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WTRC CONTRIBUTION — Patricia McDuff, center, and president of the Merkel Chapter, Future Homemakers of America, has check made out to West Texas Rehabilitation Center in the amount of \$100.00. Accompanying Miss McDuff to the Center during FHA Week, were Patsy Button, left, Parliamentarian, and Beth Hicks. Also attending for presentation of check to WTRC officials were Mrs. Mary Caton, FHA advisor and Liz Corley, secretary. (Staff Photo)

UIL District Literary Events To Be Held Here Saturday

It's University Interscholastic League contest time again for area schools, and Merkel High School will host the Literary events for District 7-AA this Saturday (April 8) beginning at 9 a.m.

Coffee and donuts will be served at 8:30 for event directors and judges in the Homemaking room.

District 7-AA schools to participate besides Merkel include Anson, Hamlin, Haskell, Rotan and Stamford.

Events include Science, Spelling, Number Sense, Shorthand, Poetry Interpretation and Persuasive Speaking.

Also Informative Speaking, Prose Reading, Typewriting and Slide Rule.

Students from Merkel High School to participate in events are Patsy Button, Kathy Cypert and Lisa Gregory, Spelling and Plain Writing; Kay Crenshaw, Informative Speaking; Greg Bullock and Rhonda Harrison, Persuasive Speaking; Mark Dudley and Susie Castille, Poetry Interpretation, and Steve Walker and Sandra Cox, Prose Reading.

Directors will be R. J. Milliken, Mrs. Don Dudley, Mrs. Edwin Read, Mrs. Sue Wiggins and Mrs. Hugh Baker, all from MHS, and Wilson and Coffman, both of Stamford.

On Tuesday, April 11, the UIL One Act Play Contest will be held at Stamford and will begin at 6 p.m. with Haskell presenting the first play, and Stamford at 6:45.

Merkel's presentation will be the play, "Diary of Adam and Eve," to be given at 7:30.

"The public is invited to attend these plays," said Drama Club director, Mrs. Dudley. "We would like to have as many of our hometown folks in Stamford on Tuesday evening as possible."

The Tennis Tournament will be held at Hamlin on Wednesday, April 12; however, Merkel will not have an entry in this contest.

Mack Fisher, superintendent of schools, will be director general for Saturday's Literary Meet, and Edwin E. Read, principal, score keeper.

Friday Deadline For Registration

A light turnout of parents of Little Leaguers and T-Shirters this past Saturday has caused the association to extend registration "for a few more days." Deadline is this Friday.

"Several activities were going on Saturday," said Little League president, Benny Melton, "and it is just possible that parents could not get in to register."

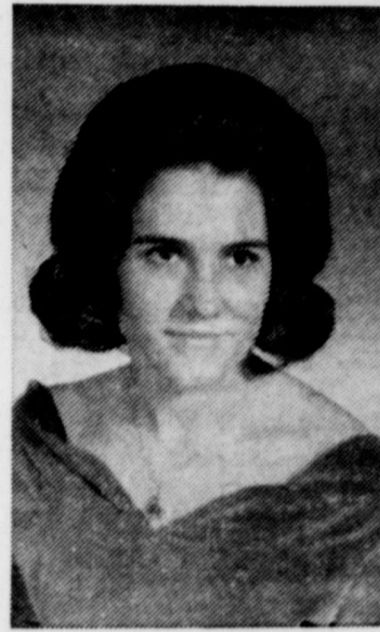
Melton explained that all T-Shirters must register and Little Leaguers who are playing for the first time must fill out registration form.

The registration form for parents to fill out and sign is on Page Six of this edition. They may be mailed to Merkel Little League Association, P. O. Box 536 or taken to Melton at Boney Insurance Agency. Deadline is this Friday, 5 p.m.

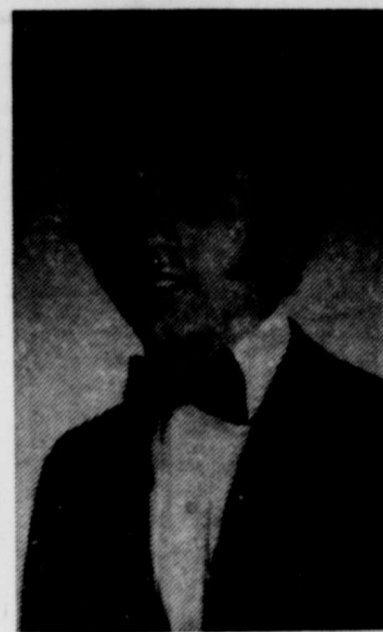
Merkel 4-H'ers To Meet Tonight

Merkel 4-H Club will hold their regular monthly meeting Thursday, April 6 at the Taylor Electric Cooperative at 7:30 p.m.

