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Fire Department Hoses Run Over By Vehicles

The local Police Department has been notified that during the last two fires, some of the Department's water hose have been run over by vehicles, according to Chief Boyd Baker.

"The safety of a fire fighter, sometimes depends on water flowing through a particular hose or hoses," said Baker. "Therefore any and all complaints will be accepted by any Fire Department personnel, and charges will be filed on any party who violates ordinances or State Statutes concerning any violation which hinders fire fighting operation."

Baker called for the cooperation of all citizens and on-lookers at local fires concerning the safety of fire fighters and the protection of water hoses.

Carsons Attend TRGA Conference

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Carson, of Carson's Super Market, recently returned from attending the 11th annual Mid-Winter Conference of the Texas Retail Grocers Association.

Some 200 food industry leaders participated in the three-day meeting, held at the Sheraton-Crest Inn, Austin, and workshops were designed to acquaint members of the association with legislation which directly affects the food industry.

In speaking before members and guests at the opening day of the conference, TRGA president, Raymond Olahan said "this is the biggest conference on record and shows us that our people are concerned about what's happening in Austin."

TC FARMERS UNION DELEGATE REPORTS ON CONVENTION

The National Convention at Washington, D.C., was an inspiring event for area Farmers Union delegates who were in attendance.

Billy Bob Toombs, Taylor County president, said it "was most interesting to meet so many Farmers Union members at one time."

"Approximately 2,000 members attended our National Convention," said Toombs. "Congressman Omar Burleson had the largest delegation from Texas, and most of our surrounding counties were well represented. Texas sent sixty members and there were nineteen from Burleson's Congressional District delegation."

Taylor County sent five representatives.



ATTENDS CONVENTION — Delegates from Taylor County attending the Farmers Union National Convention in Washington, D.C., were, from left, Morris Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Bob Toombs, and Mr. and Mrs. Mike McManigal. (Photo Courtesy Farmers Union)



EIGHTH GRADE CHAMPS — District Championship title went to the Merkel eighth graders for 70-71. Players are, front row from left, Donald Dye, David West, Gary Yates, and managers, James Hale and Roy King; second row, Gaylon Boone, Allen Yates, Johnny Frazier, Robert Morgan, Jackie Sims, and Duane Pack; third row, coach David Burson, and players Chris Childers, Mark Merrell, David Copeland, Darrell Riggan and Randall Hawes. (Staff Photo)

TEXAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS 117 YEARS

This year (and this week) marks the 117th anniversary of public schools in Texas.

Educators and Texas Masonic Lodge (sponsor of the event) are hoping for a record turnout of parents of school-age children, as well as other interested citizens.

The Merkel Public Schools will observe Public School Week with

Parent-Teachers Conferences to be held on Thursday and Friday, March 11 and 12.

"However," said Mack Fisher, superintendent, "we want our parents and all persons interested in our school system to feel free to come and visit any classroom this week or any time during the school year. We always enjoy having our parents drop in for classroom activities or assemblies and we get the feeling that parents and local leaders are interested in our system when they do visit us."

Fisher also encouraged parents

to "feel free to check with their children's teachers for conferences."

"When teachers, parents and students are working together, we know that our system will be progressive," added Fisher.

Edwin Read is principal of the High School, and Leon Walker, Primary and Elementary schools.

"The importance of education in our world of today and tomorrow cannot be overemphasized," said Fisher. "The kind of education our children receive is vital to their intellectual development, and we encourage parents to maintain an active interest in their schools."

Calvary Baptist To Begin Revival

Calvary Baptist Church at 503 Rannels will begin their Revival Monday, March 8, with services to continue through March 14.

"Services each night will begin at 7:30," said pastor, the Rev. Herschell Smith, "and the public is invited to attend."

The Rev. George White, pastor and evangelist from San Angelo, will be doing the preaching.

Monday Singing

The Second Monday Night Singing will be held at the Victory Baptist Church March 8, according to president, F. E. Sipe. Time is 7 p.m.

"We've been having some good singing, large crowds, and everyone is welcome," said Sipe.

CHAMBER TO NAME NEW DIRECTORS

Benny Melton, executive secretary of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce, reminds Chamber members that ballots for electing new directors must be in the office no later than Tuesday, March 9.

A Chamber Meeting the evening of March 9, will be held with holdover and new directors, said Melton. At this time a president for 1971-72 will be elected.

Postcards with nominees for new directors were mailed out last week. Nominees are E. A. Conley, Billie Bob Toombs, Mrs.

BASEBALL

LEAGUE ASSOCIATION TO 'TRY AGAIN'

... for want of a nail the show was lost; for want of a shoe the horse was lost; and for want of a horse the rider was lost.

Don King, president of Merkel Little League Association said that "it looks like for want of some leaders and interested parents, the Little League could be lost."

"We need leaders and parents of Little Leaguers to make every effort to attend the planning meeting this evening at the Merkel Restaurant," said King. "Every parent of the boy who plays Little League Baseball has a responsibility to do his or her part."

Ray Wilson, Ed Lewis, Duane Shugart and J. L. Fisher. Three will be named at the Chamber meeting and also installed during the Annual Banquet to be held March 27.

Principal speaker for the Banquet will be Dr. Elwin Skiles, president of Hardin-Simmons University.

An Outstanding Citizen and Farmer or Rancher will be honored during the Chamber program. A ballot for naming Out-

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Five Incumbents File For Re-Election

Incumbents for both City and School Board Elections have filed for re-election this week.

Mayor Horace Hargrove and Councilman Leon Walker, filed for re-election for the City Council this past Tuesday.

Thursday, Feb. 25, Mrs. G. D. McConnell of South Eight Street, filed for a place on the City Council.

Hargrove is assistant manager of Taylor Electric Cooperative, principal of Merkel Primary and Elementary Schools, and Mrs. McConnell is librarian for the Merkel Public Library.

