

HOUSING AUTHORITY MEETS; DISCUSS ADDITIONAL UNITS

Members of the Housing Authority met Monday evening in the Gold Room of the Merkel Restaurant to discuss the possibility of additional units for the Public Housing program in Merkel.

At present there are twenty-four units in the Brickhaven complex and "approximately thirty more could be built if permit is approved," according to board chairman, Howard Carson.

Meeting with the board was Jack Whitworth of Fort Worth, and original architect for the Brickhaven units, who advised

members on procedures to obtain additional units.

The board voted to authorize Whitworth to file application for the building of additional units.

Location of the proposed units would be decided upon at a later date, said Carson.

Board members present besides Carson, were Bill Button, J. W. Hammond, Tommie Cutler and E. A. Conley and executive director, Mrs. J. H. Clark Jr.

Carson advised that persons in Housing program to contact Mrs. Whitworth in occupancy of the Clark

FOR TRENT BAPTISTS

NOTED EVANGELIST TO LEAD REVIVAL

Charles Masseege of Dallas, a second-term president of the National Conference of Southern Evangelism, will be in Trent the week of March 15-21 to conduct a revival service at the Baptist Church. Masseege will deliver a "new message for a new day" at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. each day.

The evangelist has designed his message for the space age, with sections on the generation gap, technology advance, "the real caliber of man," youth of today and the modern church.

"There always has been and always will be a generation gap in intelligence and maturity," says Masseege. "Two things will bridge this gap - education and wisdom. However, what some call a generation gap is nothing but a sin gap. Christ died to bridge this gap."

Of the youth of today, Masseege says, "There is more means

for meanness today than ever before. However, I believe that the youth of our day have more potential for good than any generation in the history of the world. The youth of our day are 'tops' in my book."

On the modern-day church, the evangelist said, "The church should be a hospital for sinners, not a social club for saints."

Besides being a preacher of the Word of God, Masseege is a writer, recording artist, magician, entertainer and sportsman.

As a result of his ministry, over 300 persons are now in full-time Christian service, and over 50 of these are preaching as pastors and evangelists.

Masseege and his wife, Shirley, have one son, Rocky.

The church's pastor, the Rev. Jasper Masseege and the congregation extend an invitation to people in Merkel and the area to attend the services.

RED CROSS DRIVE CHAIRMEN NAMED

Area chairmen and workers for the Taylor County Red Cross campaign for March, were named this week by overall chairman, Mrs. Dave Brumbeau.

For the Merkel area, Mrs. Joe

McDuff was named chairman, with co-chairman, Mmes. Robert Higgins, Wilmer Criswell, Frank Brnovak and Jack Hogan.

WTU Employee Attends School

Glenn Teaff, West Texas Utilities Company appliance serviceman in Merkel, was in Abilene last week attending a WTU appliance service training school.

The purpose of the school was to train the servicemen in the installation and maintenance of new appliances and to add to his knowledge of the repair of other appliances.

These service training schools are conducted each year by West Texas Utilities Company in each of the Company's seven district offices.

The 1971 training schools feature a "tear-down" program in which the serviceman disassembles each appliance and then reassembles it piece by piece, restoring it to perfect operating condition. During the week, they worked on washers, dryers, refrigerators, ranges and dishwashers.

Instructors at the service schools are WTU personnel from the Service Training Department in Abilene and Frigidaire Regional Service Representatives from Fort Worth.



READY FOR CONFERENCES - Mrs. Paul Orsborn, sixth grade teacher in Merkel Elementary School, has completed checking papers, and compiling information on her students to be discussed with parents at the Parent-Teacher Conferences, scheduled for Thursday and Friday afternoons. (Staff Photo)

SCHOOL CONFERENCES TODAY AND FRIDAY

Merkel school students will "enjoy" a holiday Thursday and Friday afternoon, while their parents are in conferences with teachers.

Students will be dismissed at noon, following their lunch hour, and conferences are scheduled to begin at approximately 12:30 p.m.

Mack Fisher, school superintendent, said that notices for parents to attend the conferences has been sent home by students, and that teachers would be in their respective buildings both afternoons for the purpose of meeting with parents.

"We look forward to these conferences," said Fisher, "for it is a time when parents and teachers can discuss together on an informal basis their children's work in school. These conferences have a three-way purpose - to help the students, parents and teachers."

Beta Sigma Phi Sets Bake Sale

The Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi will have a Bake Sale Saturday, March 13 in front of West Texas Utilities. Sale time will begin at 9 a.m.

Persons desiring to order in advance or for special orders, may call 928-5630 or 928-5167.

Senior Volleyball Tourney Slated

MHS Senior Class will sponsor a Volleyball Tournament Monday and Tuesday, March 15 and 16 at the high school gymnasium, according to John Dixon, president.

Purpose of the tournament is to raise money to help finance the annual senior trip during the Easter holidays, said Dixon.

Tourney is scheduled to begin at approximately 3:30 p.m. both days and there will be no limit on the number of teams to enter.

Person interested in organizing a team to play in the Tournament are asked to call the high school office or to contact Coach Bill Tate, after school hours. Entries must be in by Friday, March 12.

