. Dye was born in Fisher County March 16, 1907. During their marriage they have lived in the Merkel area and farmed all their married life.

Their children are Bobby Dye, El Paso; Mrs. Jerry (Beulah) Kinsey, Merkel; and Mrs. Don (Mogene) King, Merkel. The couple has nine grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Aliens report Confidential

According to Mr. Joe F. Staley District Director of the San Antonio Immigration and Naturalization Service office, the information furnished by aliens in reporting their addresses has been declared confidential by statute.

These reports must be submitted during January each year by all aliens in the United States, with few exceptions. Forms on which to submit

the reports are available at any Post Office or office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service. Persons who are unable to pick up a form because of illness, or other reasons, may have a relative or friend obtain a card for them.

The card should have a 13¢ postage stamp affixed and placed in the mail.

Parents or guardians of aliens under fourteen years of age submit reports for such children.

Foundation head

T. A. Kincaid of San Antonio, long-time trustee of the Southwest Animal Health Research Foundation (SWAHRF), has been named president of the livestock industry support group, and Ed Ketchum of Duncan, Oklahoma, vice president. Jerry Puckett of Fort Stockton is the new secretary-treasurer. Foundation trustees, at a recent meeting in Austin, voted to continue the efforts of the Foundation "as long as the screwworm problem poses a threat to the United States and Mexico" and will cooperate with the Joint U. S.-Mexico Screwworm Commission in current efforts to eradicate the costly livestock pest from both countries.

SWAHRF was organized in 1961 to assist in launching the Southwestern Screwworm Eradication Program at Mission, and has aided livestock industry efforts in the screwworm control program through the years.

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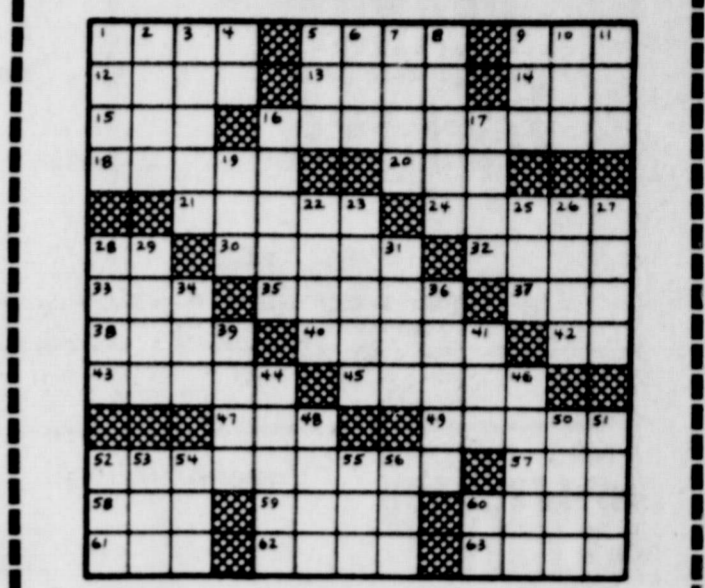
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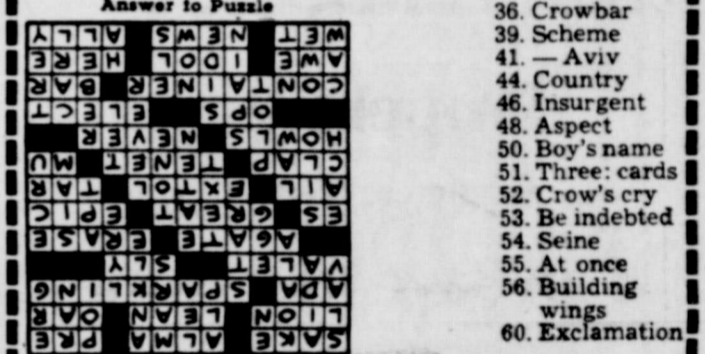
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 - Spare
 - Paddle
 - Girl's name
 - Glistening
 - Manservant
 - Crafty
 - Quartz
 - Rub out
 - Suffix: plural
 - Enormous
 - Heroic poem
 - Be ill
 - Praise
 - Pitch
 - Applaud
 - Doctrine
 - Greek letter
 - Wails
 - At no time
 - Saturn's wife
 - Choose
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Past Matrons Club have Christmas party

The Past Matrons Club had their annual Christmas party for the members and their husbands. A delicious covered dish dinner was served. The Masonic annex hall was beautifully decorated. Following the meal, gifts were exchanged. Mrs. W. R. Cypert read the story of the Christ Child. Mrs. H.

C. Reid read "Christmas in the White House."

Present for this enjoyable occasion were Messrs. and Mesdames: W. R. Cypert, Tom Allday, H. C. Reid, Alfred Parham, Ted Pargament, Weldon McAninch, Fred Starbuck, Mesdames: Florence Berry, Jewell Dunagin, Lena Dunagin, Mae

Seago, Viola Ensminger, Thelma Griffin, Anna Belle Shouse, and Wanda Clyburn, and Mr. Don Clyburn.



The average distance between neighboring galaxies is about a million light years.

Seminar attended

Joyce Minnich, Brenda Roberts, Carolyn Martin and Mary (Outlaw) Wimberly attended a seminar at the Sheridan Inn in Abilene for 6 hours of continuing education for the

nursing home administrators. They must have 30 hours every 2 years to continue being an administrator besides paying a fee for their license.



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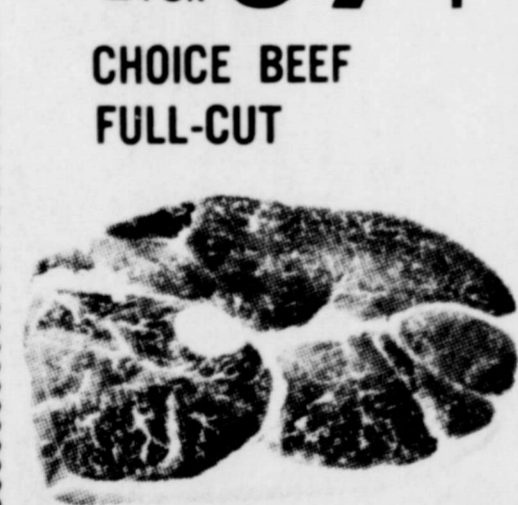
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