In filing for a place on the City Council, Mrs. McConnell said, "I have lived in Merkel for a long time, raised a family here and appreciate the fine things that have been done, and I want to offer my services in return."

Incumbents Ben Robert Hicks, board president; Johnny Teaff, vice president; and Joe Henry, secretary, filed this week for three-year terms on the Merkel School Board.

As of Wednesday noon, a vacancy still exists for a candidate to file for a one-year term on the board," said Mack Fisher, school superintendent. The one-year term is a result of the resignation of Joe E. McDuff, who took over duties as Taylor County Commissioner on Jan. 1, 1971.

Both elections will be held on Saturday, April 3 in the high school gymnasium. Polls will be open at 7 a.m. and close at 7 p.m.

Bryan Dunagin will be election judge for the school board election, and will be assisted by Bill Burton, Mrs. Tom Russom and Mrs. R. M. Ferguson.

Mrs. Betty Cyfert has been appointed presiding officer for the City Election.

Absentee voting for city offi-

cial will begin March 15 and end March 30, and will be held at City Hall.

School Board absentee voting will begin Monday, March 22, and continue through March 30, said Fisher. Clyde Bartlett will serve as clerk of absentee voting at the Merkel City Hall. Polls

for both elections will be open from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Holdover board members are Orval Ely, Danny Doan and Bobby DuBose. Persons interested in filing for the one-year term may do so at the high school office.

CONSERVATION POSTER WINNERS ARE NAMED

Merkel Primary and Elementary Conservation posters were judged last week and first, second, third and fourth places were awarded each grade.

First four place winners out of one hundred fifty-one posters judged were:

First Grade — Janice Jacobs, Pete Ramirez, Lee Ann Williams, and Stacy Seymore.

Second Grade — Shelia Adair, Kelly Knight, Kent McManigal, and Rick Rogers.

Third Grade — Kim Mashburn, Jeanessa Cyfert, Jeff Toombs

and Melissa Shugart. Fourth Grade — Cynthia Smith, Debra Ybarra, Janice South and Patsy Bierra.

Fifth Grade — Freda Crenshaw, Tommy Jones, Linda Williams and Pam Evans.

Sixth Grade — Marsha Clyburn, David Hendricks, Paul Green and Bart Whisenhunt.

The District Soil Conservation Awards Banquet will be held at Abilene Christian College Tuesday, March 16. Taylor Electric Cooperative is co-sponsor of the event.

TAYLOR ELECTRIC NAMES NEW MANAGER

Don J. Hart, assistant manager of Erath County Electric Cooperative has been named manager of the Taylor Electric Cooperative, according to B. J. Gist, coordinator.

Hart will take over duties as TEC manager March 16, and will commute from Stephenville until the last of May when school is out.

Hart, who has been with the Erath County Electric Cooperative since 1958, replaces Norman Winter, who resigned in December.

A graduate of Eastland High School, the new TEC manager has a bachelor of science degree from Texas Tech, attended Midwestern University at Wichita Falls in 1957-59, and received his masters degree from Hardin-Simmons University in 1962. He is married and has two children. Hart has a background of ex-



DON HART
... from Stephenville

perience with Texas Electric Service Co. and with Coleman Electric Cooperative. He is married and has two children.



RECEIVES AWARD — On February 9, 1971, Chaplain (Capt.) Jerry D. Reynolds, right, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cramer Reynolds, received his third Bronze Star for service since he began his Vietnam tour last March. Presenting the award is Lt. Col. Eulan T. Fail, nephew of Mrs. W. A. McCandless of Merkel. Fail is Commander of the 53rd Signal Battalion to which Chaplain Reynolds is assigned.

PUGGY

AMERICA'S MOST LOVEABLE LADDIE

by Horace Elmo



Decorating Tips

By Rhonda Racz
Home Decor Director
Hardwood Institute

EASY STEPS KEEP FURNITURE CARE-FREE

I've had a stack of letters from my readers in the last few months asking how to take the proper way to care for furniture. I'm not at all surprised at the lack of information most people have about how to treat their wood tables, dressers, bookshelves, and other pieces. After all, with all the "new" and "modern" finishes and treatments, it's not surprising that many people are not confident. But it's easy to give your furniture the treatment they need and deserve!

Although everyone lives with wood furniture, there's a certain tendency to let it go to the "back of the mind" and not care for it. Of course, all furniture should be treated with a certain degree of respect, but pieces made from genuine hardwood are especially valuable. Should damage occur, there's always a way to fix them, and in most cases you can make repairs yourself. Plastics and other synthetics which imitate the look and feel of wood can never be restored once they are scratched, nicked or broken, nor do they have the beauty, elegance and character inherent in every genuine hardwood piece.

Now, with the new super finishes available, wood furniture is stronger and more durable than ever before. These new finishes provide a built-in resistance to stains, scratches, blows, spills of all kinds, and heat, as well as moisture.

With or without the new super finishes, here's how to keep your hardwood furniture looking its lustrous best:

- Dust furniture several times a week with a soft cloth, moving with the wood grain.

Any questions on wood? Write to Rhonda Racz, Hardwood Institute, Suite 1422, 551 Fifth Ave., New York, N. Y. 10017.

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1. Assassination
2. Flower part
13. Opposite
14. Likeness
15. One-celled animal
16. Musical instruments
17. Football term
18. Peaks
20. Suffix; more
21. Female voice
22. Sailor's slang
25. Solitary
27. Like thin fluid
30. Concerning
32. Rural
33. Mang
36. Suffix; most
37. Healthy
39. Exist
41. Lasso
43. Fragrance
45. College class

Answer to Puzzle



DOWN

1. Vine
2. Small mammal
3. English river
4. Intersect
5. Sphere
6. Can be used
7. In the case of law
8. Tablet
9. Flightless birds
10. Make lace
11. Era
12. French "the"; plural
16. Circulate
19. That one
21. One opposed
22. Care for
23. Bow
24. Cereal grain
25. Cone astray
26. Not in
28. Sheltered side
29. Color
30. Be
31. Vehicle
34. Scorch
35. Sites
38. In
39. Perforated
40. Rub out
41. Brawl
42. Charged particles
43. —Khayyam
44. Prefix; half
45. Weep
46. Before
47. Nothing
49. Stern
51. District Attorney; abbr.