TC Homemakers

The Taylor County Young Homemakers will meet Thursday, March 11, at 7:30 p.m. in the high school home economics department.

A program on hobbies and crafts will be presented by Mr. A. C. Watts, operator of Andrea Crafts Store in Westgate Shopping Center in Abilene.

The public is invited to attend.

TRENT SCHOOL BOARD NAMES CANDIDATES

Four candidates have filed for the three seats on the Trent School Board.

They are incumbent Weldon Rowley, an employee of Taylor Telephone Cooperative; Robert Scott Jr. farmer and member; Lavne Wells, a farmer; and John Griffith, owner and operator of a Trent service station.

Outgoing trustees who did not file for reelection are C. L. McFurray current board president and Mark Williamson.

Absentee voting will begin March 22 and continue through March 23 and will be held at the school office at the Trent school. Hours will be from 8 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.

Absentee voting will be held at the school office on April 3, with polls open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. W. P. ... will be station judge.

Chamber Directors Name 71-72 Officers

Fred Starbuck will be president of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce for the year 1971-72.

He was elected president Tuesday night at a meeting of the board of directors. Mrs. Ray Wilson, E. A. Conley and Duane Shugart.

Also elected were Dave Brumbeau as vice president and Mrs. Wilson as secretary-treasurer.

Benny Melton was re-named chamber of commerce manager for the coming year.

Starbuck and the other officers will take over the reins of the chamber of commerce at the annual banquet March 26.

Dr. Elwin Skiles, president of Hardin-Simmons University will be the main speaker.

Special recognition will be given Merkel area industrial leaders.

Also the outstanding citizen and the outstanding farmer will be named.

Tickets for the annual banquet are \$1.75 and may be obtained from any chamber of commerce director or at the chamber office.

Members of the senior class at Merkel High School are selling tickets also. The class is catering the banquet as a civic and fund-raising function.

Johnny Hammond is outgoing president, David Gamble is outgoing vice president and Truett Thompson was secretary-treasurer.



FRED STARBUCK
... incoming president

er for the past year. Gamble and Thompson have completed their terms as three year directors and

according to the by-laws were not eligible for another consecutive term.

Ted Smith was the other retiring director.

Holdover directors are Hammond, Mack Fisher, Vernon Mansfield, Kent Satterwhite, Starbuck and Brumbeau.

Hammond said Wednesday that suggestions slips for Merkel's outstanding citizen and farmer or rancher were "coming in a little better now," and urged people to get their suggestions mailed in as soon as possible. "Our screening committee will have to have time to go over each suggestion turned in and tally the vote," said Hammond. "This should be done at least five days in advance of the banquet date."

A form for naming Outstanding Citizen and Farmer or Rancher will be found on Page Seven of this edition. Deadline for mailing in forms is Friday, March 19.

AT TRENT

BAND BOOSTER CLUB SPONSORS MUSICAL

A Country Western Musical will be presented by members of the Trent Band Booster Club this Friday, March 12 at the school gym. Beginning time will be 7:30 p.m.

Handling arrangements for the musical is J. W. Brewer, and his "Auctioneers."

Price of admission is \$1.00 for adults and 75 cents for students.

Proceeds from the Musical will go toward the repairing of band instruments and possibly the purchasing of one new instrument, said Mrs. H. A. Holt, Band Booster Club president.

Brewer said that he "prom-

ises a good show for all who attend."

"We are planning a good musical, with popular numbers being featured," he said.

The concession stand will be open during the show, and will be manned by members of the Band.

Officers of the Club besides Mrs. Holt are Mmes. Hollis Jones, vice president and reporter; and Layne Wells, secretary-treasurer. Honorary member is J. G. Wilks.

Randy Hamilton is director of the school band.

INCUMBENTS FILE FOR SCHOOL BOARD

There is no contest in the Merkel School Board election, and a candidate is still needed for a one-year term on the board, resulting from the resignation of Joe E. McDuff, who took over duties as Taylor County Commissioner Jan. 1.

Three incumbents who filed for reelection are Ben Robert Hicks, Johnny Teaff and Joe Henry.

Charles Jacobs, Merkel farmer and rancher was in the Mail office this week and expressed intentions of campaigning for a write-in vote for the one-year unexpired term.

"I think that education is one of the most important assets a person can have," said Jacobs, "and in my own opinion I believe that our school system here strives to offer the very best for our young people."

Jacobs said that he would be happy to work with the fine board we now have, and to do his part in promoting continued good schools.

Jacobs and his wife Bernice, have two children, Tim, age 4, and Janice, a first grader in the Primary School. They are members of the Merkel Church of Christ, and Jacobs is educational director.

"If the people of Merkel and the school area think that I would be able to serve in the capacity as a board member, I will ap-



CHARLES JACOBS
... for write-in vote

preciate their write-in votes at the April 3 election," said Jacobs.

The upcoming election will be held at the high school gymnasium, with polls open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. Bryan Dunagin will be election judge and will be assisted by Bill Button, Mrs. R. M. Ferguson and Mrs. Tom Russom.

Absentee voting will begin March 15 and end March 30, and will be held at the City Hall, with Clyde Bartlett serving as clerk of absentee voting.

League Group Names Officers

Bennie Melton was named president of the Merkel Little League Association at their organizational meeting held March 4 at the Merkel Restaurant.

