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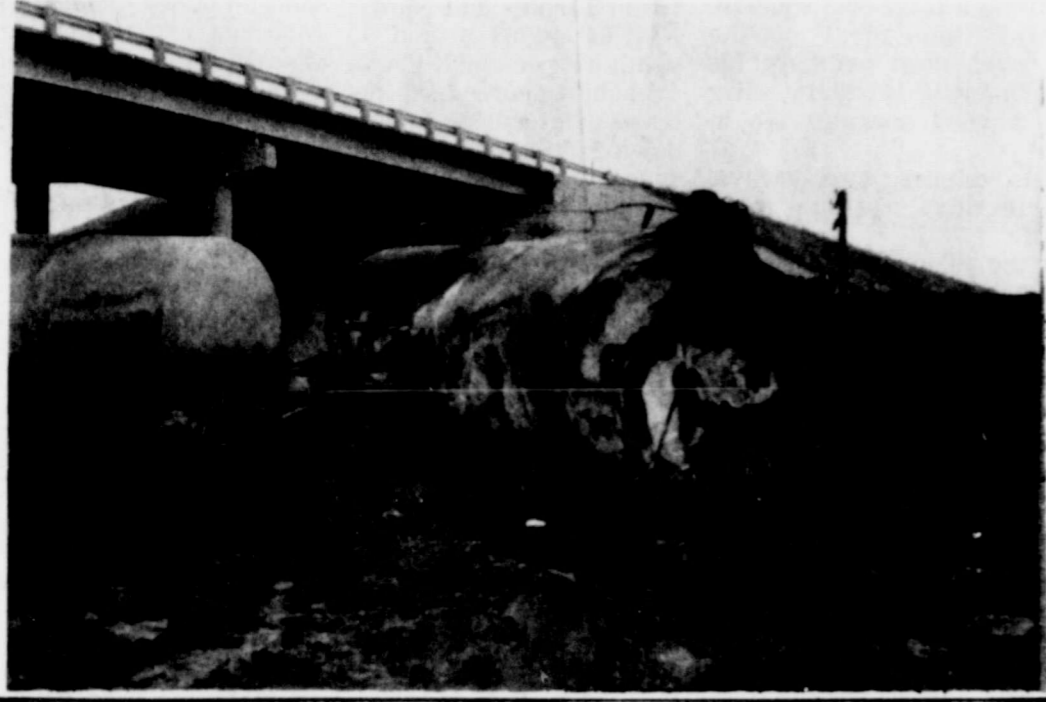
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Train Derailment Causes Evacuation In View



About 40 View residents were evacuated Saturday for safety reasons after 21 cars of a Santa Fe train derailed and were destroyed. The 73 car train going from Brownwood to Sweetwater with a destination of Kings Mill in the Panhandle, had the mishap at approximately 2:30 p.m. The train had 3 tanks loaded with 60,000 gallons of methyl alcohol.

The derailment was apparently caused by a faulty wheel on an empty box car. Fifty tank cars and gondolas were lying up and down both sides of the tracks.

Three tank cars loaded

with methyl alcohol ignited during the wreck.

Firemen from Merkel, Tye and Abilene were there to help fight the blaze. The fire was brought under control shortly after 5:30 p.m.

Approximately 450 feet of tracks and ties were plowed up. Repairs were still in progress late Sunday night. Trains were able to move on the east bound track early Sunday morning while further work is needed on the more heavily damaged west track.

Residents of View were able to return home Sunday.



Mark White Files for Attorney General

AUSTIN -- Mark White Friday paid his \$1,500.00 filing fee to State Democratic candidate for Attorney General.

White resigned as Secretary of State in October, 1977, to make the race. He was appointed to that position in January, 1973.

Before being the state's highest appointed official, White practiced as a private attorney and served as an Assistant Attorney General.

White said that he has received a tremendous reception as he campaigns across the state. "During the last week, I have been in Waco, Dallas, Bryan, Amarillo, Lubbock, Elgin and Bastrop, and the response to my candidacy is gratifying at each stop.

I have informed the people of my record. They know that I returned more than \$4 million to the state treasury during my

tenure in office without cutting the services. Texans want more efficient, economical government. I am committed to continue this frugality in the Office of Attorney General."

White, 38, has both an

undergraduate degree and a law degree from Baylor University. Born in Henderson (Rusk County), he grew up in Houston. He and his wife, the former Linda Gale Thompson of Irving, have three children.

Ann Mansfield Graduates Magna Cum Laude

Ann Mansfield, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. L.S. Tipton, 501 Yucca St., Merkel, has graduated magna cum laude from The University of Texas at San Antonio

with a bachelor of arts degree in anthropology. She was a December graduate.

A 1965 graduate of Merkel High School, Mrs.

Mansfield received teacher certification and was named to the Dean's List and Honor Roll while at UTSA.

Magna cum laude graduates have earned an overall grade-point average and a UTSA grade-point average of 3.50 or higher.

School Board Election April 1st

The Board of Trustees of the Merkel Independent School District has set the school board election for April 1.

There are 3 places to be filled on the board. All three seats are for 3-year

terms.

Filing deadline is March 1.

Filing papers for those wishing to run for one of the board seats can be obtained at the office of the Superintendent.

AMVETS Hold Student Driver Contest

FORT WORTH -- Wallace Sheppard of Fort Worth has been named 1978 state chairman for Operation Driver Excellence, the youth safe driving competition sponsored by the American Veterans of World War II, Korea and Vietnam (AMVETS) and National Dodge dealers.

Sheppard, who is commander of AMVETS Texas 6th District will direct local and state eliminations to determine Texas' representative in the 11th annual 'Operation D.E.' national finals to be held at Opryland, near Nashville, Tenn., May 6-9.

A total of \$10,000 in scholarships and prizes, including a new Dodge Aspen automobile, will be awarded winners there.

Sheppard was named chairman by AMVETS state commander Daryl Hazel of Dallas, who said the youth safe driving program is aimed at highlighting nationally, the importance of properly preparing teenagers for the responsibilities that go with driving a car.