LEGAL NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS
To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas -- GREETING:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for four consecutive weeks, the first publication to be at least twenty-eight days before the return day thereof, in a newspaper printed in Taylor County, Texas, the accompanying citation, of which the herein below following is a true copy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: James Louis Hilderbrand, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable Domestic Relations 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 22 day of March A.D. 1971, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 1 day of Feb. A.D. 1971, in this cause, numbered 6067 on the docket of said court and styled Agnes Elaine Hilderbrand, Plaintiff, vs. James Louis Hilderbrand, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Petitioner and Respondent were married on or about July 8, 1965 and were separated on or about Aug. 29, 1965. Petitioner sues for divorce. There were no children born and no community property accumulated, 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 2 day of Feb. A.D. 1971.

(Seal)
Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD
Clerk, Domestic Relations Court, Taylor County, Texas.
By Marie Gill, Deputy. 50 4t

THE MERKEL MAIL, MERKEL, TEXAS
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Thursday, March 4, 1971

For OUTSTANDING CITIZEN and FARMER or RANCHER

(Write your choice for one each of the following)

Outstanding Citizen

Outstanding Farmer or Rancher

(Mail ballot to the Merkel Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 536 or bring to Chamber Office, 1022 North 1st, Merkel, Texas 79536. Deadline for balloting is March 19)

You Can't See



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1. SMART MONEY MANAGING IN A FAMILY IS MUCH LIKE RUNNING A THRIVING BUSINESS.

T ☐ F ☐

5. SOUND FAMILY FINANCIAL PLANS ARE BASED ON A WEEK-TO-WEEK BASIS.

T ☐ F ☐

2. ONLY ONE PERSON IN THE FAMILY SHOULD BE CONCERNED WITH FINANCES.

T ☐ F ☐

6. YOUR ATTITUDE TOWARDS MONEY CAN DETERMINE WHETHER YOU'RE FINANCIALLY SOUND OR CONSTANTLY WORRIED ABOUT NEXT MONTH'S BILLS.

T ☐ F ☐

3. EXPENSIVE, IMPULSE PURCHASES ACCOUNT FOR ONLY 10% OF THE CONSUMERS WHO HAVE FINANCIAL PROBLEMS.

T ☐ F ☐

7. AN AVERAGE FAMILY OF FOUR WITH AN INCOME OF \$10,000 SPENDS 24% OF ITS TAKE-HOME PAY FOR FOOD.

T ☐ F ☐

4. MONEY DRIBBLED AWAY IN SMALL AMOUNTS CREATES MORE FINANCIAL TROUBLE THAN LARGE, EXPENSIVE PURCHASES.

T ☐ F ☐

8. BEING REALISTIC, KNOWING WHAT YOUR INCOME IS AND WHAT IT CAN DO IS THE BEST WAY TO ACHIEVE FINANCIAL SECURITY FOR YOUR FAMILY.

T ☐ F ☐

ANSWERS:
1. T: CONSIDER YOURSELF AS A PURCHASING AGENT FOLLOWING OUT A CAREFULLY PLANNED BUYING PROGRAM. 2. F: IN ORDER TO HAVE A SOUND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, EVERY MEMBER MUST BE AWARE OF THE PROGRAM THAT INCLUDES CHILDREN. 3. F: A RECENT SURVEY OF 300,000 CONSUMERS SHOWED THAT 43% OF SERIOUS FINANCIAL PROBLEMS STEMMED FROM SUCH PURCHASES TRY ASKING YOURSELF IF YOU REALLY NEED IT. 4. T: SMALL MONEY LEAKS IN DAY-TO-DAY SPENDING CAN ACCOUNT FOR ALMOST HALF OF ALL MONEY TROUBLES. 5. F: SHORT TERM AND LONG RANGE GOALS MUST BE SET. THIS IS TRUE FAMILY FINANCIAL PLANNING. 6. T: AT THE KEY IS IF YOU'RE REALISTIC AND PLAN AHEAD YOU CAN'T HELP BEING FINANCIALLY SOUND. 7. T: THIS MAY SEEM LIKE A LARGE CHUNK OF THE BUDGET, BUT IT'S ALSO AN AREA WHERE WATCHING FOR THE BEST BARGAINS AND USING COMMON SENSE PAYS OFF. 8. T: TRYING TO LIVE UP TO THE AMERICAN DREAM OF KEEPING UP WITH THE JONESES CAN LEAD TO FINANCIAL TROUBLE IF YOU'RE NOT WISE IN THE LONG RUN. YOU'LL PROBABLY BE BETTER OFF THAN THE JONESES.

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- Miscellaneous -

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MASONIC MEETING

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CARD OF THANKS

WORDS CANNOT ADEQUATELY EXPRESS our deep appreciation for the many kind and sympathetic acts that came to us at the time of our recent sorrow. For the beautiful service, floral offerings, food, cards and other kindnesses. Especially do we thank the Starr Nursing Home staff and Dr. Sadler.
The Family of
Harry P. Washburn

CARD OF THANKS

OUR HEARTFELT THANKS to all our many friends and neighbors for their kindnesses shown to us during the illness and death of our loved one.
The Family of
Alvin A. Jones

CARD OF THANKS

WE ARE SINCERELY GRATEFUL to friends and neighbors for all their acts of kindness during Dee's stay in the hospital, for flowers, cards, messages and prayers. Such kindnesses and neighborly thoughtfulness can never be forgotten.
Mr. and Mrs. Dee Moore

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by Farmers Union membership in promoting understanding between the organization and USDA officials. And delegates impressed upon those attending the importance of "farmers needing a better program."