Other officers named were Danny Doan, vice president; Mrs. Joe Dell Gregory, secretary-treasurer; and Joe Dell Gregory, player-agent.

Grady Knight was elected safety officer and Vaughn Doan, un-

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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 2 day of Feb. A.D. 1971.

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

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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.

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NUMBER FOUR ON THE BALLOT (SJR)
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 public and corporate of the State of Texas, including municipal corporations, 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 Constitu-

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, 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."



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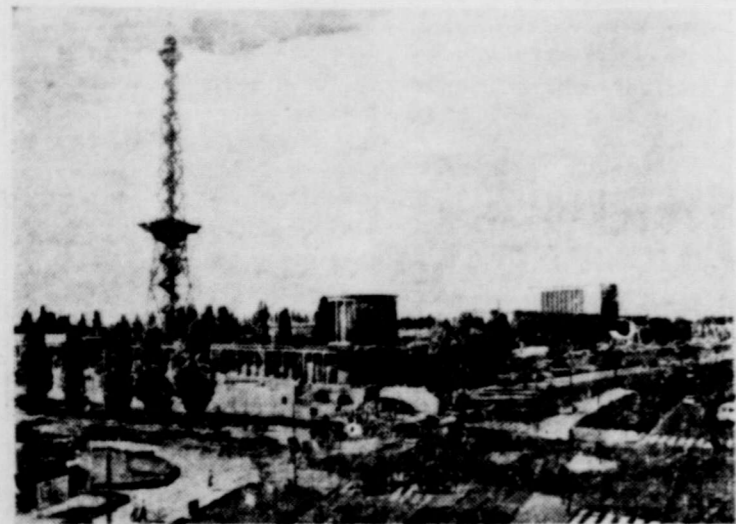
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In April, the Fairgrounds will be taken over by the Inter-Chic Int'l Women's Fashion Fair. In May, there will be a treat for your taste buds at the Int'l Bakery Exposition. Experts attending the Medical and Pharmaceutical Exposition will be there in June.

In late August, that same tower will be right at home at the Int'l Radio and Television Exposition. September will bring the "Partners for Progress" Overseas Import Fair. InterChic will return in October, sharing the limelight with the Office Equipment Show.

Berlin's crowded calendar of international exhibitions will start winding up in November with another double-header, this time the German Industrial Exhibition and the Int'l Book Fair.

December will bring Berlin's traditional Christmas Fair, also at the Fairgrounds, under its famous landmark the Radio Tower, that 43-year-old 600-ton steel giant rises to 492 feet and affords superb panoramas of the city both from its restaurant (180 ft.) and from its observation platform (410 ft.).

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CARD OF THANKS

WORDS CANNOT ADEQUATELY express our deep appreciation to neighbors and friends for all their many acts of kindness shown to us in our recent sorrow. Your thoughtfulness will always remain with us as a precious memory. Our sincere thanks and gratitude for all the comforting acts.
The Family of
Tommy Henderson

CARD OF THANKS

THE FAMILY of Mrs. Annie Lee Campbell wishes to acknowledge with grateful appreciation the many deeds of kindness and love shown through her illness and death.



TRUE OR FALSE, MOM?



This quiz will test some of your knowledge about motherhood. Don't worry too much about being "April fooled," but we confess—the statements are tricky. True or false?
1. More babies are born in June than any other month. False. August seems to be the favorite time for the big bird to come calling.
2. There is a newer method of birth control than the pill. True. Delifen is one of the contraceptive foams that are even newer. Many doctors recommend it, though it's available in drugstores without a prescription.
3. The Dialpak is a container for diapers. False. It's a dispenser for one of the most frequently prescribed birth control tablets, and a recent survey found the majority of women prefer it because they feel it is the most modern, convenient and easy to use.
4. The children of "The Old Woman in the Shoe" were punished because they were bad. False. She "whipped them all round and sent them to bed without any bread" simply because "she had so many children, she didn't know what to do."
5. Lippos Loop is the name of an intestinal curve. False. It's the intrauterine device for family planning most favored by women.

CEMETERY FUND

The following are recent donations to the Merkel Cemetery Fund:

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Doris Dowdy
Mrs. Paul W. West in memory of T. J. Bird
Mrs. Paul W. West in memory of Clesby Patterson
Mr. and Mrs. Pat Cybert in memory of Mrs. Clara Charney
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. R. Cybert in memory of E. C. Ray
Mr. and Mrs. Earl Baze in memory of T. J. Amason
Lottie B. Everett, Mrs. Tom Russett and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Swinney in memory of Mrs. E. C. Ray
Mrs. W. J. Thornton
Sallie Gant and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Pee in memory of Jim Perry
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Mr. and Mrs. Paul Orsborn
E. J. Orsborn Estate
Mary Eula Sears in memory of Mrs. Opal Sheppard
Mrs. Pet Touchstone in memory of Mrs. Opal Sheppard
Mrs. Harry Bullock in memory of Mrs. Opal Sheppard
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Pee in memory of Mrs. Opal Sheppard
Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Pee in memory of Opal Sheppard
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Largent in memory of Mrs. A. T. Sheppard
Mrs. Leah Hand
Mrs. Tessie M. Walling
Sammie J. Huskey in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Heiser
Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Dixon
Methodist Kings Daughters SS Class in memory of Mrs. A. T. Sheppard
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Seymore in memory of J. L. Perry
Jimmie De'l Chariel in memory of J. L. Perry
Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Riney in memory of Mrs. E. C. Ray
Mr. and Mrs. W. S. J. Brown in memory of Rev. Clesby Patterson.