To be eligible of the driving program, applicants must be high school students, and must have completed the driver's education course between the period of March 1, 1977 and February 28, 1978 inclusive, have a valid learner's permit or driver's license at the time of respective contests (Post, 3402.

District, State and National).

Chairman Sheppard states that the Fort Worth area and District 6 contests will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 4, 1978 at the Lawrence D. Bell High School, 1601 Brown Trail, Hurst, TX. It would be advisable for your applicant to appear a little earlier, so as to familiarize themselves with the course, and the Dodge automobile that will be used for the competition.

There will be trophies awarded for the First, Second, and Third place from each of the AMVETS post. The First Place winners will also qualify for the State Finals, which will be held at the same location, on Saturday April 1, 1978 at 1:00 p.m.

State champions win an all-expense-paid trip to the national finals for themselves and their chaperones. During the three days at Opryland, the finalists will undergo rigorous tests of their safe driving knowledge and skills before a national champion is determined.

Students wishing to enter should contact your local AMVETS Post or Wallace Sheppard at P.O. Box 14409, Fort Worth, TX 76117 or Area code 817-924-3216. Those in the Houston area are asked to notify Leo Bean at 7305 Edna, Houston, TX 77087, 713-222-3402.

THE BAND BOOSTERS WILL BE MEETING MONDAY, FEB. 13, 7:00 P.M. AT THE BAND HALL.



Pictured are Rev. Keith Blake, his wife Nancy, and their two children, Paul and Dixie.

Special Valentines Day

Service At Calvary Baptist Church

Calvary Baptist Church announces a special Valentines Day event to be held Tuesday night Feb. 14th at 7:00 p.m. Bro. Keith Blake, pastor of Bowie St. Baptist Church, San Angelo, will be the main speaker. He is bringing with him "Rejoice," a gospel quartet composed of he, his wife Nancy, and Rob and Juanita Jupp. Special singing

by members of Calvary Baptist Church and Fundamental Baptist Church of Sweetwater is planned. The event will begin with a churchwide supper at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall at the church. Special services will follow at 7:00.

This special churchwide Valentine event will be held rather than the regular mid-week service or Wednesday night.

News and Thoughts

By Martha Sue Justice



Guest Writer for this week is Lillian Pack

Martha Sue is in San Antonio this week. Her mother, Mrs. Bee Hubbard, who has been in the hospital for some time had to have cardiovascular surgery Monday, February 6. We talked to Martha Sue yesterday and her mother is in fair condition. We all wish her a speedy recovery and hope that it won't be long before Martha Sue can be home again. She is really missed by The Merkel Mail Staff when she's gone.

Mr. Onis Crawford suffered a heart attack last Wednesday night. He was in intensive care for several days but is in a room now and doing well. I'm sure that Mr. Crawford would enjoy hearing from his many friends in Merkel. His room number is 605A.

There is going to be a special event in Merkel, Friday, Feb. 24. From what I hear there will be no admission charge and it is something that the whole community will enjoy. Watch next week for more details on this.

Walls Factory Outlet officially opened its doors for business Monday, January 30. Emma Lois Shugart is managing the store with the help of two full time employees, Pat Bigbee, Laura Mize, and one part-time employee Maxine McDaniel. The store hours are from 8:30 - 5:30 daily six days a week. They have clothing for the entire family. This is just one of many outlet stores in Texas.

With Valentine's Day approaching it is only appropriate that you would think of someone you love and means a lot to you. Below is a poem written by Patricia Spradling.

"A TOAST TO LOVE"

Lets toast to love, the light of our lives, and all the little things, that help us to survive. Lets toast to kindness, each endearing word, let our feelings be seen, as well as heard. Lets toast to flowers

Valentines and lace, champagne and candy, to light up your someones face. Lets toast to tenderness, or an understanding smile, and taking the time, to sit and talk awhile. Lets toast to our autumn years, when the silver streaks our hair, when we sit and reminisce, of the joys and love we shared through the years. But, for now my darling, let us toast to our todays, and thank God, for letting our paths cross, in such a special way.

By Patricia Spradling
January 26, 1978

By grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast. (Ephesians 2:8-9)

Apart from God there is only sin and death.

Note From Tommy's Desk;

While Martha Sue is gone things haven't quite been up to par, course they aren't up to par when she is here either so we are managing.

Lillian and I were at View this past week trying to sneak in and look at a train wreck and snap a few pictures, and were successful in most of our attempts except for getting Lillian safely up and down the embankment of the overpass that the train hit. The road to the overpass was closed so Lillian drove down a small (very small) road beside the overpass and pulled up by some men trying to fix the telephone line. Needless to say, the men were delighted at the prospects of getting their picture in the paper, but as time went by, they changed their minds. There really wasn't any way to get a good picture unless we were up high, so we began climbing the embankment. Lillian was certainly careful, after all, we had climbed about one-third of the way up and she still had not fallen. Her will power was decreasing however and I thought it was going to take a crain to lift her the rest of the way. The telephone men offered to take us up in their two men lift but I declined the offer because of the weight factor involved with Lillian and I, (mostly Lillian).

The rest of the trip was quite enjoyable for me, loaded with lots of laughter I climbed to the top and took pictures, and when I was ready to return to the car Lillian finally met me at the top of the embankment to walk me back down, poor dear, she was exhausted. Well I had the car warmed up, by the time Lillian was half way down the hill, and was getting impatient when down comes Lillian swishing by the catus plant and coming to a dead halt at the car. Well, I was just amazed at the accuracy of the trip because she still had her purse in hand and hadn't lost one contact in the little adventure, and stopped at the car door, (you should see the dent).

The pictures had been taken and we didn't waste any time about it so I felt that the reporting attempt was successful. (Please don't mind the state that Lillian is in this week, she will recover fully, but about that dent. . . .)



WELL, FIRST I BOUGHT AN ESEL.... THEN I BOUGHT A FARM.....