Farmers Union members and Congressmen "rubbed shoulders" during a special breakfast Thursday morning and the Convention Banquet held Friday evening.

World Trade and agricultural exports were given a substantial push by two — three bus loads of Farmers Union delegates on Saturday morning when twenty embassies from various countries visited the Convention," said Toombs.

"It was impressed upon us many times that foreign trade is a two-way street," said Toombs. "If other countries can not trade with us freely, then we cannot expect them to buy our agricultural products. Farmers must support wholeheartedly the concept of free trade without artificial limitations and duty barriers."

Toombs said the most impressive aspect of the entire Convention was the "realization of the International makeup of our organization."

Attending the Convention was the president of the Jamaica Agriculture Society from Jamaica, and also president of the International Federation of Agricultural Producers from France, which is a world-wide farm organization.

Toombs said that the Jamaica Agriculture Society was "considering bringing the organization into membership with the Farmers Union."

Farmers Union was one of the original organizers of the International Federation of Agricultural Producers and have been in membership since 1946.

DEATHS & FUNERALS

Mrs. A. Sheppard

Mrs. A. T. Sheppard, 89, died Sunday, Feb. 23 in Williamsburg Nursing Home in Abilene after a short illness.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at Starbuck Chapel with the Rev. N. S. Daniel, pastor emeritus of First United Methodist Church, and the Rev. James Merrell, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Sheppard was born Opal Lamoyne Harkrider Aug. 11, 1882 in Pampa, Tex., and moved to Abilene with her parents at age 13. She graduated from Abilene High School, attended Colorado Normal College at Boulder, Colo., and taught school at Union Ridge, Salt Branch, San Angelo and Merkel.

She married A. T. Sheppard Feb. 3, 1908 in San Angelo. Mr. and Mrs. Sheppard owned Barrow - Sheppard Furniture Store and Funeral Home in Merkel for many years, retiring June 1, 1943. Mr. Sheppard died in 1962.

Survivors are one granddaughter, Vicki of Dallas; a number of nieces and nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by one son, Sterling Thomas Sheppard, in 1954.

Starbuck Funeral Home of Merkel.

Mrs. Wash died Tuesday in Hendrick Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Born Bessie Belle McLure Jan. 26, 1888, in Navarro County, she married A. C. Wash Feb. 21, 1904 at Hylton. She moved to Trent in 1928. Mr. Wash died May 24, 1947. After living in Dallas and Marlin, Mrs. Wash moved to Abilene in July, 1970. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors are two sons, Joe D. Wash of Victoria and Harold D. Wash of Kermit; two daughters, Mrs. Blanche Storey and Miss Dottie Wash, both of Abilene; one brother, Samuel W. McLure of Abilene; nine grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren, and six great-great-grandchildren.

James L. Perry

James L. Perry, brother of Mrs. Allie Toombs of Merkel, died Wednesday, Feb. 24 at his home in Fort Worth following a short illness.

Funeral services were held Thursday in Starbuck Funeral Home Chapel, with the Rev. James Merrell, pastor of Merkel, United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Mr. Perry was born in Arkansas. He was a retired construction worker, and had lived in Fort Worth 27 years.

Survivors are his wife; three daughters, Mrs. Evelyn Matthews and Mrs. Nadine Griggs of Fort Worth; and Mrs. Jimmie Dell Chichee of Houston; a sister, Mrs. Allie Toombs of Merkel; 16 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Tye Little League Auxiliary Sets Benefit Show

The Women's Auxiliary of the Tye Little League will have a fashion show March 9 as a benefit for the new Senior Field.

"Be a hit in a new spring outfit" is the theme of the 8 p.m. show in the Alamo Room at The Downtowner in Abilene.

Tickets will be \$1.50. Fashions will be from Thornton's, Lady Elegant and Oliver's. Wigs and hairpieces will be by Abilene Barber and Beauty Supply.

Recently organized, the Women's Auxiliary helps with financing the work of Tye Little League and the new Senior League, which will begin with four teams.

Auxiliary officers are Mrs. McConnell, Tye chairman, Mrs. J. D. Pace, Hawley chairman, and Mrs. Bill Smith, secretary-treasurer.

The Senior Field will begin with approximately 60 boys, ages 13-15 years.

TWO

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last Thursday, did not "get off the ground," according to King. Only seven parents attended for the organizational meeting — not enough for election of officers and planning the season's activities. Attending last Thursday's meeting besides King, were Mr. and Mrs. Grady Knight, Joe Dell Gregory, Tommy Womack, Finley Barnett and Mrs. Orin Higgins.

The meeting re-scheduled for this evening at the Merkel Restaurant will be for the purpose of electing officers and planning activities, said King.

"Primarily, the parents should know Little League Baseball well," said King, "and be fully aware of what exposure to Little League means to the boy. Your efforts to attend this evening's meeting will be appreciated and we trust, rewarding to every parent."

The season, which begins in May, includes boys in Merkel, Trent, Noodle and a part of Tye. T-shirt players must be 7 years of age before Aug. 1 and Little Leaguers 9 before Aug. 1 and not over twelve years of age.

Official Memorandum

By
PRESTON SMITH
Governor of Texas

Austin, Texas

GREETINGS:

Special observance of increased emphasis on our education system has been marked annually for twenty-one years by a Public Schools Week in Texas.

During this period, parents are encouraged to visit the public schools, and all citizens are urged through special programs to recognize the tremendous importance of our system of education. Our goal is to make Texas public schools the finest in the Nation, and to achieve this our citizens are urged to take an active interest in the school systems and to cooperate with their school boards, superintendents, principals and teachers.

Never before in our history has there been a greater need for educated leadership. As we rush to train young people in science and technology to keep pace with world events, it is also important to remember that our public schools will furnish our tomorrow's leaders with the basic human, moral and spiritual foundations necessary for more advanced training and knowledge.