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TELL ME

WHAT PLANT FAMILY PROVIDES THE MOST EDIBLE FRUIT?

THE ROSE FAMILY GIVES US APPLES, PEARS, PEACHES, CHERRIES, PLUMS, QUINCES, APRICOTS AND ALMONDS!

TELL ME

IF THE HEAT THE EARTH RECEIVES FROM THE SUN INCREASED TEN TIMES, WHAT WOULD HAPPEN?

SUN SHINE WOULD INCREASE A THOUSANDFOLD, OUR OCEANS WOULD EVAPORATE AND ALL ROCKS WOULD MELT AND BUBBLE LIKE WATER!

TELL ME

WHAT QUANTITY OF RAIN WATER POURS ON THE UNITED STATES EACH YEAR?

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice to All Persons Having Claims Against the Estate of C. R. Pennington:

Notice is hereby given that the letters of testamentary upon the Estate of C. R. Pennington were issued to the undersigned on the 3rd day of March, 1971, in the proceeding indicated below, which is still pending, and that I now hold such letters. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present the same within the time prescribed by law. My residence is 3425 South 7th Street, Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, and my post office address is P. O. Box 33, Abilene, Taylor County, Texas 79604.

Etha Neva Estes
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LIBRARY NOTES

READ A BOOK ABOUTS STAMPS AND COINS

By MRS. G. D. MCCONNELL
Stamps and Coins!
Newsboys and millionaires are fellow stamp collectors; although they seldom rub elbows in pursuit of their hobby.

The newsboy may have the most fun. Wealthy collectors have purchased their entire stamp collections, and the next day, had a philatelic hangover. Their collections leave a dull taste, like an angler who buys a fish market.

The joys of a sportsman lie in the pursuit of the game. There is little satisfaction in mere possession. The greater the stumbling block, financial or otherwise, the greater the thrills of the chase. There are all kinds of collectors of stamps, the neat orderly collector and his opposite, the disorderly or hedge-podge. The collection of some are meticulous and have precise arrangement. The true aristocrat of Philately is the one who, regardless of age or size of his collection, views his stamps and can tell the stories behind them and their reflection on the marching drama of world history.

Try the little book, "Stamps," by Dellquest and you will see — or: "Try Coins!" — We have the "Guide Book of United States Coins," by R. S. Yeoman. It contains pictures and information about coins and tokens of the English - American Colonies

through coins and tokens of Hawaii and Alaska, Rural Rehabilitation Corporation Tokens.

Treasury of the World's Coins opens up a "living history" recreating the past for us with vividness. Did you know that in the ancient kingdom which later became French Indo-China, the favorite form of money was called the "Tiger Tongue," a silver bar between four and five inches long.

Then there's "Gold Coins of the World," complete from 600 A.D. to 1958, by Robert Friedberg, and is the only one of its kind ever published — a book unique and stands by itself in the annals of numismatic literature, having no counterpart in either scope or subject matter.

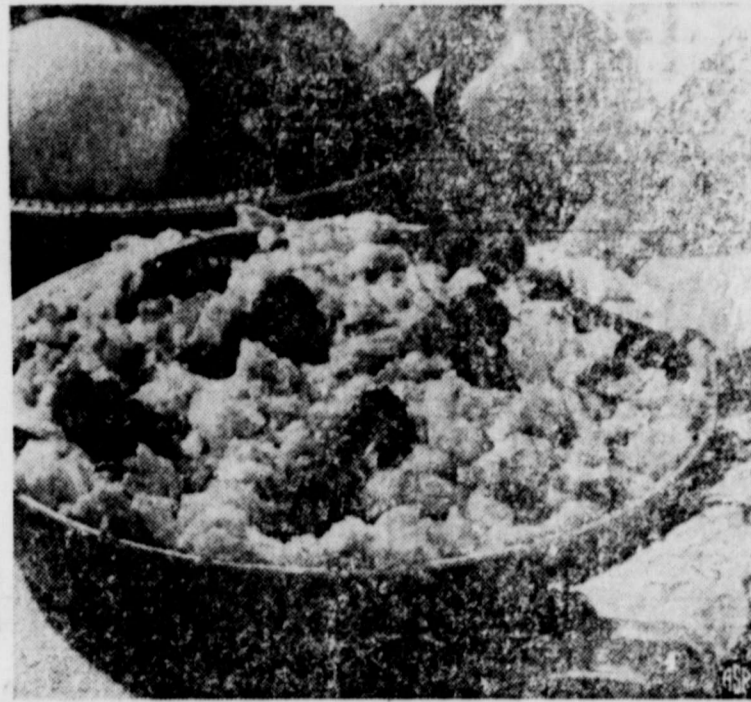
Gold Coins have always been exciting ever since the first one was struck in about 700 B.C. Wouldn't gold coin earrings be priceless?