Poor Folks And Politics

By Dale Hammond

A while back I was in deep conversation with an old acquaintance of mine from days gone by about the plight of our area farmers and their recent trip to Washington to lay their cause at the feet of the powers that be.

This old and trusted friend, whose name is Winesap Sloweiki, expressed great concern that our farmer brethren might get taken in by the strange and foreign tongue spoken there by the elected inhabitants. Winesap said this language is called "Washingtonese", and to really understand this language, Winesap says you've got to listen to what the politician says, which is one thing, and then interpret this into what he really means. This can't be learned in a day. So old Winesap has offered to break this "Washingtonese" down so the average ol' boy can understand just exactly what it is he's being told, or not told, by our duly elected Representatives there in that strange and exotic cloud coo coo land called Washington D.C.

Winesap's credentials are impeccable and he has vast experience in Big Government. He was a janitor at the County Courthouse for nine years, and as a trustee, he served faithfully and honorably on the lawn mower crew assigned to manure the Governors' lawn. He has a Bachelor's degree in Political Science from the University of Nubia and

certificates of completion from two mail order correspondence courses on brain surgery and political psychology.

Winesap says for instance, if a Politician says: "We have taken the plight of our Great and noble farmer to heart and a blue ribbon panel has been appointed to study ways to improve his situation." The politician is really saying: "There ain't none of us here in Washington who would touch that item with a ten foot pole", or other examples as follows: POLITICIAN: "It gives me great pleasure to greet the farm delegation from the great state of Texas here in my humble office." TRANSLATION: "I told that stupid secretary to tell those guys I wasn't in." POLITICIAN: "Gentlemen, I've just introduced a far reaching and comprehensive farm reform bill to house." TRANSLATION: "It's an election year and I need the votes, actually what you see is what you get!" POLITICIAN: "Gentlemen, the entire nation has taken up your noble

cause." TRANSLATION: "Fella's as long as folks in my district have full bellies I ain't doing nothing to rock the boat!" POLITICIAN: "Boys once Congress passes my farm bill, you'll see better times".

TRANSLATION: "That turkey ain't got a snow balls chance in the Sahara Desert! But it'll look good on my record election year." POLITICIAN: "Gentlemen, you must remember I'm only one man here on Capitol Hill and things are not always that easy." TRANSLATION: "Sorry Fella's, I'm already on the hook to the big chain food processors!" POLITICIAN: "The fact that the American farmer, representing only a small fraction of our great country's population, can feed the world is a source of inspiration to the entire nation." TRANSLATION: "I've counted votes and our farmers are on the short end of the stick - sorry fella's." POLITICIAN: "We here in Washington are committed to preserve the TRANSLATION: "We'll put one in a museum for

preservation." POLITICIAN: "Gentlemen I'm sorry I'm late, but I worked on your Parity demands rather late last night." TRANSLATION: "What a party! Where's that secretary with my Plop! Plop! Fizz-Fizz!"

POLITICIAN: "Gentlemen, the Democratic process is slow and filled with many pitfalls and obstacles." TRANSLATION: "You fellas got a ny money?" POLITICIAN: "The farmer's problem is my problem and I will not shirk my duty to my constituents in their hour of need." TRANSLATION: "If you guys think you've got problems just wait until the press finds out my secretary had to leave town!"

Ol' Winesap said these are just a few examples of how to translate "Washingtonese". Of course he admits his systems is not perfect and some folks might be offended by his interpretations but it's like he says, "Politicians started writing their on language the day they decided they was smarter than the folks who hired them! ! !

What Is A Farmer?

Farmers are found in fields plowing up, seeding down, returning from, planting to, fertilizing with, spraying for and harvesting it. Wives help them, little boys follow them, the Agriculture Department confuses them, city relatives visit them, salesman detain them, meals wait for them, weather can delay them, but it takes Heaven to stop them.

When your car stalls along the way, a farmer is a considerate, courteous, inexpensive road service. When a farmer's wife suggests he buy a new suit, he can quote from memory every expense involved in operating the farm last year, plus the added expenses he is certain will crop up this year. Or else he assumes the role of the indignant shopper, impressing upon everyone within earshot the pounds of pork he must produce in order to pay for a suit at today's prices. A farmer is a paradox - he is an "overallled" executive with his home his office; a scientist using fertilizer attachments; a purchasing agent in an old straw hat; a personnel director with grease under his finger nails; a dietitian with a passion for alfalfa, animals and antibiotics; a production expert faced with a surplus; and a manager battling a price-cost squeeze. He manages more capital than most of the businessmen in town. He loves noon auctions, his neighbors, Saturday nights in town, his shirt collar unbuttoned, and above all a good soaking rain in August.

He is not much for droughts, ditches, throughways, experts, weeds, eight-hour days, helping with housework, or grasshoppers. Nobody else is so far from the telephone or close to God. Nobody else gets so much satisfaction out of modern plumbing, favorable weather and good ice cream.

Nobody else can remove all those things from his pockets and on washday still have overlooked: five "steeples", one cotter key, a rusty spike, three grains of corn, the stub end of lead pencil, a square tape, a \$4.98 pocket watch, and a cupful of chaff in each trouser cuff.

A farmer is both Faith and Fatalist - he must have faith to continually meet the challenges of his capacities amid and ever-present possibility that an act of God (a late spring, an early frost, tornado, flood, drought) can bring his business to a standstill. You can reduce his acreage, but you can't restrain his ambition.

Might as well put up with him - he is your friend, your competitor, your customer, your source of food, and fiber, and self-reliant young citizens to help replenish your cities.

He is your countryman - a denim-dressed, business-wise, fast-growing statesman of stature.

And when he comes in at noon having spent the energy of his hopes and dreams he can be recharged anew with the magic words: "The Market's Up".