THEREFORE, I, as Governor of Texas, do hereby designate the period of March 1-5, 1971, as
PUBLIC SCHOOLS WEEK
in Texas.

(Official Seal)

In official recognition whereof,
I hereby affix my signature this
29th day of Sept., 1970.
PRESTON SMITH
Governor of Texas

THREE

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standing Citizen and Farmer or Rancher will be found on Page Two of this edition of the Merkel Mail. Persons are asked to get their suggestions turned in to the Chamber office "as soon as possible." President, John Hammond, and a screening committee will check all ballots turned into the Chamber office and will screen candidates. Deadline for turning in ballots for Outstanding Citizen and Farmer or Rancher will be March 19.

The Banquet will be held at the school cafeteria, beginning time is 8 p.m. and tickets are \$1.75. They may be purchased at the Chamber office or from any Chamber director, said Melton.

WWI Veterans Meet Tuesday

The Veterans of World War I of the Merkel - Trent Barracks and the Ladies Auxiliary will meet in regular session Tuesday, March 9 at 6:30 p.m. at the Taylor Electric Cooperative building. A salad supper will be served to all members.

"If you are eligible to be a member of these World War I organizations, you are invited," said Commander, Karl Bonneau.

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PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL NAMES MHS GRADUATE

Ralph E. Bartlett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bartlett of Merkel, was recently named to the President's Council of the Colorado Association of School Executives, with headquarters in Englewood, Colo.

Bartlett, a 1954 graduate of Merkel High School, is presently principal of the Outdoor Laboratory School in Jefferson County, Colorado.

Educators who have been named to the President's Council have become outstanding in their respective fields of education. Purpose of CASE is to study the interests and need of education.

The Merkel HS graduate received his Bachelor's degree in 1958 from North Texas State University and his Masters degree in 1965 from the University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, Colo. His subject field has been National and International study in Outdoor Education.

Professional organizations in which Bartlett participates include Colorado Association of School Executives, National Association of Elementary School Principals, American Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation, and American Camping Association. He is a member of Phi Delta Kappa.



RALPH E. BARTLETT
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Publications include Outdoor Education Guide and Curriculum Guide for Family Living Education.

He is a member of the First Baptist Church in Evergreen, Colo., the Clear Creek County Sheriff's Patrol and Lions International.

Paleolithic drawings of archers indicate that bows and arrows are an invention of at least 20,000 years ago.

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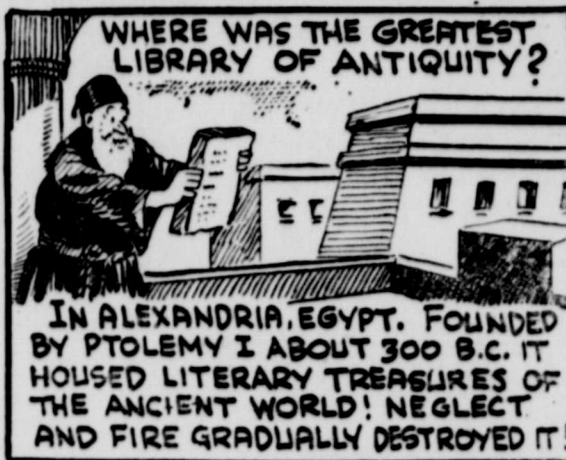
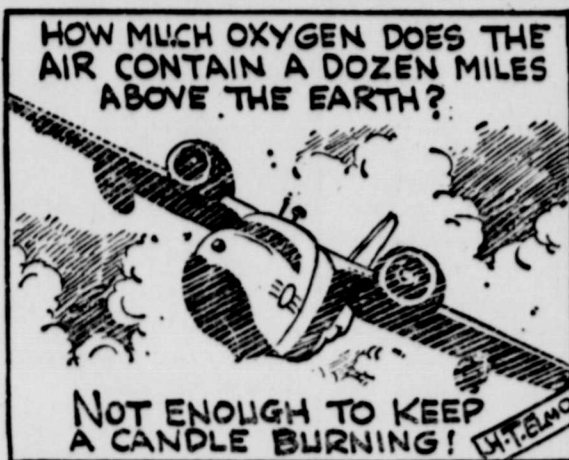
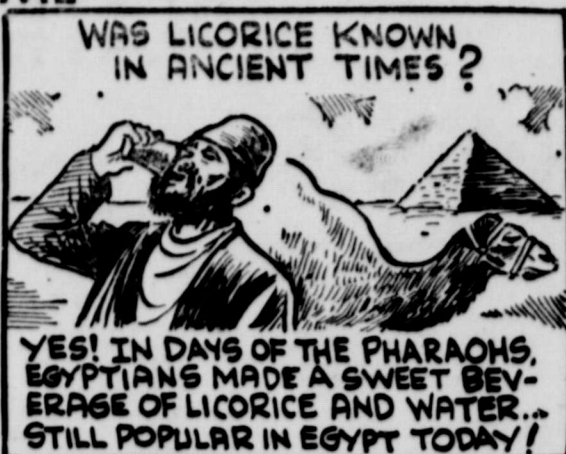
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A Defensive Driving Course, the first for 1971, will be offered to those 55 years of age and over, beginning with the first two-hour session Tuesday, March 9, from 9 until 11 a.m. in the Gold Room of the First State Bank Building, South 4th and Oak streets in Abilene.

Courses to follow will be Thursday, March 11; Tuesday, March 16, and the fourth two-hour session will be on Thursday, March 18.

Theme of the course will be "Reduce Accidents by learning how to control your driving."

The course will consist of classroom training in modern driving techniques, including visual aids and films. Each session will be approximately fifty minutes, with a "coffee break" between.

Bob Hutchins, Texas Department of Public Safety, will address the group at 10 a.m. Thursday, March 11 on the subject, "New Driving Laws for Texas Motorists."