Our Library is open Wednesday, 2 until 5 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Patrons donating books have been Mmes. S. C. Dixon, Catherine Parks, Phyllis Foster, Eddie Glenn Sandusky, Erma Black, Dave Brumbeau, and Taylor Electric Cooperative added a cookbook to our collection.

At present, we have no books on "Rain Making," but we still endorse the "Power of Prayer."

New Vienna Sausage In Tasty Barbecue Sauce



Vienna Sausage in Barbecue Sauce will be introduced here this month to give consumers a long time favorite product with a new taste twist. The new sausage product from Armour is packaged in the convenient aluminum zip-top can.

For an easy, early breakfast or a leisurely brunch, try Barbecue Sausage-Egg Scramble. The Vienna sausages and pimiento will give it just the right amount of appetite stimulating color.

Barbecue Sausage-Egg Scramble

2 5-ounce cans Armour Vienna Sausage in Barbecue Sauce
3 tablespoons butter or margarine
1/4 cup green pepper, chopped
1/4 cup green onions, chopped
8 eggs
1/4 cup milk
1 teaspoon salt
Dash pepper
1/4 cup pimiento (optional)

Combine Vienna sausage with barbecue sauce, butter, green pepper, and green onion in fry pan. Cook over medium heat until onion is soft. Beat the eggs, milk, salt and pepper with fork. Add egg mixture and pimiento to mixture in fry pan. Cook over low heat, stirring occasionally, until eggs are cooked. (4 servings)

CONTESTS UPCOMING IN CITY ELECTION

Mayor Horace Hargrove, incumbent, filed for reelection for the April 3 City Election.

Councilmen filing are incumbent: Leon Walker and Lou David Allen, Joe Alves and Mrs. G. D. McConnell.

Incumbent Darrell Farmer, did not seek re-election and Hargrove drew no opposition.

Absentee voting in the city election will begin March 15, continue through March 30, and will be held at the City Hall. Hours for absentee voting will be from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday thru Friday. Roy Kimbrell, city secretary, will handle absentee voting.

The April 3 election will be held at the High School gymnasium, with polls opening at 7 a.m. and closing at 7 p.m. Mrs. Betty Cypert has been appointed election judge.

Kimbrell urges citizens to vote absentee if there is a "possibility of their being out of the city on election day."

'Art of Thinking' Is Club's Topic

The Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met March 2 in the home of Mrs. Almeda Bullock with Mrs. Mamie Steek, hostess, serving fourteen members.

Topic for the program was "The Art of Thinking," presented by Mrs. Larry White and assisted by Mrs. Billy Lucas.

During business meeting members voted to have a bake sale March 13.

Mrs. Vernon Wade, the club's sweetheart, was presented her crown pin, by president, Mrs. Steek.

Members attending were Mmes. Bobby West, Tom Sterba, Billy Neff, Darla Mawson and Robert Harris.

Also Mmes. Bullock, White, Wade, Steek, Lucas, Jimmie Levech, Lawrence Hewitt, Bobby DuBose and John Brady.

INTERESTED PARENT 'GOES TO SCHOOL'

"Things have changed..." That's one parent's viewpoint concerning today's education of first graders after a morning spent visiting a first grade reading class at Merkel Primary during Public Schools Week.

Teaching techniques have changed since I was in the first grade, commented Joe Alves, following his visit to Mrs. Vincent Barnett's first grade last Thursday. "There's still teachin', writin' and 'arithmetick' but taught differently and much more interestingly."

Arriving at 9 a.m., Joe spent the morning "learning to read," along with the lively and ready-to-learn first graders.

"That class of youngsters was ready for their teacher's instructions in phonetics, new word building, and group reading," said

Alves. "And no wonder today, it's true, when we say that 'Johnny can learn to read.'"

There was well-disciplined class participation in a study of root words, prefixes, suffixes and the marking of letters with long or short vowels.

Following the study of word building, the class read orally and were awarded bright gold stars for good performance.

Concluding the morning instruction in reading, the class took a "break" and participated in rhythms and then they were ready for lunch.

"The morning was well spent," said Alves, "and I believe I have a better insight into the instructions our children are receiving.

We have good schools, good teachers and to top it off I enjoyed a very appetizing lunch at the school cafeteria," said Alves.



MERKEL HIGH B TEAM — Members of the "B" team who participated in basketball activity this year, are front row, from left, Terry Reed, Jeffery Cox, Johnny Gray, Mitchell Williams, Ronnie Sanford and Albert Castillo; back row from left, Leslie Reddin, Danny Higgins, Thomas Niell, Keith Byers, Steve Teaff and Jerry Beaird. John Warden is coach. (Staff Photo)

Free Decoration Booklet Available

With the approach of spring, the traditional clean up - paint up - fix up season, area homeowners are being invited to "Capture Some Bright Ideas" in the pages of a booklet of the same name, edited by House and Garden Magazine and published by the Paint and Wallpaper Association of America.

Starbuck Furniture Company in Merkel will offer the booklet free during the industry's "Decoration Days" promotion, now through April 30.

The 32-page full-color booklet urges decorating with dollar sense, offering bright ideas that are as economical as they are colorful and creative.