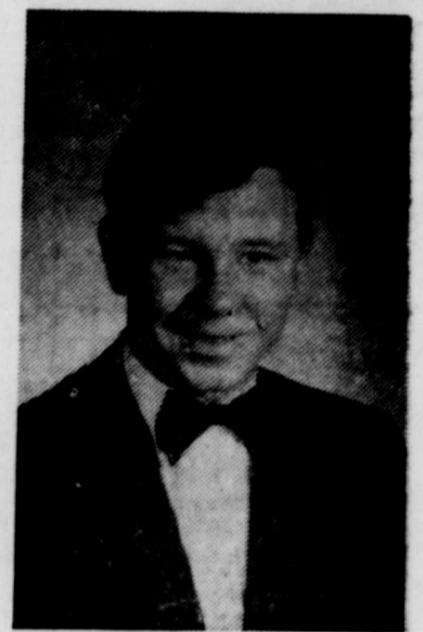
Shawn Moore, president, urges all members to attend.



SANDRA COX
... prose reading



MARK DUDLEY
... poetry interpretation



GREG BULLOCK
... informative speaking

... seniors participating in contest

LOCAL PROMOTIONS BRING LARGE CROWDS

Merkel was a "crowded place" this past weekend when over a thousand persons registered at the three local stores who were observing Grand Openings, and Open House.

Grand Opening was being observed by the Onis Crawfords on their new location at 135 Edwards, and the Waymon Adcocks, observed Open House with store-wide expansion, new lines of merchandise, and the announcement of their new name for their Western Store — Circle A Western House.

Mrs. Dee Grimes of Bragg's, where Open House was observed due to expansion, said they had

League Work Is Re-Scheduled

Snow, sleet, rain and a cold all-day Thursday prompted members of the Merkel Little League Association to call off their work night scheduled for that evening.

"So, we'll schedule our worknight for this evening," said president, Benny Melton. "Those who plan to help in getting our field ready are asked to be there with hoes, rakes and shovels around 7 p.m. Wheelbarrows are also needed for the cleanup," he said.

Melton explained that if enough workers turned out "only one worknight would be necessary in order to have the field ready for the first day of play, May 12."

CITY COUNCILMEN ARE RE-ELECTED

Incumbents Pete Morgan, Ted Smith and Mack Seymore were re-elected to the Merkel City Council when a light turnout of voters went to the polls Saturday. A total of 122 votes were cast.

Incumbent Charles Jacobs and Robert Stephan were elected to the Merkel School Board in Saturday's election. Jacobs led the voting with 114 for re-election, with Stephan receiving 89 votes and Kent Satterwhite 87. Fourth

man in the race, Robert Harris, received 42 votes.

In Trent's School Board election, three incumbents were re-elected Saturday. Mrs. R. L. Bland received 78 votes, Billy Wayne Hamner 64, and Frank Brovok 54. One other candidate, John Griffith, received 35 votes. Write-ins included Vertis Ross, Delana Herring, Mrs. Lena McWilliams and Les Bryant.

one of their biggest days Saturday.

"Our store was packed both Friday and Saturday," she said, "We had people in to our Open House from Merkel and other towns."

All three store owners expressed appreciation for the "fine response given their promotions."

"We have been experiencing area wide response since our move to our new location," said Crawford. "And Saturday was just a culmination of the Grand Opening."

Adcock, who has handled western wear for the past years, said the name chosen for his store was appropriate to cover the many wide varieties of merchandise in stock.

"Circle A Western House experienced an outstanding Open House," he said "and we want to thank the people of the area for their fine response."

Although guests did "not have to be present to win," many stayed around Saturday for drawings held at all three stores.

Lucky winners at Bragg's were Cynthia Steck, mirror; Mrs. Pat Paige, pantsuit; Mrs. T. K. Anderson, dress; and Mrs. Lee Tucker, blanket.

Cindy Whisenhunt and Kim Kannel were lucky winners at Circle A Western House, with each winning \$15,000 gift certificates.

Crawford's winners were Mrs. Ira Stanley, gown; R. P. Harris, shirt; and Mrs. Fayrene Thompson, blouse.

Merkel Library Open Saturday

Mrs. G. D. McConnell, Merkel librarian, reminds patrons that the Library is open on Saturdays, 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. and on Wednesdays, 2 until 5 p.m.

"With the summer months coming on, your library can be a valuable source of entertainment," said Mrs. McConnell. "We have new books arriving every week, and if there is a book you need and we don't have it, a request by you can be made."

One of the latest books available to Merkel patrons is "The Nation of Sheep," by William J. Lederer, author of "The Ugly American." Reviewed by Pearl S. Buck, she said of the book, "At last someone has said what policy. A book well worth your time to read."

"The book is not tedious reading," said Mrs. McConnell, "and relates to everyday headlines."

Persons desiring to donate books may do so by taking them to the Library or by calling Mrs. McConnell. "Books that are donated to the Library may be income tax deductible," she explained.