Presented as a public service, the course is sponsored by the Abilene Chapter, American Association of Retired Persons, and by the local chapter of National Retired Teachers Association, in cooperation with the Texas Department of Public Safety, Abilene Corporation Court Driving Improvement School, and the National Safety Council.

Coordinator for the course will be Clarence Humnicutt, who worked with the first such training course offered in Abilene in Oct., 1967. He will be assisted by Mr. and Mrs. William E. Lewis, which will be their thirteenth year in which they have participated. Common distractions that often divert one's attention when driving an automobile, often leading

to accidents, will be pointed out, said Humnicutt.

Purpose of the course is to "update" the driving habits of older drivers, said Humnicutt. A card with the date of the completion of the course, along with a Certificate of Appreciation, both issued by the National Safety Council will be presented to those attending all eight sessions.

No passing or failure marks will be given, and the course is not intended for beginning drivers, said Humnicutt. A card with the date of the completion of the course, along with a Certificate of Appreciation, both issued by the National Safety Council will be presented to those attending all eight sessions.

Merkel Resident Hit By Motorist

Mrs. Clara McClure, 76, of 211 Oak Street, was hit by a passing motorist Wednesday, Feb. 23 at 2:30 p.m. in the 1000 block of North First Street. Starbuck Ambulance Service took Mrs. McClure to Hendrick Hospital in Abilene. She is registered in room A-416.

According to Merkel Chief of Police, Boyd Baker, Mrs. McClure's injuries consist of lacerations of the head, fractured pelvis and a bruised foot.

Baker said that charges had not been filed as of Wednesday.

Miss Cock Named Club Pledge

ABILENE — Bids have gone out and spring semester pledging of campus social and service clubs has begun at Hardin-Simmons University.

Pledges for Delta, women's social club include Evelyn Cook of Merkel, a sophomore student at H-SU.



Governor Preston Smith and pretty Diane Milligan, home economist with the Texas Department of Agriculture, urge all Texans to eat more Texas Spanish Peanuts during National Peanut Week March 3-13.

BADGER TALES

By DONNA WHITE

February 26 ended the fourth six weeks period, and report cards went out this Wednesday. Honor Roll will be printed soon.

The school might have some visitors this week, since March 1-5 is Texas Public Schools Week.

The Merkel PTA will have a Spaghetti Supper Friday, March 5 at 6 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Tickets may be purchased at any school office, Barnett's Barber Shop, Farmers and Merchants National Bank and Carson's Super Market.

An Intramural Track Meet is scheduled for April 7th.

If you want to have a yearbook — now's the time to get it. There are only 13 left, price is \$2.75 — order one today.

The Spring Parent - Teacher Conferences will be held March 11-12.

Lions See Film On Conservation

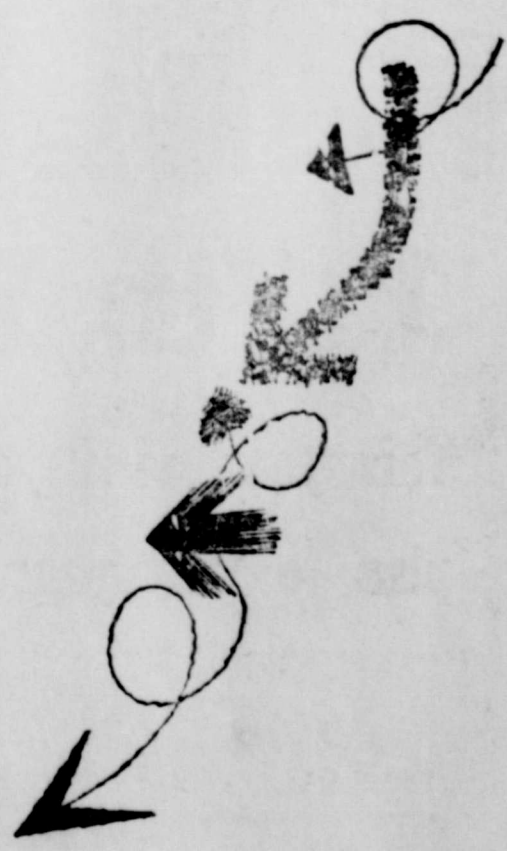
A film on Conservation was shown to members and guest of the Merkel Lions Club at their noon meeting Tuesday, by Bob Price, Conservationist with headquarters in Abilene. He was assisted by Les Etherton, also with the Conservation Department.

Special guest at the meeting was Lions 2E-1 District Governor Lloyd Nulley, from Wichita Falls. He met members following the luncheon.

Bryan Bradbury, an Abilene attorney, will be guest speaker at the club's March 16 meeting.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Henry V. Burk, Defendant,
Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 104th 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 29 day of March A.D. 1971, to Plaintiff's First Amended Petition filed in said Court on the 9 day of Feb. A.D. 1971, in this cause, numbered 11,373-B on the docket of said court and styled Callaway's, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Burk Construction Company, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit:

A suit on debt, account and contract, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's First Amended 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 9 day of Feb. A.D. 1971.

Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD
Clerk, 104th District Court,
Taylor County, Texas
By Marie Gill, Deputy.

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Dwayne Brown Peel, the natural father of Wesley Ray Peel, a minor child, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 104th District Court of Taylor County, 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 5th day of April A.D. 1971, to Petitioner's Petition for adoption filed in said court, on the 28th day of December A.D. 1970, in this cause, numbered 11-507-B on the docket of said court and styled: In the Matter of Adoption of Wesley Ray Peel, a minor child, Petitioner, David J. Arnold, is joined by his wife, Sandra Arnold, who is the natural mother of said minor child.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Petitioner by David J. Arnold joined by his wife, Sandra Arnold, in which David J. Arnold petitions the court for leave to adopt said minor child, Wesley Ray Peel and to change his name to Wesley Ray Arnold as is more fully shown by Petitioner'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 17th day of February A.D. 1971.

Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Proposed **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**
NUMBER FOUR ON THE BALLOT (SJR 17)
Special Election May 18, 1971

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. That Article III of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended by adding thereto a new Section 49-d-1 to read as follows:

"Section 49-d-1. (a) The Texas Water Development Board shall upon direction of the Texas Water Quality Board or any successor agency designated by the Legislature issue additional Texas Water Development Bonds up to an additional aggregate principal amount of One Hundred Million Dollars (\$100,000,000) to provide grants, loans, or any combination of grants and loans for water quality enhancement purposes as established by the Legislature. The Texas Water Quality Board or any successor agency designated by the Legislature may make such grants and loans to political subdivisions or bodies politic and corporate of the State of Texas, including municipalities, river authorities, conservation and reclamation districts, and districts created or organized or authorized to be created or organized under Article XVI, Section 59, or Article III, Section 52 of this Constitution.

tion, State agencies, and interstate agencies and compact commissions to which the State of Texas is a party, and upon such terms and conditions as the Legislature may authorize by general law. The bonds shall be issued for such terms, in such denominations, form and installments, and upon such conditions as the Legislature may authorize.

(b) The proceeds from the sale of such bonds shall be deposited in the Texas Water Development Fund to be invested and administered as prescribed by law.

(c) The bonds authorized in this Section 49-d-1 and all bonds authorized by Sections 49-c and 49-d of Article III shall bear interest at not more than 6% per annum and mature as the Texas Water Development Board shall prescribe, subject to the limitations as may be imposed by the Legislature.

(d) The Texas Water Development Fund shall be used for the purposes heretofore permitted by, and subject to the limitations in Sections 49-c, 49-d and 49-d-1; provided, however, that the financial assistance may be made pursuant to the provisions of Sections 49-c, 49-d and 49-d-1 subject only to the availability

of funds and without regard to the provisions in Section 49-c that such financial assistance shall terminate after December 31, 1982.

(e) Texas Water Development Bonds are secured by the general credit of the State and shall after approval by the Attorney General, registration by the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas, and delivery to the purchasers, be incontestable and shall constitute general obligations of the State of Texas under the Constitution of Texas.

(f) Should the Legislature enact enabling laws in anticipation of the adoption of this amendment, such Acts shall not be void by reason of their anticipatory character."

Sec. 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this State at an election to be held on Tuesday, May 18, 1971, at which election all ballots shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the issuance of One Hundred Million Dollars (\$100,000,000) bonds to provide financial assistance to cities and other public agencies for water quality enhancement purposes, providing for the improvement and continuance of the water resources program, and establishing an interest ceiling on Water Development Bonds at 6% per annum."

PUBLIC NOTICE

Proposed **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**
NUMBER THREE ON THE BALLOT (SJR 5)
Special Election May 18, 1971

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. That Article III, Section 51-a, of the Texas Constitution, be amended to read as follows:

"Section 51-a. The Legislature shall have the power, by General Laws, to provide, subject to limitations herein contained, and such other limitations, restrictions and regulations as may be by the Legislature be deemed expedient, for assistance grants to and/or medical care for, and for rehabilitation and any other services included in the federal laws as they now read or as they may hereafter be amended, providing matching funds to help such families and individuals attain or retain capability for independence or self-care, and for the payment of assistance grants to and/or medical care for, and for rehabilitation and other services to or on behalf of:

(1) Needy aged persons who are citizens of the United States or noncitizens who shall have resided within the boundaries of the United States for at least twenty-five (25) years;

(2) Needy individuals who are totally and permanently disabled by reason of a mental or physical handicap or a combination of physical and mental handicaps;

(3) Needy blind persons;

(4) Needy dependent children and the caretakers of such children.

"The Legislature may prescribe such other eligibility requirements for participation

in these programs as it deems appropriate.

"The Legislature shall have authority to enact appropriate legislation which will enable the State of Texas to cooperate with the Government of the United States in providing assistance to and/or medical care on behalf of needy persons, in providing rehabilitation and any other services included in the federal laws making matching funds available to help such families and individuals attain or retain capability for independence or self-care, to accept and expend funds from the Government of the United States for such purposes in accordance with the laws of the United States as they now are or as they may hereafter be amended, and to make appropriations out of State funds for such purposes; provided that the maximum amount paid out of State funds to or on behalf of any needy person shall not exceed the amount that is matchable out of federal funds; provided that the total amount of State funds paid for assistance grants for needy dependent children and the caretakers of the children shall not exceed Fifty-Five Million Dollars (\$55,000,000) during any fiscal year.

"Provided further, that if the limitations and restrictions herein contained are found to be in conflict with the provisions of appropriate federal statutes, as they now are or as they may be amended to the extent that federal matching money is not available to the State for these purposes, then and in that event the

Legislature is specifically authorized and empowered to prescribe such limitations and restrictions and enact such laws as may be necessary in order that such federal matching money will be available for assistance and/or medical care for or on behalf of needy persons.

"Nothing in this section shall be construed to amend, modify or repeal Section 31 of Article XVI of this Constitution; provided further, however, that such medical care, services or assistance shall also include the employment of objective or subjective means, without the use of drugs, for the purpose of ascertaining and measuring the powers of vision of the human eye, and fitting lenses or prisms to correct or remedy any defect or abnormal condition of vision. Nothing herein shall be construed to permit optometrists to treat the eyes for any defect whatsoever in any manner nor to administer nor to prescribe any drug or physical treatment whatsoever, unless such optometrist is a regularly licensed physician or surgeon under the laws of this State."

Sec. 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this State at an election to be held on May 18, 1971, at which election the ballots shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment removing the limitation on the total State appropriations for assistance grants for the needy aged, the needy disabled, and the needy blind, and setting a limitation on total State appropriations during any fiscal year for assistance grants for needy dependent children and the caretakers of such children."

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AUSTIN — A contract for highway construction in the Abilene district has been awarded by the Texas Highway Commission. The work will be under the supervision of District Engineer J. C. Roberts, and will be in Taylor County.