Furniture and accessory accents, wise ways with mirrors and light fixtures, handyman hints and

crafty ideas in antiquing and decoupage round out the offering, all yours at no charge at Starbuck's. But a hint to the wise: Get yours soon — the last time this booklet was offered, they went fast.

S'water Couple Note Anniversary

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. (Aileen) Cook, Elby Frazier, Wallace Frazier, Billy Wayne Frazier, Mrs. Buddie (Fay) Huff and David Frazier.

Friends and relatives are invited to call during the celebration.

Garden Clubbers' Annual Meeting March 15-16

District VIII of Texas Garden Club, Inc. will hold their annual Spring Meeting in Stamford March 15 and 16.

Pre-convention activities are scheduled for 3 p.m. on the 15th. Registration for the 16th begins at 7:45 a.m.; followed by General Assembly at St. John's Methodist Church.

Mrs. O. E. Barton, past president of Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. and a master judge, will be the speaker on March 16. Her theme for a flower arranging program is entitled "Beauty - Reflections and Expectation."

All garden club members are to send their reservations to Mrs. Dave Walker, Rt. 2, Stamford, Texas by March 8.

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Church leaders estimate a sum of approximately \$12 million will be needed to carry out individual denominational programs and those conducted cooperatively through Church World Service, ecumenical agency supported by 33 denominations.



MEN'S LIBERATION

Have you been too busy working or traveling to keep up with the current fashions and social trends? And now you've got to send a gift to Mother, your best girl, or a business acquaintance? Don't fret!

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Factory Price Blouses	Knit Shirts \$1.79

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DEATHS & FUNERALS

Barney A. Garrett

Funeral services for Barney Adolphus Garrett, 70, an early-day resident of Merkel, were held Saturday, March 6 at the

J. M. Day Funeral Home in Madisonville, Texas. Burial was in the Madisonville City Cemetery. Mr. Garrett died Thursday, March 4, at his home in Madisonville.

He attended school in Merkel, graduated from what is now Sam Houston State College, taught in Madison County, and graduated from the University of Texas Law Department where he served as quiz master his senior year. He was a member of the Delta Theta Phi Fraternity, a member of the Waco Masonic Lodge and a Shriner.

For 45 years he was active in the First Baptist Church of Waco. He served in the Intelligence Department of the Army during World War II. He joined the First Methodist Church when he moved to Madisonville.

Survivors include his wife of Madisonville; two brothers, Dewey Garrett, Waco, and the Rev. James Ray Garrett, Washington, D.C.; three sisters, Mrs. R. J. Miller and Mrs. Beulah Bullock, both of Waco, and Mrs. Forest Harper of Odessa.

T. Henderson

Funeral services for Thomas W. Henderson, 63, were held Friday, March 5, in Starback Funeral Home Chapel with Billy Patton of Merkel Church of Christ officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Mr. Henderson, a longtime resident of Jones County, died Thursday at his home west of Noodle of an apparent heart attack.

Born Aug. 5, 1907 in Wood

Courty, he moved to the Goodman Community in 1919 where he and his brother, Atwell, operated a store from 1939 until 1949.

They moved to Noodle in 1955 where they farmed. Survivors are two brothers, Ernest N. of Irving and Atwell of Noodle; two sisters, Mrs. Claude Smith and Miss Ina Henderson, both of Abilene; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Henderson and one sister, Mrs. Irene Eelf.

Pallbearers were H. H. Windham, Cal McAninch, Woodrow Rogers, Tip Carter, Royce Van-cil and Waldo Cox.

Mrs. Peterson

Funeral services for Mrs. Charlie (Lela) Peterson, 77, of Rt. 3, Abilene, and mother of Mrs. Woodrow Patton of Merkel, were held Thursday, Feb. 25 in North's Memorial Chapel. The Rev. T. C. Melton, pastor of the Elmerest Baptist Church, officiated. Burial was in Cedar Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Peterson died Tuesday, Feb. 23 at West Texas Medical Center.

Born March 23, 1893 at Troy in Bell County, Mrs. Peterson married C. R. Peterson in Merkel, Dec. 5, 1915. He was a farmer in the Merkel area for many years. He died in 1949.

Survivors are five sons, C. R. Jr., of Pauls Valley, Okla., Earl of Abilene, Stanley of Odessa, Royce (Pete) and Charles, both of Buffalo Gap; four daughters, Mrs. Woodrow C. Patton of Merkel, Mrs. G. Miller Patton of Marble Falls, Mrs. J. A. Johnson of Austin and Mrs. Alvin Stewart of Abilene; 18 grandchildren; two brothers, Stanley and Paul of Breckenridge.

Nephews were pallbearers.

Mrs. Massey Host To Dorcas Class

The Dorcas Sunday School Class of First Baptist Church met March 4 with Mrs. Eunice Massey for their monthly social. Devotional was given with each member and guest reciting their

favorite scripture from the Book of Ruth. Mrs. Massey and Mrs. Emory Wilburn presented class reports.

Attending were Meses, Mary Jones, Lige Harris, Callie Price, Ira Moore, and Josie Shanks.

Also Meses, W. A. McCandless, Bessie Jackson, T. J. Bird, J. W. Tiner and Emory Wilburn.

