

Taylor Co-op Plans 22nd. Anniversary

The Twenty-Second Annual Membership Meeting of Taylor Electric Cooperative will be held Thursday, April 19, 1963, in the

The Little Mail

By E. S. CHASTAIN

We omitted the Little Mail column for the past two weeks to make room for important items that needed to be published. We are back in stride again and hope that I can relay to you some interesting items.

The rainmakers are at it again. Tom Russom, Ted Smith et al all say that April will bring rain. We almost got ourselves out of the dog house last month when we predicted rain. Only missed it a few days. Stock tanks are at low ebb, and a good dashing rain would bolster the economy no end. Let's all try it again.

I THINK WE CAN SEE America at work better when we take time enough to appreciate, watch and find out about the activities of our school children. We sometimes forget that the schools are the biggest business in the community. Sometimes we are more or less complacent about their activities, sort of take it for granted that they are there, and what they do is shrugged off for more important things.

We should consider these youngsters have projects that are just as important to them as what some big business deal means to adults. I for one would rather put a student on the back for things he has accomplished in school than to congratulate someone on a successful business deal. They have their life ahead of them and we must encourage and help them to become better business men and women.

To clarify the point a little better, students in the fifth grade under the supervision of Mrs. Cox, recently donated from their treasury, \$9.57 to the Cancer Drive. This is money that they have earned, saved, and probably intended to use for some activity for their own pleasure. But they unselfishly gave it to help others. What more can you ask of children of this age?

DIRECT APPROACH — According to unofficial sources, a new simplified income tax form for next year contains only four lines: 1. What was your income last year? 2. What were your expenses? 3. How much have you left. 4. Send it in.

PARTING THOUGHT — Remember when the headquarters for a beat generation was the woodshed?

Merkel Junior Relays Friday

The first Merkel Junior Relays will begin at Badger Stadium at 3:00 p.m. Friday, April 19. Besides the Merkel Junior Badgers the following schools will participate: Wylie, Baird, Jim Ned, Roscoe, Rotan, Clyde, Tye, Trent and Hawley.

There will be thirteen events which will include 4 relays.

The Merkel Elementary School appreciates the following merchants who have shared the expense of this meet: Mollinger's, Wilson Jewelry, Bill's Garden Shop, P. O. Barber Shop, Adcock Cleaners, Mack's Cleaners, Hick's Auto Supply, Ben Franklin Stores, West Texas Utilities Co., Nina & Fay's Lunchroom, Merkel Drug Co., Starbuck Co., Boney Insurance Agency, Carson Super Market, Collier's Service Station, Ford Smith, Gulf Distributor, Conley Barber Shop, Crawford's Men's Wear, Wilson Grocery, Perry's Cash Grocery, K & E Service Station, Fee Insurance Agency, Dudley Radio and Electric Shop.

Preliminaries of the meet will be concluded at 4:30 p.m. The finals of the meet will begin at 7:00 p.m.

The Merkel Schools invite all who are interested in helping with the various events to meet with Coach Charles Warford in the Merkel Elementary Building Library at 7:30 Thursday night. Assignment and instruction will be given at that time.

There will be no admission charge to the track meet. Everyone interested is invited to attend.

General office annex of the Merkel headquarters. Registration and entertainment will start at 9:30 a.m.

Entertainment this year will include the Merkel High School Band, the Trent High School Stage Band, the Trent High School Band, and the Gospelaires Quartet, which is a widely known group of entertainers in this area. Several appliance dealers from this area will display the very latest appliances. Automobile dealers and farm equipment dealers will also display their 1963 models.

Sandwiches, coffee and cold drinks will be served at noon.

The highlight of this year's meeting will be the presenting of Capital Credit Checks to the members. The members that were being served by Taylor Electric Cooperative in 1963 will receive a total of \$51,984.13 which is a return of about 16 per cent of the money they paid for electricity in 1963. The Capital Credit money is the funds that the Cooperative has left each year after paying for all power sold and all other operating expense, including loan repayments, interest and taxes.

An added feature of the afternoon will be the presentation of the scholarship award to the

MSgt. J. R. Dye Officer Academy Graduate

HAMILTON AFB, Calif. — Master Sergeant J. R. Dye of Merkel has graduated from the Air Defense Command Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy here.

The sergeant received advance training in leadership and management. The course included study in military justice, Air Force history, human relations, world affairs and related subjects.

Sgt. Dye, an aircraft maintenance supervisor, is returning to his permanent unit at Selfridge AFB, Mich. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Dye of Rt. 1, Merkel.

The sergeant's wife is the former Patricia L. Parks of 801 E. Eighth St., Del Rio, Tex. They now reside at 92 Whitehead Court, Selfridge AFB, Mich. He is a graduate of Merkel High School.

Fire Destroys Home, Contents

A disastrous fire almost destroyed a residence on Highway 80 West, next door to the Hardy Grocery last Monday.

The house belonged to Hump Curb and rented by Raymond Thomas. Assessed damage to house and contents estimated by the fire department of being around \$5,000.

The fire was extinguished by two booster fire trucks and the local fire department. Cause of the fire was cited by the department as children playing with matches that caught some papers afire.

No injuries were reported. Insurance covered the house but none on the contents, it was said.

CARROLL'S OPENING DRAWS BIG CROWDS

"We are exceedingly well pleased with the fine turnout of the people in Merkel and the trade area gave us on our opening days." Those were the words of Joe Morrison, manager of the new Carroll's Paint Store who held their formal opening last Friday and Saturday in Merkel. A steady stream of visitors and customers visited the new establishment through the two-day opening. The new firm gave free orchids to the first 100 ladies visiting the store each day. The 100th lady to receive an orchid for the first day was Mrs. Wayman Adcock. The 100th lady on the second day was Mrs. Ed Sandusky.

winner of the co-op's historical essay contest, a discussion of the contest by Dr. Rex Kyker of ACC, one of the judges.

A large crowd is expected to attend this year's annual membership meeting.



Up
The
Canyon
By TOM
RUSSOM

The wind is blowing and it is cloudy across the Canyon this morning. There is very little planting going on in our community.

Frank Brnovak, stockman and farmer, reports he has sheared his sheep and sold his wool. It is full early for sheep shearing, but within thirty days from new shearing will be well underway. Johnson grass is coming up real well. It was one time one of the most dreaded grasses with the farmers, but it is very valuable with stockmen now. It comes early and stock thrive so well on it. It makes a fine lot of hay for winter feed too.

Well, Sunday was a big day for our community. We had a record breaking crowd at Pioneer Church. Out of community visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Palk and children of Midland. She is the former Ruth Eutman. Also there were Mr. and Mrs. Payton Scott and two children, Petersburg, Mr. and Mrs. Burl Brown, Vicki and Linda Clark of Odessa.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Swinney of Eastland visited his parents over the week end and attended church.