National Honor Society Meets

The National Honor Society of Merkel High School met Friday to discuss upcoming projects. We will be offering a tutoring service to any students needing help from 7th grade up to 12th grade. Students may call these people to set up an appointment either at home or at school: Marlon White 692-4655, Randy Cox 692-7091, Suzy Rister 928-5401, Freda Crenshaw 928-5887, and Kandi Ascencio whom you may contact at school.

Officers were chosen Friday. They are Kandi Ascencio-President, Marlon White-Vice-President, Freda Crenshaw-Secretary, Randy Cox-Treasurer, Suzy Rister-Reporter.

Visits & Visitors

Mrs. Zedic L. Johnson has returned from a 2 week visit with her son, Zedic Johnson and family, of Fort Worth.

"A grapefruit is a lemon that had a chance and took advantage of it." Anonymous

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Girls Varsity Basketball News

The varsity girls pulled off a close victory over the Stamford Bulldogs last Tuesday night by a score of 46 to 42. The Badgers led the Bulldogs for 3 full quarters, but the Bulldogs stubbornly fought back to pull within one point during the remaining minutes of the game. With a little more than a minute left, Stamford edged Merkel for the lead; the Badgers, however, kept their composure and used a deliberate attack to regain the lead and held the lead until the final buzzer.

Cindy Boone led all scores with 30 points while Gwen Tarpley and Norma Frazier added 5 and 10 points respectively. Freda Crenshaw spurred the defensive effort by pulling down 15 rebounds and 12 saves. Pam Morgan got 5 rebounds and 4 saves, Gina Farmer had 5 and 7 while Becky Watts had 2 rebounds and 3 saves.

Merkel started a strong first half against the Wylie girls Friday night and led

them at the half time by 5 points. In the third quarter, the Wylie girls came back strong to outscore Merkel 15 to 5. Merkel played with Wylie in the fourth quarter but could not regain the lead. When the game was over, Wylie had taken a major step toward winning their fifteenth district championship in a row by defeating Merkel 41-37.

Cindy Boone led the scoring attack for the Badgers with 17 points. Gwen Tarpley adds 10, Norma Frazier 8 and Cindy Smith had 2 points. Freda Crenshaw and Pam Morgan pulled in 10 and 9 rebounds respectively on the defensive end. Gina Farmer had 11 saves and Becky Watts had 6 to add to a strong attack against the Wylie forwards.

Wylie was 60 in the first rebound and is 3-0 in the second round of district play. Merkel was 5-1 and is now 2-1. The girls record for the year is 20 wins against 6 losses.

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3-tfc

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51-1tp

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Mr. & Mrs. Roy Hewitt

51-1tc

Our heartfelt thanks to all who extended comforting sympathy and help in our recent sorrow. For the beautiful service, floral offerings, food and other kindness, we are deeply grateful.

The Family of
Odell Barnes

51-1tp

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INCOME OPPORTUNITY for an agriculture oriented person, selling a full line of farm seeds to farms and ranches on a commission basis. Send resume, to Miller Seed Co. Box 886, Hereford, Tx. 79045.

49-4tc

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48-tfc

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Attest: Irene Crawford Clerk,

42nd District Court
Taylor County, Texas
By Sandra Harris, Deputy.
51-4tc

PUBLIC NOTICE

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Victor Allen Seiss, Respondent;

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 14th day of March A.D. 1978, to Plaintiff's First Amended, Petition filed in said court, on the 31st day of January A.D. 1978, in the cause, numbered 35,265-A on the docket of said court and styled Francisco Solis dba Allied Steel Erectors, Plaintiff, vs. William B. Freeman, Defendant. A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: plaintiff did enter into a contract with defendant for two coats of paint on house and garage at 601 N. 21st Street, Abilene, Taylor County, Texas; said contract was paid for by checks on the following dates and amounts: 10-11-74, \$200.00; 10-25-74, \$100.00; 10-31-74, \$161.44; 11-8-74, \$100.00; 11-15-74, \$60.00; 11-21-74, \$76.34; 11-26-74, \$50.00; Defendant has cashed above checks; Defendant has filed with the County Clerk of Taylor County, Texas an Affidavit of lien, stating said contract on a house and garage on 601 N. 21st st. which has been accomplished, said claim amount of \$575.00 has not been paid; said claim was filed March 25, 1975; said Affidavit of Lien is false and fraudulent; Plaintiff prays that the Lien be declared null and void as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this the 31st day of January, 1978.
Irene Crawford Clerk,
326th District Court,
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By Faye Lyons, Deputy.

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entitled "In The Interest of Su Dong Yu, a Child", the nature of which suit is a request to Adoption. Said child was born the 20th day of July, 1977, in Taegu-city, Korea.

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 child's adoption.

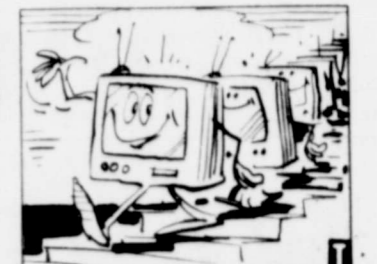
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As part of its efforts to raise funds for its work, which includes publishing an international magazine of poetry, merit awards to many adults and young people, talent shows, and workshops, a galaxy of verse literary Foundation, a non-profit organization is opening its GALAXY GRAND PRIZE CONTEST to the general public. The combined prizes are \$300.00 for the best poems submitted in 60 lines or less, choosing either to write about our motto: "Overcoming the spheres of social differences among the world's peoples," on any subject in any form or style. Whichever choice is made as to subject matter, the poem judged the best will be awarded as follows: First Prize, \$200.00; Second Prize, \$75.00; Third Prize, \$25.00, and ten Honorable Mentions with certificates. There is no limit on the number of entries, but each entry must be accompanied by a \$3.00 fee.

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1. Each poem submitted must be written by the contestant, unpublished,

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2. Submit one original and one Xerox or carbon copy of each entry, with name, address and zip on the carbon, or Xerox copy. Do not have name or address on the original as that goes to the judge.

3. Each entry must be written in the English language, or have English translation accompanying them. Length must be 60 lines or less.