Also Meses, Irene Pomroy, Jewel Meeks, Massey, Dave Anderson, Clara Driver, E. W. King and class teacher, Mrs. Homer Finch.

Stith News

By MRS. FRITZ HALE



EDITOR'S NOTE — It's good to have Mrs. Hale back on our news reporting staff. We've missed her and so many Merkel Mail readers expressed the same sentiments.

We wish our friends in the Stith and Merkel to know that we appreciated every act of sympathy that was extended to us during the six weeks we were in Lubbock with our daughter, Jean Newton, for the letters, cards, telephone calls, flowers and especially, your prayers.

Jean passed away in the Methodist Hospital in Lubbock Feb. 22, where she had been for five weeks. Funeral services were held Feb. 24 in the Bacon Heights Baptist Church in Lubbock, where she was a member. Services were conducted by the Rev. Francis Wilson, assisted by the Rev. H. F. Scott, both of Lubbock. Graveside rites were held Thursday morning at the Menahara Cemetery. She was buried by her husband, Odell Newton, who passed away Aug. 26, 1965.

Survivors are one daughter, Kathy, 18, and one son, Roger, 16, both of the home. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hale and one brother, Charles, of Merkel, and one sister, Mrs. Sandra Malone of Taylor.

Visitors in the Hale home since they returned from Lubbock, have been Kathy and Roger Newton and Alvin Anderson, all of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Malone, Monica and Haley, Taylor; Mr. and Mrs. Hal Burk, Abilene; Mrs. Ada Newton, Mrs. Reuben Hill and Mrs. Susie Long, Anson; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hale and Mr. and Mrs. John Browning, Bryan Dunagin and Clyde Wurst.

Farming activities are almost at a standstill in our community and rains are needed.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hudson of Rising Star spent last weekend with his sister, Louise Hudson. Mrs. Abb Evans is home after spending several weeks in an Abilene hospital. She is doing very well.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Davis, Abilene, visited Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Burns and Martha of Abilene, and Ruby Deddin spent Sunday with Mr.

and Mrs. Jim Burns and Mrs. Mamie Hardin.

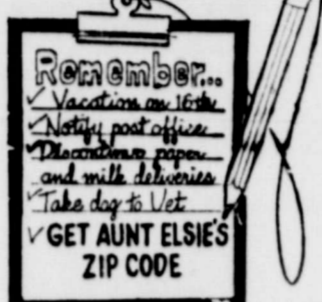
Mrs. Roy Mashburn, Mrs. Sonny Hardin and children visited Mrs. John Shaw in Merkel Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kuch of Abilene visited the Curtis Clyburns and children Sunday. The Clyburns attended the dedication of the annex in the Masonic Hall in Merkel Saturday night.

Attending the supper at the Merkel Restaurant, sponsored by the Edger Davis Feed Co., recently were Messrs. and Meses, F. J. McDonald, Fred Perry, Curtis Clyburn and Ray Perry.

Mr. and Mrs. Gaston Hobbs spent the weekend with Mrs. John Hobbs and the Ben Hobbs family.

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"Alcoa Insulated Temper Rib was developed in response to a farm building trend toward environmentally controlled structures and to combat the spiraling costs of field labor," said Paul H. McConaughy, the company's manager-agricultural building products sales.

Insulation value of the panel — using a 1½-inch polystyrene core — is equivalent to what could be achieved with a 56-inch-thick concrete wall.

Initial applications by Agway, Inc., Syracuse, N. Y., revealed significant savings in labor. For example, an Agway High-Rise Layer House — 40 feet wide, 492 feet long — on the Bowman Brothers farm near Rochester, N. Y., was enclosed by five men in just four and one-half days. Equivalent labor and time savings were realized on a 432-foot layer house on the Raymond Sperry farm, Atlantic, Pa.

"That's using less than half the time it would take us to install siding and insulation separately at the site," said Laverne Green, Rochester project supervisor. "We were actually covering 10,000 square feet a day!"

Green said greater areas can be covered in less time because the panels are light but rigid and up to 22 feet long. "It's unbelievable how fast they go into place," he said.

A saving also is realized in material cost. Fewer building frame components are needed, because the new panel is three times stiffer and one and one-half times stronger than uninsulated aluminum roofing and siding.

Agway already has enclosed more than six poultry houses, using about 300,000 square feet of Alcoa Insulated Temper Rib. Dr. John W. Dodge, Agway's director of poultry management said: "We've 6 more sold and are planning to build 15 high-rise layer houses next year."

Coordinator for a dozen poultry operations, Dr. Dodge said: "My concern is two-fold. Our houses must provide an exceptionally good environment for poultry. And, they must be built to withstand heavy snows and high winds. We do that by using a solidly constructed wooden frame covered with high-strength roofing and siding, such as Alcoa Temper Rib."

For more information about Alcoa Insulated Temper Rib, write: Aluminum Company of America, 671 Alcoa Building, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15219.

UNUSUALLY LONG SPANS of new insulated farm panel minimized on-site labor time and reduced material cost in the construction of this 432-foot Agway high-rise layer house on the Raymond Sperry farm in Western Pennsylvania. These roofing and siding panels are three times stiffer and one and one-half times stronger than standard aluminum roofing and siding sheet. Thus, purlins can be spaced farther apart than normal, reducing the overall number of building frame components.