We are glad to hear the Mrs. B. H. Riney is home from the hospital and doing fine.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Ray have just returned from a visit to see his mother who is in a rest home at Tom Bean, Texas. Mrs. Ford Butman was at her bedside.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Clemmer and family visited their parents in Abilene Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butman were in Roswell, N.M. over the week end visiting their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Powell.

Joe Seymore says rain will come this week, so let's get out our wash tubs.

Cramer Reynolds, co-owner in the Abilene Livestock Auction Co., said it is surprising to know how well the market is on all classes of livestock.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Toombs visited her mother Sunday in Abilene.

Buddy King was home from college to spend the Easter holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen D. King Sr.

WEATHER

Bettis Heights Station

Date	HI	LO	P
4-10	90	60	0
4-11	80	54	0
4-12	77	49	0
4-13	82	60	0
4-14	85	58	0
4-15	87	61	0
4-16	90	60	0



REV. W. D. TANNER
... new Baptist Minister

Rev. W. D. Tanner Accepts Ministry Of Baptist Church

Bro. W. D. (B.D.) Tanner, 36, accepted the call of the First Baptist Church of Merkel as its pastor. Bro. Tanner along with his wife and children, Penny 11, Tim 10, and Jeanette 8, arrived in Merkel last Wednesday. He began his ministry Sunday, April 14.

Bro. Tanner came to this church from the West Park Baptist Church of Pecos, where he served for two and a half years. Prior to that time, he served with the Skyline Baptist Church of Lubbock for three years. He attended Wayland Baptist College in Plainview; Hardin - Simmons University in Abilene; Texas Wesleyan of Fort Worth; and the Southwestern Theological Seminary of Fort Worth.

Bro. Tanner is a 32nd degree Mason; member of the Pecos Valley Blue Lodge of Pecos; and the El Paso Scottish Rite Consistory.

Members of the church are having a "welcome" party in the form of an "old fashioned pounding" for Bro. Tanner and his family, Friday night, April 19, 7 to 9 p.m., at the Parsonage, 1500 Heath. All neighbors and friends are invited.

Merkel Seniors To Present Play

The Senior Class of Merkel High School will present their annual play on Tuesday, April 23.

Two performances of the three-act play, "The Hoosier Schoolmaster," will be presented. There will be a matinee performance at 12:30 p.m. and a night performance at 7:00 p.m.

"Much work has gone into the production of the play this year, and we believe that everyone will thoroughly enjoy this play about a town schoolmaster and the experiences he encounters in a rural school in Indiana," said senior class president Keith Wilson.

A film, "Last Showdown at Sundance," will also be shown. This is a short skit starring members of the senior class. It was filmed while on their Senior trip at Medina, Texas.

Admission prices will be 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for students.

Merkel Cemetery Names Officers

By recent poll conducted by mail, Mrs. Lilley Pratt Brown, Fred Starbuck, Booth Warren, Joe Cybert and David Gamble were elected directors of Merkel Cemetery Association, Inc.

In a meeting of the Directors-elect on Monday, April 15, the following officers were named: Booth Warren, president; Mrs. Lilley Pratt Brown, vice president and Fred Starbuck, secretary-treasurer.

Reorganization of the board was occasioned by the death of Mr. A. T. Sheppard, who served the non-profit corporation as president for many years.

The directors-elect and the officers will welcome suggestions from any interested individuals, clubs of other local organizations in an effort to improve the maintenance and beautification of the local cemetery.

Omar Burleson Urges Polluted Water Study

Merkel Reports Unofficial \$850 In Cancer Drive

The Cancer Crusade Drive under the leadership of Merkel area chairman, Johnny Cox, in which a house to house and business drive completed Monday, netted contributions turned in so far as being approximately \$850.00.

Mrs. David Gamble headed the women's division in the house to house drive while C of C secretary, Mary Hargrove conducted the business drive with her committee.

Mr. Cox, in a statement today, said, "In behalf of the American Cancer Society and those whose lives may be spared the ravages of cancer, because of the time and money given, in this great cooperative effort that so many worked faithfully, may I express my gratitude and sincere thanks."

Explaining what contributions will do to help the fight against cancer, Mr. Cox continued, "Let's continue the fight against cancer. It's a hard struggle, but we are winning battles every day."

Two Car Crash Hospitalizes One

A two-car accident at the corner of El Paso and West Second Street Monday hospitalized one and did considerable damage to the two automobiles.

Hospitalized in Sadler Hospital for a broken collar bone was Mrs. Arlene Windham. Driver of the other car, Andra Sue West, was shaken and bruised, but visibly unhurt.

Police Chief Pete Petty, estimated damage to the two cars as being heavy. Direct cause of the accident was not revealed at the time.

CEMETERY FUND

Contributions to the Merkel Cemetery Fund for this week is as follows.

M. H. Ely for Ely lots

Mrs. D. W. Ashby 2320 Green Street, Abilene

Beulah Kirby, Burleson, Tex. for A. M. and Mollie Wimberly lot

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Douglas and Gene in memory of W. J. Bicknell

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Teaff in memory of Bud Toombs and Mrs. J. O. McMinn.

AUTHOR AND GUIDE VISITS IN MERKEL

The tie between Merkel, a red dog, rugged bear hunting, a man's book about the red dog and a life and death underground struggle with a "cat" is John Horn.

John Horn was a Merkel boy now living in Abilene with friends in both towns — and a friend in Chama, New Mexico.

The friends in Chama is O. A. Washburn, one time school teacher, bear hunter dog trainer, guide and author. Also a husband.

Washburn has written a book, "General Red" which is published by Exposition Press in New York and can be bought from local bookstores for \$3 a copy.

This is a book that dog lovers and people who love the outdoors and adventure will remember.

It is not a dog book in the fairy-tale manner of Lassie. This is a book about a dog, an individual.

This individual dog aptly called "General Red" manages to hunt with superb field - maneuvering and control of the pack and the man with the gun, when it so pleases the dog and when he doesn't backslide into an easy life of fat.

General Red isn't a dog that you will cuddle and love. He's a dog that you will understand and admire and mourn his death.

When John Horn brought his friend Washburn to Merkel, Washburn looked like the typical man who prefers to live out and chase hounds. He looked like a



REP. OMAR BURLESON
... speaks in Merkel

Announcements

A series of meetings will be held in the county under the direction of the Taylor County Wheat Committee, the Extension Service, and the ASCS office at the following places on the date specified to explain the 1964 wheat program:

Abilene — County Court House Thursday night, April 18 at 8 p.m.

Shep — Schoolhouse Monday night, April 22 at 8 p.m.

Tuscola — School house Tuesday night, April 23 at 8 p.m.

Merkel — REA office, Thursday night, April 25, at 8:00 p.m.

It is very important that all wheat producers understand the operation of the 1964 Wheat Program and this is especially true for producers on farms with 1964 wheat allotments of less than 15 acres.