4. The judge's decision will be final. Contest closes June 15, 1978 and winners will be notified by July 31. All winning poems will appear in the Fall and Winter Issue of the magazine, which will be published in October of this year.

Mail all entries on or before June 15, to A GALAXY OF VERSE, 200 South Chandler Drive, Fort Worth 76111. Read rules carefully and follow in all particulars, as the judge will be guided by the rules of the contest.

Address: 200 South Chandler Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76111, on or before June 15, 1978.

Buchanan - Farmer Wed

Hollins Road Church of the Brethren, Roanoke, Virginia was the setting December 30, 1977 for the wedding of Miss Therese Darnell Buchanan and Fennis Fredlyn Farmer.

The bride was given in marriage by her uncle Lloyd James and her aunt Tennie James served as matron of honor.

Jennings Johnson of Roanoke was best man. Bridesmaids were Lyn Creasey, Debbie Rich of Roanoke and Ann Goin of Dallas.

Attendants were Bobby Hall, Bobbie Carter and Harold Buchanan.

Flower girl was Mellissa Doss and Coy Carter served as ringbearer.

The bride wore a white, full-length dress with train. The groom had a solid white tux while the best man and attendants wore white with black pants.

Rehearsal dinner was hosted by the brides uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd James.

Reception was immediately following the wedding in the fellowship room at the church.

Miss Buchanan was a 1973 graduate of Jefferson

High in Roanoke. Mr. Farmer was a 1956 graduate of Merkel High. He is the son of the Late Adrain and Essie Farmer.



LOOK WHO'S HERE!

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bigbee are proud to announce the arrival of a baby girl, MarJoe Damara, born January 17, 1978 at 10:13a.m. She weighed 7 lbs. 13 1/2 oz. MarJoe has a big sister, Queena Carmel.

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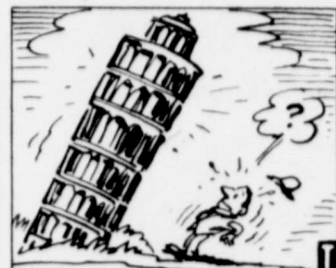
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PISA'S LEANING TOWER is just one sight visitors can visit from Rome.

Even if you never leave Rome, there's much to see—the Colosseum, St. Peter's Cathedral, the Roman Forum. When it comes to getting the most out of sightseeing, many travelers look

for a tour. An American Express vacation package not only can show you the best of Rome, it can take you to dozens of places to fascinate you, including Pompeii, one of the glories of the Roman Empire.

Pompeii, which is south of Naples, was buried—along with its residents—in 79 A.D. The volcano Vesuvius erupted, sending a hail of pumice stones up to three-inches in diameter and a torrent of white ash. Excavations of the site show how men lived in the Roman city; you can visit their shops, see their mosaics and get all the details of the past from a good guide.

Tye

Methodist Church To Hold Revival

The Tye Methodist Church will hold a Revival, February 18 - 22.

Sunday services will be at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Services Monday through Wednesday are at 7:00 p.m.

Lee Crouch will be guest speaker. Bill and Melanie Beachy will be in charge of the music. Come and expect a miracle.

Tammy Frietsch Graduates

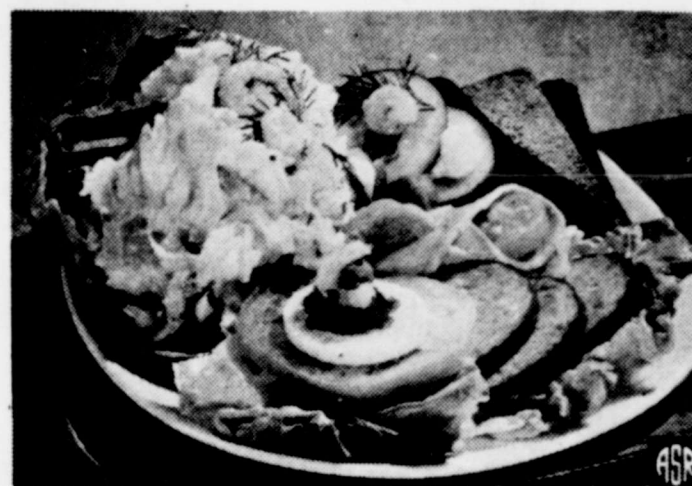
The University of Texas awarded bachelor's degrees to 202 students in the College of Education at the close of the 1977 Fall Semester.

The list of degree recipients, announced by Dean

Lorin G. Kennamer, included Tammy Anne Booth Frietsch, 902 N. Second, Merkel with Highest Honors. Mrs. Frietsch's parents are Mr. and Mrs. William Booth of Merkel,



BY DALE HAMMOND '78



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Do as the catering service does and prepare the trays in advance; then cover with clear plastic wrap and refrigerate until time to serve.

Smørrebrød Fisk Salad

- 1 Lb. frozen North Atlantic Haddock
- 1 tablespoon butter
- Juice 1/2 lemon
- Salt and pepper
- Foil for baking
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh dill (or 2 teaspoons dried dill weed)

- 2 teaspoons finely chopped onion
- Salt to taste
- Dash white pepper
- Thin sliced rye or pumpernickel
- Thin sliced cucumber for garnish
- Shrimp for garnish (optional)

Preheat oven to 450°F. Place block of frozen fillets on buttered foil, season with salt and pepper, drizzle with lemon juice and dot with butter. Wrap foil securely and place in a baking pan or on a cookie sheet. Bake in center of oven for 20 minutes. Remove from foil, flake and chill. Combine chilled Haddock with remaining ingredients and refrigerate 2 to 4 hours. Spread on thin slices of buttered bread and garnish with cucumber and shrimp, if desired.

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Tax Time Is Here Again

Because April 15, the customary final tax filing date is on Saturday this year, the filing date for 1977 income tax returns has been extended to April 17. The only exception applies to those taxpayers whose main source of income is farming.