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- 2 Love God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength. And love others as yourself. Mark 12:30-31. And if you love God that much it leads you to do what ever God commands you, John 14:15, 21, 23; I John 5:1-3, as well as a willingness to forgive others, Matthew 5:43-48.
- 3 Fear God, Ecclesiasts 12:13, and tremble at his Word, Isaiah 66:2.

BILLY PATTON, Minister

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BORDENS HOME TREET
MELORINE

3 1/2 Gal. Ctns. **1.00**

5 BIG DOLLAR DAYS
THURSDAY THRU TUESDAY
MARCH 11 - 12 - 13 - 15 - 16

Metzgers
HOMO 2 MILK
Gal. Jug **95¢**

Imperial
SUGAR
5 Lb. Bag **49¢**
WITH \$5.00 OR MORE IN TRADE
EXCLUSIVE OF CIGARETTES

CARSON'S COUPON

SAVE 15¢ WHEN YOU BUY A
LB. CAN of FOLGER'S COFFEE



SPECIAL PRICE WITH THIS COUPON
65¢
Without Coupon 79¢

Coupon cash value 1/20 of 1¢
Good Thru March 17th

Frozen Foods

MR. G. Crinkle Cut **SPUDS** 2 LB. BAG **29¢**

MORTONS ASSORTED **POT PIES** 5 for **1.00**

NABISCO **CRACKERS** Lb. **35¢**

COMSTOCK NO. 2 CAN
CHERRY Pie Filling Ea. **43¢**

LIBBYS 303 **FRUIT** Cocktail 4 for **1.00**

LIBBYS 303 CUT **Green BEANS** 5 for **1.00**

LIBBYS 303 C. S. **Golden CORN** 5 for **1.00**

LIBBYS 303 **Garden PEAS** 5 for **1.00**

EVANGELINE 2 1/2 CAN **Sweet POTATOES** 4 for **1.00**

VAN CAMP NO. 2 CAN **PORK & Beans** 5 for **1.00**

HORMEL VIENNA **SAUSAGE** 2 for **43¢**

HUNTS **CATSUP** 32 OZ. QT. JAR **43¢**

BAMA **SALAD DRESSING** QT. JAR **29¢**

INSTANT TEA
LIPTON 4 OZ. JAR **1.29**

KRAFT BLEND **JELLY** 3 18 OZ. JARS **1.00**

CARSON SUPER MKT.

AJAX LIQUID CLEANER WITH THIS COUPON **33¢**

LIMIT ONE COUPON PER UNIT PURCHASED
Coupon Expires March 17
THIS COUPON REDEEMABLE ONLY AT CARSON'S

METZGERS WHIPPING **CREAM** 1/2 PT. CTN. **29¢**

CARSON COUPON

save 30¢ WITH THIS COUPON WHEN YOU BUY A 10 OZ. JAR OF

Instant **MAXWELL HOUSE COFFEE**



AT CARSON'S SUPER MKT.
10 Oz. Jar Only **99¢** WITH COUPON

One Coupon Per Family • Offer Expires March 16

CRISCO FLOUR CHILI

Creamy (1 Limit) **3 Lb. Can** **79¢**

Gladiola **5 Lb. Bag** **49¢**

Hormel No Beans **15 Oz. Can** **43¢**

GLADIOLA **ORANGS — BLUE & RASBERRY MUFFIN MIX** 11 OZ. BOX **33¢**
With 15c Coupon in Reporter-News

Ground Beef BEST for 'BURGERS - and BUDGETS, TOO

2 Lbs. **89¢**

STEAKS CHOICE BEEF CLUB LB. **93¢**

BACON HORMEL B. L. POUND **59¢**

STEAK HORMEL COOKED CHICKEN FRIED PKG. **63¢**

WIENERS HORMEL 12 OZ. PKG. **47¢**

BOLOGNA HORMEL ALL MEAT LB. **59¢**

HORMEL — SLICED LB. 59¢
SLAB — WHOLE OR 1/2 **BACON** lb. **49¢**

CHOICE BEEF SHOT **RIBS** 2 lbs. **89¢**

TISSUE

Charmin 4 Roll Ctn. **39¢**

SPRAY STARCH **PRUFF** 15 Oz. Can **33¢**

BATH SIZE **ZEST** 2 Bars **39¢**

LIQUID **IVORY** Gt. Size **49¢**

PREMIUM GIANT BONUS Box **63¢** (1 Limit)

WASHINGTON FANCY DELICIOUS **APPLES** Pound **19¢**

CALIFORNIA **AVOCADOS** 2 for **29¢**

GOLDEN **BANANAS** Lb. **9¢**

WAXED **RUTABAGAS** Lb. **9¢**

SUNKIST **ORANGES** Lb. **15¢**

RUSSET **SPUDS** 10 Lb. Bag **45¢**



WE GIVE GIFT BOND STAMPS
DOUBLE ON WEDS.

CARSON'S SUPER MARKET

MERKEL, TEXAS

FRESH VEGETABLES

FREE DELIVERY MON - WED - FRI

BEST MEATS IN TOWN