The referendum will be held May 21st and you need to understand the program so as to know how to vote. Please tell your neighbors and attend if possible.

G. C. Stewart, Chairman

Due to circumstances beyond our control, the Negro Minstrel scheduled for Trent High School Tuesday night was called off because of conflict in the calendar with Trent High School. We are sorry.

BAND PARENTS CLUB
Mrs. Ford Smith Jr., Pres.

Anyone interested in entering the 4-H Club Talent Show should contact Mrs. Vincent Barnett as soon as possible. Anyone is eligible if they have not competed professionally in other shows. Prizes will be given. Entry fee is 50 cents per person per entry.

J. D. Sandusky Receives Award For Conservation

With a ringing plea for recognition of what is right with America, Representative Omar Burleson suggested that local problems be defined and their scope determined and then solved.

He spoke with specific reference to water pollution as a problem and said that with local leadership the problem should be examined and then if the problem were larger than state boundaries it might be necessary for the federal government to help solve the problem.

He said he felt it a necessity that as a nation we take care of our natural resources.

Congressman Burleson presented the outstanding conservationist award to J. D. Sandusky Sr.

Howard Teaff, who introduced Burleson, said it has become a tradition that the congressman meet with the conservation district about this time of the year to discuss problems.

The meeting was called to order by Lion Club President Onis Crawford. Booth Warren introduced out-town guests and said it was a list of Who is Who in the area.

Congressman Burleson also presented Pete Downing with a belated award for his conservation work in 1961-62.

Congressman Burleson eulogized the farmer as the backbone of this country who manages more capital than most of the businessmen in town... "a denim dressed statesman." He said farmers still buy more petroleum than any other segment of the population and compose the largest market now and always will.

After stressing that the water pollution problem be examined by local leaders, Burleson said that the problem might be similar to the one with the screwworm, which he said does not recognize state lines and is therefore one to be brought to the attention of the federal government.

Burleson said it was very sad that he doesn't hear enough people talking about what is right with America. He said "there has always been a whole of a lot right."

When school children write that they have proved the government is shot through with communism, I think how sad, I write back, "don't believe it. It just isn't so."

He said people living in freedom have the burden of positive leadership thrust on them and should "be for something."

Former Resident Buried In Lamesa

Finis Melvin Hale, route C, Lamesa, died Sunday, April 7 in the Veterans' Administration Hospital in Big Spring.

Formerly of Merkel, he had lived in Lamesa since 1930. He was a veteran of World War II and a member of North Side Baptist Church of Lamesa.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 1 p.m. in the chapel of Higginbotham Funeral Home. Interment was in Lamesa Memorial Park.

He is survived by his wife, Anna Mae, three daughters, Mrs. Jeff Murphy, Lamesa, Mrs. Bobbie Edington, Coleman; Mrs. Marie Pauker, Odessa; one son, M. C. Hall, Coleman; one brother, Reece Hale, Merkel, two sisters, Mrs. Jennings Winter, Merkel, and Mrs. Dee Derstine, Lamesa; and eleven grandchildren.

ATTEND FUNERAL OF FORMER RESIDENT

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Ensminger, Merkel, attended the funeral of his cousin, Mrs. Maude Hoople, Friday in Lubbock.

Mrs. Hoople was 89 and was born at Farmers Branch north of Dallas. When a young girl she moved with her parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. George Witt, to Mulberry Canyon.

Mr. Witt was at one time, superintendent of Merkel schools, later became county superintendent and Taylor County Treasurer.

Dale Moore Circle Hosted By Mrs. Higgins

The Dale Moore Circle of the First Baptist Church met in the home of Mrs. Ada Higgins, April 23. Mrs. Higgins and members of the circle entertained representatives of the Alethean Filler Circle at the same meeting.

Presiding at the meeting was Mrs. Ollie Fox, Circle chairman. Program chairman, Mrs. Lucy Ford; Mission chairman, Mrs. Eunice Massey; Mission Study, World Awareness, Mrs. G. D. McConnell Stewardship, Mrs. Cordelia Sherer; Secretary, Mrs. Ollie Fox; Donnell; Publicity, Mrs. Blanche Amason.

Other members attending were Mrs. T. J. Bird, Mrs. Ada Higgins, with Meses. Clarence Perry, G. D. McConnell, Mrs. W. A. McCandless and Claude Warren attending from the Alethean Circle Visitor was Mrs. John Young.

Jimmy Neill Earns MU Degree

COLUMBIA, Mo. — A total of 516 students in the Columbia divisions of the University of Missouri completed requirements for degrees at the close of the Fall Semester late in January, and will be included in the June Commencement Class of 1963.

Many of these have already received their diplomas. They will not be required to participate in the June Commencement exercises, although many will return for the traditional ceremonies. All the names will appear on the June Commencement program. There are no mid-term commencement exercises at the University.

The graduate degrees include 41 Masters of Arts, 51 Master of Science, 17 Master of Education, 1 Master of Science for Teachers, 1 Doctor of Education, and 14 Doctor of Philosophy.

Eight students from Texas receiving degrees are:

Dallas — Brown, Clarke Roger, Jr. 3906 Potomac, B. J. Wester, Samie Jane, 835 Timber Del Lane, A.M.

Fort Worth — Hoy, Robert Lapsley Jr., 3625 Kimberly Lane, A.B.

Hull, Pamela Sue, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Phillips, 2914 Sandage, B.S. in Home Ec. Merkel — Neill, Jimmy Dyke, RFD 4, M.S.

San Antonio — Tolerson, Tan dy, III, 826 Gulf, Ph.D.

Wingo, Hal Chapman Jr., 630 W. Mistletoe, A.M.

Sealy — Bird, Marjorie E. Kaminsky, RFD 1, M.S.

P-TA to Elect New Officers

The last meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association for the school year of 1962-63 will be Thursday night, April 25, at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium.

This meeting will include the election and installation of new officers for the coming year. Mrs. Clyde Bunch, president, will be in charge of that part of the program.

Mrs. Comer Haynes, program chairman, announced that the program would include band music by the Merkel Elementary Band, directed by W. C. Head, and choral music under the direction of Mrs. Norman Winter.

Hospitality chairman, Mrs. Onis Crawford, stated that refreshments will be served following the meeting.

Merkel Airman Promoted, M-Sgt

KFESLER AFB, Miss. — R. G. Palmer of Merkel has been promoted to senior master sergeant in the United States Air Force.

Sgt. Palmer is attending a course for aircraft maintenance superintendents at Keesler. He previously was assigned to Kincheloe AFB, Mich.

A graduate of Anson High School, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Palmer of Rt. 1, Merkel.

His wife is the former Ruth M. Rodgers, daughter of Mrs. Lucille Wooten of 234 S.W. Fifth Ave., Gainesville.