Farmers who did not file an estimate of their income by January 16 and did not pay the estimated taxes must file their tax returns and pay due taxes by March 1. However, if farmers filed an estimate, they have until April 17 to file final returns. Taxpayers other than farmers who file on calendar year basis have until April 17 to file returns.

Several changes were made in the income tax law during 1977 which should be of interest to all taxpayers.

One of the major changes for 1977 was the elimination of the standard deduction and the low income allowance.

The former standard deduction and low income allowance have been replaced by a flat amount called "zero bracket amount." This amount

depends on your filing status.

The zero bracket amount is not a separate deduction, but the equivalent amount is built into the new simplified tax tables and tax rate schedules. This is true if you file the 1040A or 1040 income tax forms. However, a person who chooses to use the 1040 form and itemize deductions will need to make an adjustment if his itemized deductions exceed the amount allowed for his particular filing status.

In addition, for 1977, the deduction of \$750 for each exemption and the general tax credit have been built into the new tax tables, so there is no need for the taxpayer to determine these. The general tax credit has also been advised to consider exemptions for age blindness.

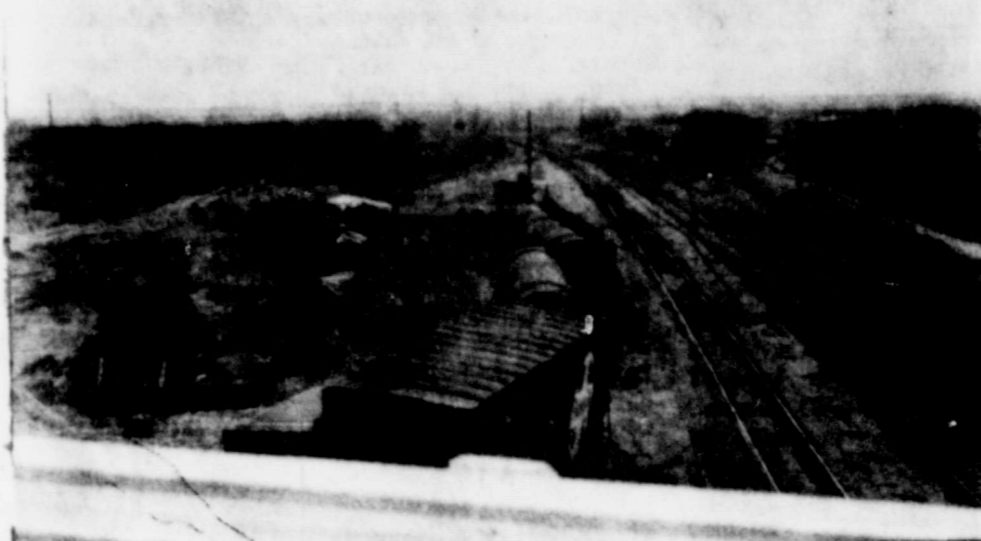
The filing requirements have also been changed for the 1977 tax year. For example, an individual must file a return if his gross income is \$2,950 or more; it is \$750 if the individual is claimed as dependent by another taxpayer. A married couple

under 65 years of age may make \$4,700. If both are 65 or older, they may make \$6,200 before being required to file a return.

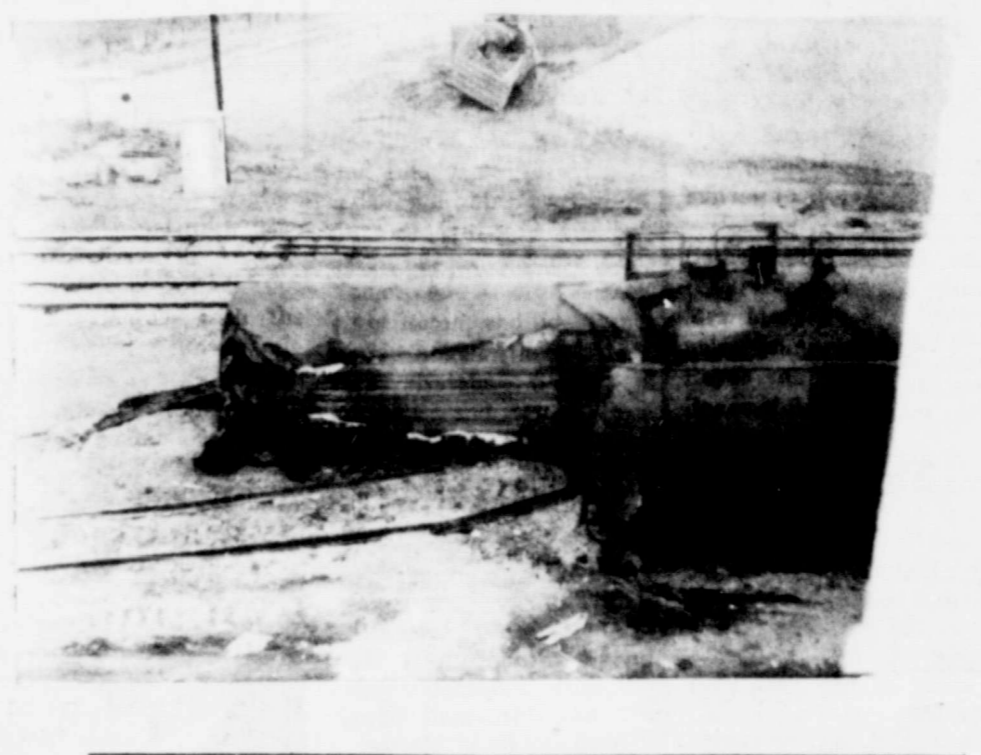
There are many other minor changes. Individuals are encouraged to use qualified professional help or study available materials before attempting to file returns.

Publication No. 17, Your Federal Income Tax, 1978 edition, is a good source of information and may be obtained from the Internal Revenue Service. In addition, Publication No. 225, Farmer's Tax Guide, 1978 edition, is available from your County Extension Agent or the Internal Revenue Service Persons with questions on income taxes should call the local Internal Revenue Service office.