Aztec Manufacturing Company of Fort Worth was awarded a contract for signing on 6.9 miles

of Loop 322 in Taylor County. Low bid was \$63,852.04.

The project extends from Interstate Highway 20 to U.S. Highway 19, C. W. Westbrook of Abilene is the Highway Department engineer in charge of the project which will take an estimated 75 working days.

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Why Is the Bible So Hard To Understand — No. 3

"It's very confusing." "I'm so confused, I don't know what to believe..." one says this way and you say another way. This is often the expressed feeling of many. Two scriptures need to be mediated upon:

1 I Corinthians 14:33

God is not confusing in what he says, even though Romans 10:14 and Acts 8:31 teaches we need teachers, but many scriptures show we must "try" our teachers to see if they teach from God (I John 4:1; II Peter 2:1 etc.). If we take the word of God and study it with open heart willing to accept what is said in light of the proper divisions of God's word it will not leave one confused. II Timothy 2:15 says "study" and "rightly divide" it.

2 John 7:17

A principle here stated is that if "your will" (determination and desire) is to do the "will" of God, you will know the truth that saves, instead of letting religious prejudice guide us. You know... "I am 'this' religion just because our family has always been"... As Isaiah wrote by inspiration... "the way of holiness, the wayfaring man, THOUGH FOOLS, shall not err therein. Isaiah 35:8.

If a person will just turn loose of self pride and say as did Isaiah "Lord here am I, send me," and let the Lord have HIS way, and be willing to accept Him regardless of cost (consider Luke 14:25-33) then he will not be confused, and its rich and rewarding. Philippians 4:6, 7.

BILLY PATTON, Minister CHURCH OF CHRIST

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You are invited to listen to the HERALD OF TRUTH program on KTXS-TV — 8 a.m. Sundays.



— The first sheet of 1971 Easter... was presented to Governor Preston Smith by David Hall of Fort Worth, opening the campaign which will last until Easter Sunday, April 11.

Editorial

1971 Texas Public Schools Week

How many times have you heard, or how many times "When I was a kid" — or that other stock phrase of adulthood, "Boy, I wish I were your age again — no worries, no troubles"?

Forget them both. Things are different now, and no amount of effort can turn back the clock. We can only work to make tomorrow better.

That's why your child's education is so important — to you, because you want the best for him; because his future depends on his education.

Part of the encouragement you can give him is to visit him in his classroom during this year's Texas Public Schools Week, March 1 through March 5, or be in attendance during Parent - Teacher Conferences March 11-12.

Show your child you care, and let him show what he's done. Let him be proud of his work, and let him know it's important.

Remember: teachers can teach. Only you can show your child that you're proud to be his parents — that you want the best education possible for him.

Visit a public school during Texas Public Schools Week this year!

SWEETWATER COUPLE TO OBSERVE 50TH

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Frazier will observe their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary at their home Sunday, March 14, at 1112 James Street in Sweetwater.

Calling hours will be from 2 until 5 p.m.

Hosting the celebration will be their children: Mrs. J. L. (Allene) Cook, Elby Frazier, Wal-

lace Frazier, Billy Wayne Frazier, Mrs. Buddie (Fay) Huff, and David Frazier.

Born in Stonewall County Mr. Frazier is a retired farmer. Mrs. Frazier was born in Taylor County.

The couple met in the spring of 1920 at White Church Community. They were married in 1921 at the Taylor County Courthouse in Abilene. They lived in the White Church Community until 1951 when they moved to New Mexico, and lived there until 1970 when they moved to Sweetwater.

They have seventeen grandchil-

'Accessories' HD Club Topic

The Stith Home Demonstration Club met Feb. 24 with Mrs. Paul Hudman opening the meeting in absence of president, Mrs. Roger Burfield.

Devotional was given by Mrs. P. J. Perry and Mrs. Fletcher Jones asked opening prayer. Mrs. Hudman gave Chapter Report.

Roll Call was answered with "someone you admire without calling names."

Mrs. Mary Newberry, Jones County HD Agent, presented a program on accessories with accessories. Many home-made gifts were shown by Mrs. Newberry, and by club members.

Hostess gift went to Mrs. Newberry.

Refreshments were served to nine members and one visitor.

The next meeting will be March 10, with Mrs. Charles Reddin as hostess.

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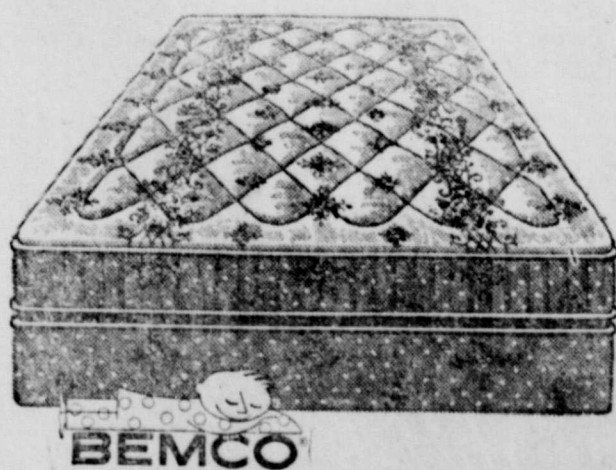
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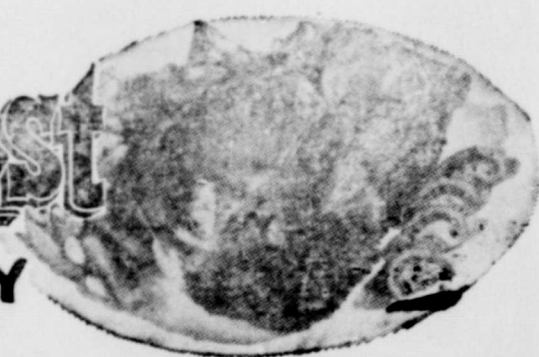
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