DANA KAY DURHAM
... to wed Charles R. Boyd Jr.

CEMETERY FUND

Donations to the Merkel Cemetery Association this week are as follows:

C. R. Tittle
Dr. and Mrs. Jarrett Williams
in memory of Mrs. F. T. Hogan
Mrs. H. H. Hobbs, Rt. 2, Rogers
Ark. for Dewey Thomas lot

Bill Collins in memory of Eliza
Hav Collins

John T. Toombs, 1042 Sayles
Blvd., Abilene.

Irven Thompson Opens Conoco Sta.

Irven Thompson, loc. agent for the Conoco Oil Co. is announcing the reopening of the Conoco Station located on East Highway 80 under his direction. The station was formerly operated by Jack Collins.

The new opening has been set for Saturday, April 27 at which time there will be offering free coffee, donuts and cold drinks for visitors. Free balloons and sundries will be distributed to children.

The new firm offers a complete line of Firestone tires and tubes for passing cars, trucks and trailers as well as complete service in greasing, oil change and tire repair.

As an opening day special they will offer a 2 pound bag of Imperial sugar to be given free with the purchase of 5 gallons or more of gasoline.

Mr. Jim Lorraine will be associated with Mr. Thompson in operating the station.



THOMPSON'S CONOCO STATION — Located on East Highway 80 will hold their reopening on Saturday, April 27. (Staff Photo)

Evening Melodies Theme of Annual Piano Recital

Students of Mrs. T. T. Earthman and Mrs. R. J. Miller will present their Annual "Evening Melodies" in a piano recital at the First Baptist Church April 30, at 7:30 p.m.

The two ladies have conducted the annual recital for a good many years in Merkel and the program looks excellent for this year.

There are 51 students on the program with varied selections. Due to the many entries the program will start promptly at 7:30. You are asked to encourage the children with your presence.

Mrs. Graham, 72, Dies In Stanton

Funeral services for Mrs. Ruby Graham, 72, were held Monday, April 22. Mrs. Graham died Sunday at 8:20 a.m. in the Physicians Hospital.

Mrs. Graham moved to Stanton in 1948 from Merkel. She lived at 607 North Saint Peter Street at the time of her death.

She was born April 17, 1891, in Stephenville. She married the late Andrew Graham in 1912 at Stephenville. Mr. Graham died in 1947 at Merkel.

Funeral services were held in the First Methodist Church with the pastor, the Rev. Ellis Todd officiating. Interment was at Rose Hill Cemetery in Merkel under the direction of Arrington Funeral Home.

She is survived by two sons, J. W. Graham of Stanton and Jack Graham of Detroit, Texas; two daughters, Mrs. Jimmy Stallings of Stanton, and Mrs. Virginia Martin of Andrews; one granddaughter, Mrs. Frank Gilliar of Great Neck, New York; 14 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Bridge Club Sets Charity Tourney

The first duplicate bridge tournament to be scheduled in the Hamlin area as part of the American Contract Bridge League's 1962-63 Charity Program will be sponsored by the Hamlin Duplicate Club.

The game will be held in Saturday, April 27, at 1:30 and 7:30 p.m. at the Primary Cafeteria. Proceeds of the tourney, which is open to the public, will go to the American Contract Bridge League Charity Program's two designated beneficiaries, the Institute of Logopedics and the National Sclerosis Society. The Hamlin Duplicate bridge club is one of over 4,000 American Contract Bridge League affiliates eligible to conduct special tournaments each year on behalf of the national charity organizations selected by the League. A total of about \$170,000 was raised by the League's Charity Program last year.

Entry fee for the April 27 tourney is \$2.00 per person. All bridge players in the area may participate.

Mrs. Mabel Lillious, Abilene who holds a championship rating will serve as director of the tournament.

There will be a fish fry at the Fisherman on Fort Phantom Lake, May 1, from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. The all-day affair will be hosted by John Williams, owner and manager of Fisherman and he invites all fishermen and patrons to attend. It is all free, come and enjoy yourself.

Fortnightly Club Studies S. A.

Presenting the study of South America with vivid descriptions of Uruguay, Mmes. Andy Shouse and Bob Goodwin and Roy Dalziel spoke to the Fortnightly Study Club Tuesday, April 9, in the home of Mrs. Homer Patterson.

Passports and suit cases were in evidence as the three speakers discussed clothes, incantations, culture, schools, libraries, sports, early history of Uruguay, government, taxes and the military of the country.

Mrs. Don Dudley, president, announced the Cancer Drive, and plans were made to assist in the house to house drive for funds.

Those present were Meses. Allen Armstrong, Johnny Cox, Roy Dalziel, Don Dudley, Bryan Dunagin, Wrenn Durham, Mack Wisher, Bob Goodwin, Comer Haynes, Ben R. Hicks, Earl Hughes, Homer Newby, Howard Marcom, Homer Patterson, Aand Shouse and Miss Christine Collins.

H. Roberts Reelected At TEC's 22nd. Meet



SCHOLARSHIP WINNER — Mary Ann Fergus, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Theron Fergus, Abilene, and a senior in Cooper High School was presented Taylor Electric Cooperative's \$500 scholarship Thursday by Manager Norman Winter. Her essay on "Power for Progress" was the co-op's first historical essay. (Staff Photo)

BADGERS WIN CLASS A REGION I MEET

Merkel's Badgers won the Class A championship in the Region I track and field meet held at the Texas Tech Track in Lubbock Saturday.

Merkel, which won the mile relay in a record 3:28.1, compiled 60 points to 44 for defending champion O'Donnell. Rotan was fifth with 28 and Wylie tenth with 22.

Roger Moore, Merkel's outstanding trackster, picked up 25 points for his days work but barely beat Wylie's star, Dean Clark for individual honors.

Moore cinched Merkel's first place mile relay team, its second place 440-yard relay and placed second in the broad jump and 440-yard dash.

Others gaining second places and state meet berths were Haskell's John Kimbrough in the 100-yard dash, and Mitcham easily won in 21.9.

Moore ran a brilliant closing lap to enable the Badgers to win the mile relay.

Also competing in Region I links titles at Meadowbrook Golf Course Friday in Lubbock for berths in the state tournament were Rodney W. Robertson shooting a low 82, Weldon Tittle 100, James Litton 106 and Bob Benson 95. The low individual score in Class A was shot by Memphis' Jay Dunbar with a 74.



BITSY WEST
... junior biology major



ROBERT MARCOM
... Spanish Major

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4-20	80	58	0
4-21	89	63	0
4-22	95	64	0
4-23	76	58	0



SHARON CYPERT
... elementary education major

McM Students On Spring Tour

ABILENE — Bitsy West, Sharon Cypert and Robert Marcom, all of Merkel and members of the McMurry College Indian Band were with the group on their annual spring tour when they performed in six towns in West Texas April 21 through April 24.