Mr. Robert Kensing, area economist-manager with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, will present a special interest program on income tax, February 14, 7:00 p.m. in the Lone Wolf Electric Coop Medallion Room. Mr. Kensing will discuss changes in the income tax law, record-keeping, filing requirements, tax management suggestions, and retirement plans. Educational programs sponsored by the Texas Agriculture Extension Service are extended to people of all ages, regardless of socioeconomic levels, race, color, sex, religion or national origin.



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Merkel Bass Club News

The Merkel Bass Club will have their regular monthly meeting Tuesday, February 14th at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Taylor Telephone Building.

New officers were elected for 1978. President: Ricky Elliot, Vice President: Jim Tindall and Secretary: Chip Morgan.

A bass tournament is being planned for Saturday February 18th at Lake Spence.

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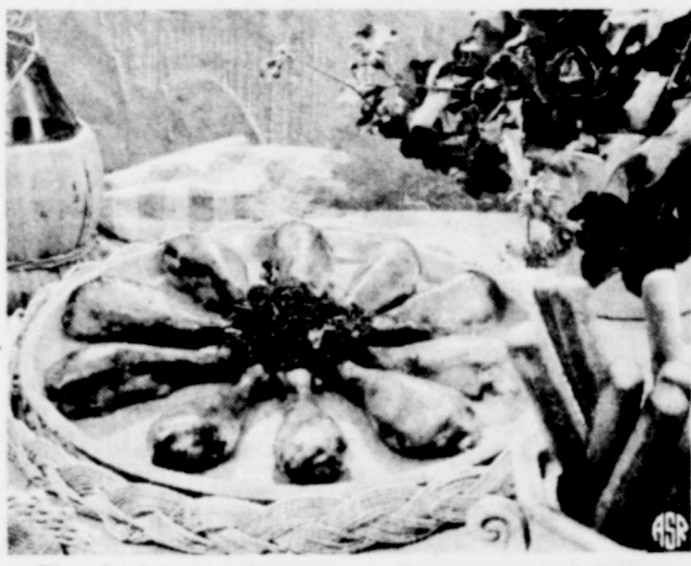
The chicken you're serving your family tonight could win \$10,000 for you in the 1978 National Chicken Cooking Contest.

That's the top prize for the best recipe in the 30th annual chicken cook-off to be held July 26 in Tampa, Florida. An additional \$10,000 in prizes will be shared by four runners-up.

Anyone may enter, according to the National Broiler Council, sponsor of the contest, and there's no limit to the number of recipes you may submit. Just write your name, address and telephone number on each and mail before the April 1 deadline to: Chicken Contest, Box 28158 Central Station, Washington, DC 20005.

Recipes will be judged on four basic points: taste, appearance, interest and simplicity. Chicken is the only required ingredient and a whole bird or any part or parts may be used. Total preparation time (including marinating, boning, etc.) will not exceed three hours. Recipes should be written for approximately four servings.

Fifty-one finalists, one from each state and the District of Columbia, will receive a trophy and an expense-paid trip to Florida for the national cook-off. A panel of nationally-known food experts will be the judges. The contest is one of the nation's oldest cooking competitions, dating back to 1949.



There's almost no limit to the number of different ways chicken can be prepared. Let your imagination take over and come up with an entirely new dish. Or send in the recipe that is your family's favorite.

An example of a creative way chicken can be served is "Pizzaria Chicken" (below). Try it, then start thinking of your own best recipes. You may be the next \$10,000 prize winner.

Pizzaria Chicken

10 broiler-fryer drumsticks
1 cup tomato sauce
1/2 cup canned pizza sauce
1/2 teaspoon dried basil, crushed
1/2 teaspoon parsley flakes
1/2 teaspoon oregano

1/2 teaspoon garlic salt
1 cup grated Parmesan cheese
1/2 cup mushrooms, minced
4 slices (3" x 3") mozzarella cheese

Place drumsticks in a shallow baking pan. Bake, uncovered, at 375° for about 40 minutes or until brown. In large bowl, mix together tomato sauce, pizza sauce, all the spices and garlic salt. When chicken is browned, sprinkle each drumstick with Parmesan cheese and mushrooms. Pour mixed sauce over chicken. Cut mozzarella cheese into strips and place over drumsticks. Return to 375° oven and bake, uncovered, about 10 minutes or until cheese is melted and fork can be inserted in chicken with ease. Makes 4 servings.

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Dr. W. Franklin Armstrong

Dr. W. Franklin 'Frank' Armstrong, 77, of Fort Worth and a brother of a Merkel woman died Tuesday morning in Fort Worth after a long illness. Services were held at the All-Saints Episcopal Church.

The Rev. James P. De Wolfe Jr., director, officiated. Burial was in the Greenwood Memorial Park, directed by Harverson and Cole Funeral Home.

Born July 11, 1900, Dr. Franklin was a physician and surgeon in Fort Worth for more than 50 years until his retirement in 1975. He was a son of a pioneer West Texas physician, Dr. Marvin Armstrong. The younger Armstrong graduated from Hardin-Simmons University of Texas Medical

School at Galveston and received his M.D. from Tulane University. He did his internship at Charity Hospital in New Orleans.

He was a member of the Tarrant County Medical Society, Texas Medical Association, American Medical Association, American Association of Physicians and Surgeons, Tarrant County Academy of General Practice and Alpha Kappa Medical Fraternity.

Dr. Armstrong was the first president of East Side Lions Club in Fort Worth, a Royal Arch Mason, a member of the Worth Commandry, Knights Templar, Moslah Temple and Colonial Country Club. He was a member of All-Saints Episcopal Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Mary Jo Berryman of Fort Worth; a sister, Mrs. John Cox of Merkel; four grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

The family requests that remembrances be made in the form of contributions to the Dr. Frank Armstrong Memorial Nursing Scholarship at All-Saints Hospital or to All-Saints Episcopal Church.