Miss West is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Eager, 708 Oak Street. She is a junior biology major in McMurry and is a member of Kappa Phi social club, Science Club and Student Education Association.

Miss Cypert, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Cypert is a member of Alpha Pi Alpha social club and an elementary education major. She is a sophomore student.

Marcom, a sophomore, is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. Howard Marcom. He is a member of Eta Epsilon Iota social club and is a Spanish major.

While on tour the McMurry students performed in churches and high schools in San Angelo, Fort Stockton, Colorado City, Monahans, Andrews, and Lubbock.

Cooper Student Wins Essay Prize

A large crowd, more than 1,200 members and guests attended the 22nd Annual Meeting of the Taylor Electric Cooperative held last Thursday in the annex of the headquarters building.

Highlights of the meeting included distribution of Capital Credit checks totaling \$51,984.13, awarding a \$500 college scholarship to Mary Ann Fergus, Cooper High School, Abilene, as first winner in the cooperative's historical essay contest, special music by the Gospelaires and Trent High School Band, and the reelection to his 22nd term as chairman of the board H. R. Roberts of Bradshaw.

Replacement of two veteran board members, Jeff Anderson of Trent and C. F. Hill of Hawley by Noble Touchstone of Tuscola and Riley Miller of Potosi. Elmo Jones of Tuscola was reelected to the board.

Odus Moore, Nolan, long-time member of the board was named vice chairman to succeed Hill. Jack Morrow of Hawley was reelected to his third term as secretary-treasurer.

The secretary-treasurer's report to members, Morrow said the cooperative's total revenue for the year ended was \$987,713.77 of which \$323,210.79 or 32.7 per cent, derived from services to farms, ranches and homes; \$479,880.09, or 48.6 per cent, to pump wells; and \$144,184.50 or 14.6 per cent for other commercial and industrial uses.

Of the \$987,713.77 earned during the fiscal year, \$290,326.77, or nearly a third of the income, went to the purchase of power; \$263,780.12, or nearly a fourth, went to the cost of operations and administration; \$211,153.89, or 21.8 per cent, went into margins for 1962. Interest and taxes took 7.9 per cent of the income, or a total of \$78,482.01.

The organization has total assets of \$4,949,235.20. It owes \$3,604,111.42, mostly on loans from NEA. The co-op has made advance payments on loans of \$200,000 already and by the end of the new fiscal year will have made approximately \$1,000,000 in advance payments on REA loans.

Many valuable premiums as door prizes were distributed during the day by drawing. J. Lynn Knight, company employee did an excellent job as master of ceremonies.

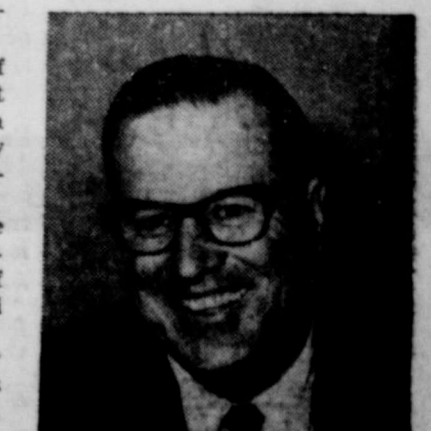
Calvary Baptists Slate Revival

The Calvary Baptist Church, located on the corner of 5th and Ruppel's Street has scheduled a revival to start April 29 through May 5. The Rev. Darrell Glegghorn is the local pastor.

Evangelist for the revival is the Rev. H. Frank Fort, pastor of the Berean Baptist Church of Houston. Rev. Fort comes well recommended, and is considered by fellow preachers as one of the great Bible scholars of the day. He has been at Berean Baptist Church in Houston for over 20 years, where the Sunday School attendance exceeds 1000.

Rev. Fort has a gift in memorizing scripture. This man of God will bless your heart and amaze you with the great amount of scripture he will quote during each message., said the Rev. Darrell Glegghorn, local pastor.

The Rev. Fort will speak nightly at the revival. The Calvary Baptist Church extends an invitation to the people in Merkel and outlying areas to attend this special revival and hear the Evangelist.



REV. H. FRANK FORT
... Calvary Baptist Evangelist

EDITORIAL

Here's A Real Loophole

If you are a businessman, you have been figuring out your federal income tax under new rules that apply to your transportation, lodging, meals and entertainment costs. And remember, there is no exemption allowed for productive time lost in daily bookkeeping.

It doesn't set well with a hard-pressed private citizen when he reads of the loose manner in which congressmen are permitted to list all their expenses for travel on junkets around the world, for which tax money pays. Instead of an itemized statement they turn in a report that reads, for instance, lodging \$400, meals \$800, transportation \$500, miscellaneous \$300. No details are required about who, when or how they fed a guest, whether the cost for entertainment, transportation and lodging pertained to government business, etc.

Why shouldn't a congressman be required to fill out in detail the same kind of an expense account as a private citizen, before he turns it in to the government for payment? After all it is public money he is spending and that should be more carefully accounted for than personal income.

If the government is really trying to plug tax-loop-holes, why not include the public officials who travel at taxpayers expense, as well as the private citizens who travel at their own or company expense? In other words, let government set a good example.

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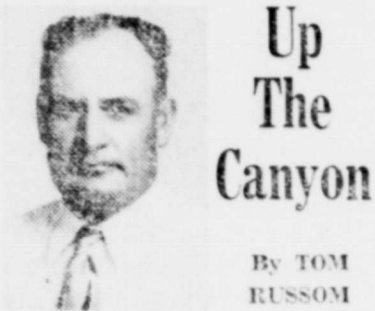
Farmers Co-Op Gin, Merkel, Texas ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Annual Membership Meeting of the Farmers Co-Op Gin will be held at the Merkel School Cafeteria at 2:30 p.m., April 27, 1963. It is important that you attend this meeting. By-Laws change to be voted on; three directors to be elected; Annual report to be read; Dividend checks to be handed out. Date is Saturday, April 27, 1963.

DEE TEAFF, President
CURTIC McANINCH, Sec.



NAVY TO DYESS—Secretary of the Navy Fred Korth presents the United Fund Community Funds and Council's Southwest Region Outstanding Installation award to Col. William L. McDowell Jr., commander, 96th Strategic Aerospace Wing. Colonel McDowell accepted the award for Dyess, which has never failed to reach its goals in past AF drives. (AIR FORCE PHOTO)



Up The Canyon

By TOM
RUSSOM

We received a very fine letter this week from a home boy, a good friend to you and me, and I think it would be very appropriate to give him our space in the column so that you too can share in his fine letter.

I noticed Clark, that you have lost track of Blanton McLean who you went to school with. Blanton is now living at Kerrville, his wife is teaching school there and he is employed with the hospital staff. Clark, we are very happy to let you have the space in our column this week.

Box 7328
Fort Worth 11, Texas
April 19, 1963

Mr. Tom Russom
Merkel, Texas
Dear Tom:

My, my, isn't it remarkable

how one little thing can lead to another and wind up being a lot more interesting than originally intended.

My letter to the Merkel Mail was only for the purpose of correcting the expiration date and I added the personal note as an afterthought because I do think the present editor is doing a better job than some recent ones, but I had no idea that he would publish my letter. Never the less he did and some how I am sort of glad and I appreciate your noticing it and remarking about it in your nice column.

I doubt that you remember me personally, so I want to tell you a few things to let you know how much I have in common with Merkel people and others out toward the Canyon. As I didn't know that my letter was going to be published, I did not go in to detail about a lot of things, and if I had done so it would have been too long anyway. In the first place I neglected to mention that I worked in the Farmers and Merchants National Bank in Merkel for nine months in 1932, and that is where I first knew you, T. H. and Jess. I graduated from Merkel High School in May, 1928 along with Blanton McLean and thought a lot of him, but haven't heard much of him in recent years. Through Ollie Sanders, the mail carrier, I became acquainted with Charlie Orr and was a good friend of his.

You mention Buck Mashburn quite frequently, he is another one that I have known all my life.

Tom Blair, an old Merkel Canyon boy, is in the same work as I and every twelfth day we are together going through Merkel and the others in the crew kid us about running over them to get to the door just before passing through Merkel. Of course each time we are together we discuss the latest news from out that way.

About 1956 I was out at Pioneer Memorial Church at a singing. My son, Bill, was in a quartet from here and he wanted to go out there and sing for his

kinfolks and our old neighbors from Stith, many of whom were also there, as was Ira Stanley and wife whom I have known all my life. Don't know if you remember that occasion or not. I think you know Hollis, Bob and Ted Hudson. They are my wife's brothers and all moved into Merkel from the farm at Stith.

Until his death a few months ago, I came east each trip with a conductor named Dee Bailey who was talking to me about the Butman family on several occasions. He lived in Big Spring just across the street from the Butman's daughter, there.

A few trips ago in a cafe in Big Spring, I heard a young woman address her small daughter as "Paka" and I remarked to her that it was an odd name, and that the only other person I ever knew by that name was a girl named Paka Newby at Merkel. The young mother looked surprised and said, "Why, this little girl was named after Paka Newby." It turned out that she was a Rogers girl from Merkel, now married and living near Big Spring.

The world just keeps turning round and round each day and bringing new and interesting experiences and events. We see the old pass away and the young spring up, old timers move away and new people move in, machines improve and everything is speeding up a bit every day. But, the old, basic fundamental foundation of friendship, neighborliness, hometown pride, and the nostalgia for the days and places of our youth goes on and on. It has been a pleasure to renew my contact with you by correspondence because of the chance letter in the Mail and perhaps some time when we are visiting out there, I'll meet up with you on the street.

Best regards to you and yours and more power to your column.

Sincerely,

CLARK MUNDY

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Stockbridge visited her mother, Mrs. Nannie Glenn, her sister, Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Collins over the week end.

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NO. 27,824-A
IN THE 42ND DISTRICT COURT
OF
TAYLOR COUNTY, TEXAS
JIM W. JOHNSON AND
W. B. JONES, JR.
VS
CHARLES LOWERY, ET UX
ANNIE BELLE LOWERY

NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS by virtue of an Order
of Sale issued out of the 42nd
District Court of Taylor County,
Texas, on a judgement rendered
in said Court on the 18th day of
February, 1963, in favor of the
said Jim W. Johnson and W. B.
Jones, Jr. and against the said
Charles Lowery and wife, Annie Belle
Lowery, No. 27,824-A, on the docket of said Court, I did,
on the 29th day of March, 1963,
at 10 o'clock A.M., levy upon the
following described tracts and
parcels of land situated in the
County of Taylor, State of Texas,
and belonging to the said Charles
Lowery and wife, Annie Belle
Lowery, to-wit:

Lot No. One (1), Block "L,"
Carver Addition to the City of
Abilene, Taylor County, Texas;
and on the 7th day of May, 1963,
being the first Tuesday of said
month, between the hours of 10
o'clock a.m. and 4 o'clock p.m.,
on said day, at the Courthouse
door of said County, I will offer
for sale and sell at public auc-
tion, for cash, all the right, title
and interest of the said Charles
Lowery and wife, Annie Belle
Lowery, in and to said property.
Dated at Abilene, Texas, this
29th day of March, 1963.

J. D. WOODARD, Sheriff
By: M. T. Fox, Deputy. 4 3tc

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL
ESTATE UNDER ORDER OF
SALE
NO. 27,300-A
LeCLAIR OPERATING COM-
PANY, INC.

VS.
PAUL E. BRUCE, ET AL.
IN THE 42ND DISTRICT COURT
OF
TAYLOR COUNTY, TEXAS

WHEREAS, by virtue of an
Order of Sale issued out of the
42nd District Court of Taylor
County, Texas, on a judgment
rendered in said Court on the
13th day of February, 1963, in
favor of LeClair Operating Com-
pany, Inc. and against Paul E.
Bruce; Elmer W. and Irene F.
Gilbert; H. M. and Ophelia Gog-
le; Bert and Alice Kruse; Liberty
Oil & Uranium Company; Murdo
D. MacDonald; Robert M. Mc-
Lennan; B. Marie Miracle; Ar-
thur L. and Ruby Rice; Curtis
Richardson, Trustee; Richard B.
Searles and Robert L. Wood,
No. 27,300-A on the docket of
said court, I did, on the 2nd day
of April, 1963, at 10 a.m. levy
upon the following described
tracts of land situated in the
County of Taylor, State of Tex-
as, and belonging to the said
Defendants, to-wit:

The undivided interest in and
to Oil & Gas Leases owned by
the Defendants covering the
tracts of land located in the R.
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Winter Survey No. 432 and the
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in Taylor County, Texas, all of
which tracts are included in the
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UNIT in Taylor County, Texas,
and on the 7th day of May, 1963,
being the first Tuesday in said
month, between the hours of
ten o'clock A.M. and four o'clock
P.M. on said day at the Court
House of said County, I will offer
for sale and sell at auction for
cash, all the right, title and in-
terest of the said Paul E. Bruce;
Elmer W. and Irene F. Gil-
bert; H. M. and Ophelia Gog-
le; Bert and Alice Kruse; Liberty
Oil & Uranium Company; Murdo
D. MacDonald; Robert M. Mc-
Lennan; B. Marie Miracle; Ar-
thur L. and Ruby Rice; Curtis
Richardson, Trustee; Richard B.
Searles and Robert L. Wood in
and to said property.