Ora L. Jones

Ora L. Jones 91, of Trent died at 6:10 a.m. Sunday at the Root Memorial Hospital in Colorado City after a

short illness. Services were held Thursday at the Trent United Methodist Church in Trent.

The Rev. Bob Whitlock of Dallas officiated. The Rev. Mike Hinton, pastor of Trent United Methodist Church, assisted. Burial was in Trent Cemetery, under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Nov. 28, 1886, in Van Zandt County she married M. L. 'Farmer' Jones on December 6, 1903, in Van Zandt. They were residents of Trent since 1927. He died May 27, 1968. Mrs. Jones had lived in Colorado City for the past year. She was a member of the United Methodist Church.

Survivors include four daughters, Thelma Rogers and Mrs. W. W. Cooper, both of Colorado City, Mrs. Hollis Jones of Trent and Murle Moore of Monahans; four sons, D. H. and Thurman, both of Trent, L. D. of Merkel, and Bill of Andrews; a sister, Cora Wilson of Dallas; a brother, E. L. Palmer of Abilene; ten grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

MERKEL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

Thursday and Friday, February 16 and 17, the Merkel Elementary Kindergarten classes of Mrs. Utley and Mrs. Greer will tour the Dyess Air Force Base. Among the things that they will see will be: the Control Tower, Motor Pool, Fire Department, and go through an airplane. All the students are looking forward to this field trip as they study how our government helps its citizens.

All the students of Merkel Elementary are excited about Valentine's Day, February 14. They have been making different kinds of valentines in the art classes and many of them have been displayed in the foyer of Merkel Elementary. Most of the classes plan small Valentine's parties to exchange cards and have refreshments.

All the First Grade classes are in the last reader for their age group. All of them have been working very hard to get all the sounds correct and begin reading on their own.

The Fifth Grade classes of Mrs. McGowan and Mrs. Rister have struggled through fractions with most of the students mastering the subject. However, some of them have had a little difficulty in comprehending the method so Mrs. Rister, their math teacher, has

spent many extra hours helping out these students.

The next edition of the badger banner will be coming off the press, thanks to Mrs. Cowart's Fourth Grade classroom in the next few days. All the students look forward to having their own copy of this school publication. The students write every piece that goes into the paper.

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

HIGH SCHOOL
Feb. 9th, Anson, Here, Boys 9th, 6:00. Feb. 10th, Winters, There, Boys A&B Girls A&B, 4:00. Feb. 14th, Colorado City, Here, Girls A&B, 6:00.

MIDDLE SCHOOL
Feb. 9th, Winters, There, Boys 7th & 8th,

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TYE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

The first graders in Mrs. Evans' room have found a fun-filled method for learning sight words in reading. A beautiful chart for each reading group is hung in the classroom at the beginning of the week. Each chart has pictures of animals and characters from the book drawn on it by a talented student. As new sight words are encountered, they are added to the charts. On Friday,

the children compete for the chart. This has created an exciting desire to learn sight words, as every child is anxious to win the chart.

Mrs. Paige's Kindergarten now has several reading groups. Since Christmas the children have been beginning reading in the Ginn Series. Not all groups are reading - some are still in readiness. They are learning letter names and sounds, word identification and manuscript writing. Some have learned to write their friends names which they find especially fun. It is exciting to see some five year olds learning to read.

There are now thirty children in the kindergarten class. Needless to say it is very active.

If anyone has any old library or story books they would like to donate to Tye Kindergarten, please call 692-3809 or bring them by the school. The books would be gratefully appreciated. Any books you would like to have taken off your hands, we could really use.

Hope the ground hog didn't see his shadow !!

School Menu

The Merkel I.S.D. Menu for the week beginning February 13, and ending February 17 is as follows:

MONDAY: Spaghetti, with Ground Beef & Cheese, Blackeye Peas with snaps, lettuce wedge, choice of dressing, garlic butter bread, Fruit float.

TUESDAY: Chicken fried steak, cream gravy, whipped potatoes, seasoned green beans, hot rolls, orange whip.

WEDNESDAY: Beef tacos taco sauce, lettuce & cheese, pinto beans, chilled applesauce.

THURSDAY: Fried fish, tartar sauce, seasoned spinach, potatoes au gratin, hot rolls, ginger bread.

FRIDAY: Hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, pickle & onions, french fries with catsup, buns, walk to school cookies, pink lemonaid.

Lester Dorton Named President of Bank in Bynum



Lester Dorton

Controlling ownership of The First National Bank of Bynum changed hands Tuesday, January 10, according to a joint announcement released Friday, January 13, by D. H. Moyers, Jr. and Fred Becker.

Lester Dorton, president of The First National Bank of Rosebud, will also serve as President of The First National Bank of Bynum. Dorton is a graduate of Abilene Christian University. He has been in the banking business 13 years, having served seven years with The First National Bank of Rosebud and as a former State Bank Examiner.

Cemetery Donations

The Cemetery Donations are as follows:

Louise Winter
Mr. & Mrs. Gilbert Elliott, in memory of Sue Cross

Mr. & Mrs. J. E. Hudson

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memory of Inez Allen
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Visits & Visitors

Mrs. Johnny Stockton of Hender son, Texas and Mrs. Pat Deck and daughter of Winters, Texas visited Mrs. O. J. Reynolds and Bob on Wednesday of last week.

Mr. & Mrs. Harry Haile of Lake Buchanan also visited the Reynolds recently.

Visiting Mr. & Mrs. M.L. Dokey and family this past week was Mohamad Gergab and wife Lydia. Mohamad is with Aereo Airlines in Tripoli, Africa. Mr. Gergab is on a business trip to Fort Worth. His wife, Lydia Wearden Gergab is formerly of Abilene and daughter of R.D. Wearden of Fort Worth.

Mrs. Dokey said "I have enjoyed them very much, it has been educational."

Mr. & Mrs. Dokey along with Lisa & Mikie plan a vacation to Africa next August to visit the Gergabs.

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