Dated at Abilene, Texas this
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s-s EUGENE WILLIAMS
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THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Hazel Moore, Defendant,
Greeting:

YOUR ARE HEREBY COM-
MANDED to appear before the
Honorable 42nd District Court
of Taylor County at the Court-
house thereof, in Abilene, Texas,
by filing a written answer at or
before 10 o'clock A. M. of the
first Monday next after the ex-
piration of forty - two days from
the date of the issuance of this
citation, same being the 27th day
of May A.D. 1963, to Plaintiff's
Petition filed in said court, on
the 10th day of April A.D. 1963,
in this cause, numbered 28,142-A
on the docket of said court and
styled Curtis Eugene Moore,
Plaintiff, vs. Hazel Moore, De-
fendant.

A brief statement of the nature
of this suit is as follows, to-wit:
Plaintiff and defendant were
married on or about Oct. 15, 1953
and became permanently sepa-
rated on 15th of January, 1959.

Plaintiff sues for divorce on
grounds of harsh and cruel treat-
ment 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 return-
ed 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 12th
day of April A.D. 1963.
(Seal)

Attest: R.H. ROSS Clerk,
42nd District Court
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By Irene Crawford, Deputy. 6 4tc

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THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Venton Bolte, Defendant,
Greeting:

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piration of forty - two days from
the date of the issuance of this
citation, same being the 27th day
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Petition filed in said court, on
the 27th day of March A.D. 1963,
in this cause numbered 9979-B
on the docket of said court and
styled Mary Peach Bolte, Plain-
tiff, vs. Venton Bolte, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature
of this suit is as follows, to-wit:
Plaintiff and defendant were
married on the 11th day of May,
1929 and became permanently sepa-
rated in 1947. Plaintiff sues for
divorce on grounds of harsh and
cruel treatment and that Plain-
tiff and defendant have lived
apart for more than seven (7)
years as is more fully shown by
Plaintiff's Petition on file in
this suit.

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of its issuance, it shall be return-
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(Seal)

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104th District Court
Taylor County, Texas
By Irene Crawford, Deputy. 6 4tc

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THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Wanda Joy Sheeler, De-
fendant, Greeting:

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Honorable 42nd District Court of

Taylor County at the Courthouse
thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by
filing a written answer at or be-
fore 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 ci-
tation, same being the 3rd day
of June A.D. 1963, to Plaintiff's
Petition filed in said court, on
the 17th day of April A.D. 1963,
in this cause, numbered 28-173-A
on the docket of said court and
styled Francis Doraine Sheeler,
Plaintiff, vs. Wanda Joy Sheeler,
Defendant.

A brief statement of the na-
ture of this suit is as follows, to-
wit: Plaintiff and Defendant
were married on or about the
9th day of November, 1952, and
became permanently separated
March 15, 1960. Plaintiff sues
for divorce on grounds of abandon-
ment as is more fully shown
by Plaintiff's Petition on file
in this suit.

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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 18th
day of April A.D. 1963.
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42nd District Court
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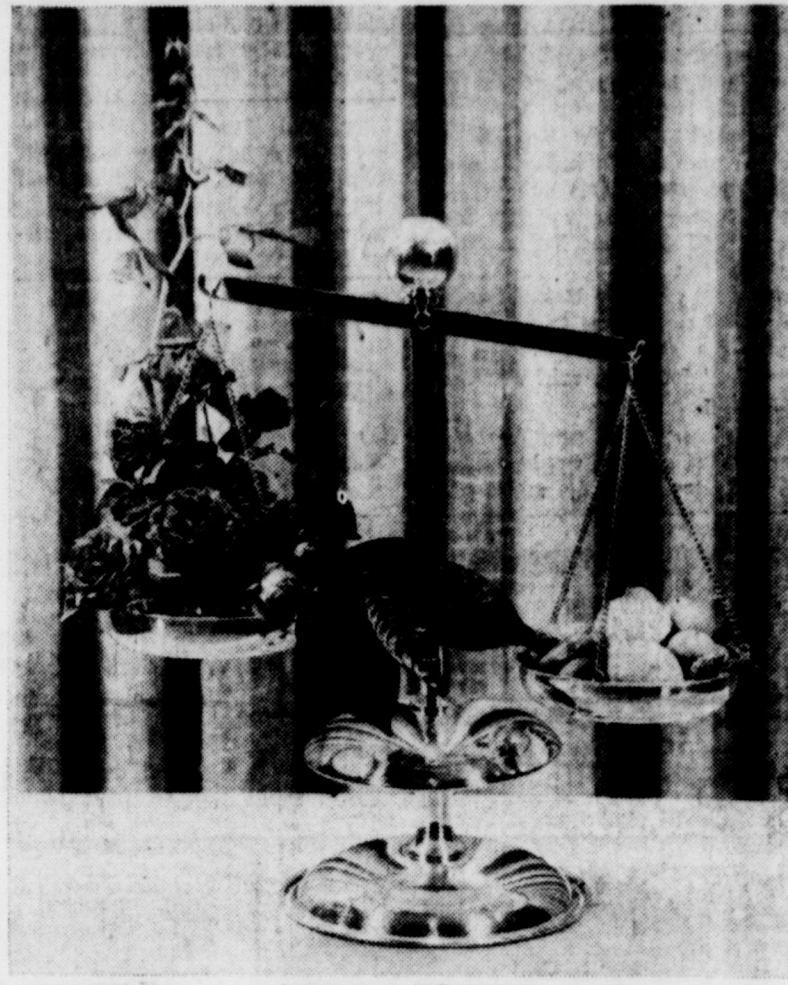
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IN GARDEN CLUB CALENDAR — Mrs. Robert
Hicks has been notified her photograph, "Weigh Your
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calendar of National Council of Garden Clubs. Here is
the dramatic elegance of silver with scarlet World's
Fair Floribunds roses and Gardenia foliage. To balance
their weight in shades of green are limes, love apples,
hot peppers, infant squash and milo maize. A design
in fine feeling for proportion and timeless beauty.

Arrangement Wins National Gardeners Award

Mrs. Robert Hicks, member of
the Merkel Garden Club, has been
notified of selection of a photo-
graph of her arrangement,
"Weigh Your Bounty," for re-
production in the 1964 calendar
published by the book service
for National Council of State
Garden Clubs.

With the notification Mrs.
Hicks received a cash award as
one of 55 winners among 750
entries from all over the United
States. Pictures submitted also
included some from England.

The arrangement was display-
ed at the Merkel Garden Club's
"Autumn Moods" show Nov. 3,
held in Farmers and Merchants
National Bank.

The arrangement was the third
which she had ever attempted,
she reports. Mrs. Mack Fisher
is president of Merkel Garden
Club, of which Mrs. Hicks serv-
ed as program chairman for the
club for the past two years.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Hogg, Dal-
las, were house guests of his
sister, Mrs. Houston Robertson
over the week end.

Mrs. R. B. Horton, Abilene,
was a visitor in the home of his
mother, Mr. and Mrs. T. J.
Amason Friday.

Alford Wade, Anson, son of
Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Wade of
Merkel, who has been hospital-
ized in Anson General Hospital
for surgery is improving. His
friends here wish him a speedy
recovery.

Riding Club News

There was a large crowd out
Saturday night, April 20, at the
weekly meeting of the Merkel
Brush Stompers. The arean was
in good shape and there were
some good times turned in.

The Club will participate in
the Hardin - Simmons Rodeo
Parade at 4 p.m. Thursday after-
noon, April 25. The parade will
form at 5th and Oak. Those who
ride in the parade will be served
free Bar-b-que.

Results of the April 20 meet
will be carried in the Merkel
Mail's next issue.

Duplicate Bridge Winners Listed

Winners of the Merkel Dupli-
cate Bridge Club "Master Point"
session which was held Thurs-
day night, April 18, at the Mer-

kel Country Club were as fol-
lows:

First — Mrs. Frank Peetles,
Abilene, and Mrs. Charles Land-
ders, Odessa. Second — Mr. and
Mrs. Harry Robinson, Abilene.
Tie for Third and Fourth — Dr.
and Mrs. W. T. Sadler, tied with
Mrs. John Hatch, Abilene, and
Roy Dalziel, Merkel. Fifth —
Meyer Mellinger, Merkel, and
Raymond Flesher, Abilene.

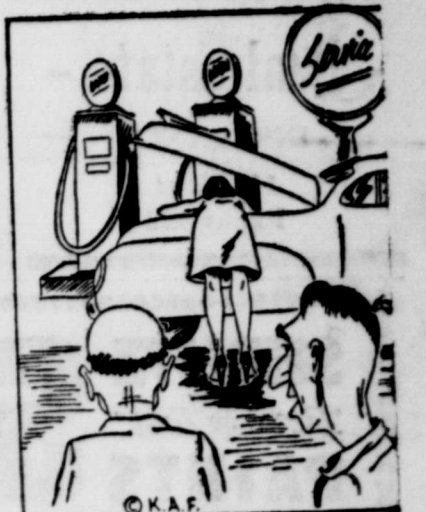
Last Thursday's session also
concluded another six weeks
series. Winners of the series
awards for individual perform-
ances are as follows: 1st — Mrs.
Harry Robinson, Abilene. 2nd —
Roy Dalziel, Merkel. 3rd — Mr.
Harry Robinson, Abilene, and
4th — Meyer Mellinger, Merkel.

WTBR Assn. To Meet Here Sunday

The West Texas Barrel Rac-
ing Association will hold their
regular monthly meeting in Mer-
kel Sunday afternoon at 2:30 p.m.
in the Brush Stompers Arena.

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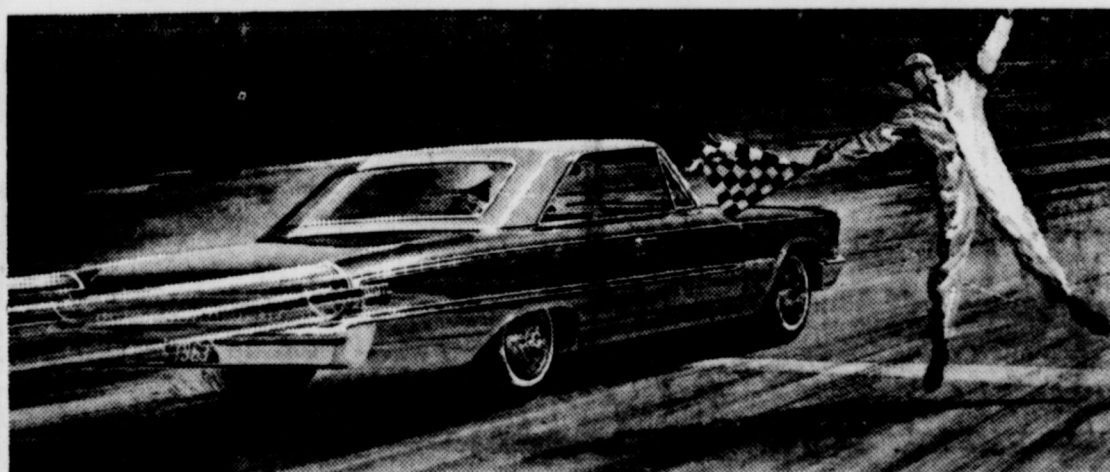
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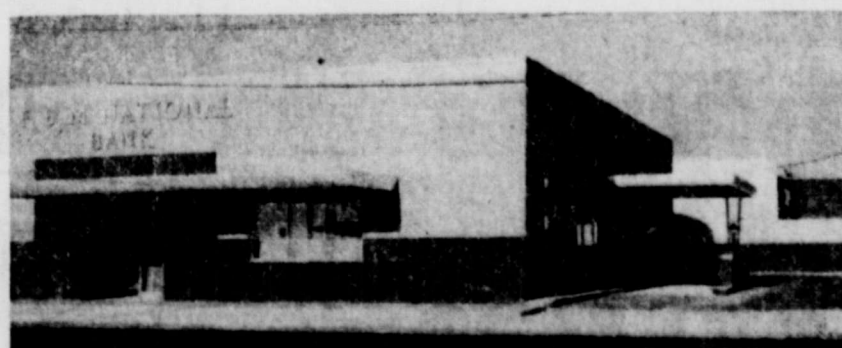
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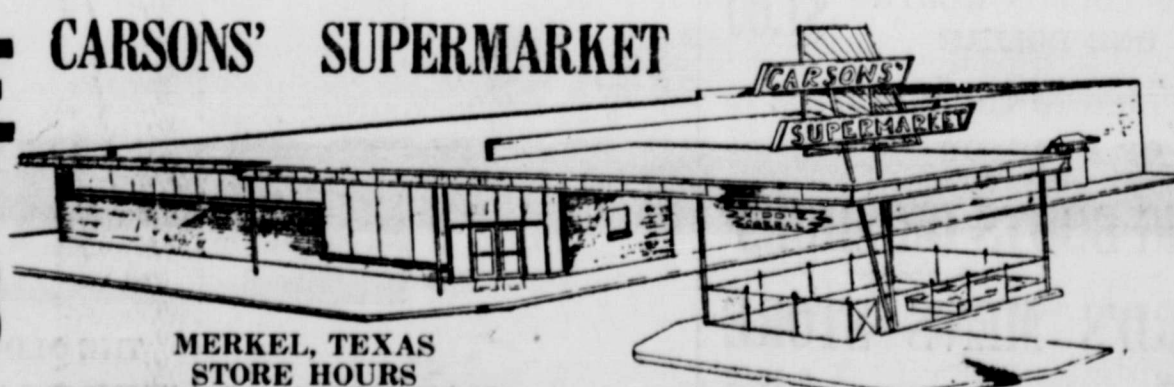
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