WWI Veterans To Meet Tuesday

The Veterans of World War I, Merkel - Trent Barracks, will meet Tuesday, April 11 at Taylor Electric Cooperative at 6:30 p.m.

Order of business will be the election of officers, Commander Karl Bonneaux and Auxiliary president, Mrs. Maggie Renfro, urges all members to be present.

Ladies Auxiliary will serve a potluck supper.

Garage Sale Set By MYF Group

A Garage Sale, sponsored by the Methodist Youth Fellowship, will be held at the church Saturday, April 8. Sale will begin at 9 a.m.

Beth Hicks, project chairman, said "all kinds of items will be on sale, including clothing, some furniture, and odds and ends."

Proceeds from the sale will be used for the group's trip to Six Flags Over Texas in May.

MINI SESSION LOGS OBJECTIVES

AUSTIN, Tex. — State lawmakers polished off billboard control and primary election finance legislation in a three-day special session — and added far-reaching procedural reform rules for good measure.

They will be back to work in June on budget and tax matters. In their "mini session," the legislators — many anxious to get back on the campaign trails—logged these accomplishments:

They provided for emergency state financing of the May and June primaries elections and set aside \$2 million to pay the bills. Another long-term primary finance measure will be necessary next year.

They moved to meet federal highway beautification requirements by outlawing billboards within 660 feet of major highways and providing for screening of junkyards. The measure will cost the state about \$5 million a year in condemnation costs for five years. But it will prevent a \$24 million loss of federal highway construction funds for non-compliance with regulations.

Both House and Senate adopted joint rules including sharp limitations on powers of conference committees to write new legislative matters without majority permission.

The House also accepted rules installing a limited seniority system for committee assignments, reducing the number of commit-

tees from 46 to 25 and providing for electronic recording of House and committee proceedings.

Legislators also made Texas the eighth state to ratify a proposed federal constitutional

amendment guaranteeing equal legal rights for women.

Highlight of the opening day was election of Rep. Rayford Price, 35, of Palestine as new speaker of the House.

Abilene Savings' week-long 50th Anniversary celebration draws to a close tomorrow (Friday, April 7) with the final day of registration for free prizes.

Fifty mounted silver dollars, minted the same year Abilene Savings was founded, will be awarded through random drawings from Friday's registrations at all Abilene Savings offices in Abilene and Coleman, and in the mobile saver unit.

The mobile facility will be in Merkel Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., across the street from the Merkel Post Office.

A special drawing for three grand prizes will be held Tuesday, April 11, from all registrations received this week. First prize is a \$500 Abilene Savings account; second prize, a \$250 Abi-

lence Savings account; third prize, a \$100 Abilene Savings account.

Winners of the daily prizes and grand prizes will be notified by mail and need not be present at the drawings.

"Response to our anniversary celebration has been overwhelming," said Abilene Savings president C. E. "Sonny" Bentley. "At this point, we couldn't even estimate the total number of registrations at our five offices and the mobile unit."

Bentley also predicted that deposits at the 50-year-old savings institution would reach an all-time high this week. From \$3,000 in assets in 1922, Abilene Savings has grown to total assets of \$95,408,000 as of March 31.



TO LEAD SENIOR CITIZENS — Johnny Hammond, center, will be acting president of Senior Citizens "until a president is chosen." Other officers are, from left, Mrs. Irl Walker, devotional chairman; Mrs. Howard Beard, vice president; Mrs. Ora Griggs, secretary-treasurer; and Miss Christine Collins, reporter. Not pictured is Mrs. Joe Hartley, who will be crafts coordinator. The club's next covered dish luncheon will be Tuesday, April 11, 10 a.m., and "area Senior Citizens are invited." (Staff Photo)

PUGGY



AMERICA'S MOST LOVEABLE LADDIE

THE FIZZLE FAMILY



By H. T. ELMO

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS
1. Sent out
7. Brags
13. Wigwag
14. In a line
15. Argon: chem.
16. Either
17. Unit of heat
18. Big cat
20. Failure: slang
21. Egyptian river
22. Gaelic "John"
23. Weary
25. Dandy
26. More lucid
28. Radium: chem.
30. Suffix: collectively
31. Declaration
34. Exclamation
36. Musical note
37. Settling, as a bird
40. High peak
42. Carries

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36
37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48
49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72

DOWN
1. Sloping type
2. In a series
3. Selenium: chem.
4. On
5. Ever: poetic
6. Prefix: reverse
7. Grass leaf
8. Grease
9. Soon
10. Type: cross stroke
11. Suit maker
12. Drowsy
17. Presently

49. Past events
51. Exclamation
52. In body
53. Make certain
54. Revenge
56. Sowed
57. Profession

19. Singles
20. Government
23. Characteristic
24. Gown
27. Siamese coin
29. Insect
32. Intersect
33. Color
34. Minces
35. Very high
38. Immaturity
39. Rasper
41. Out of date
43. Having paddles
46. Nailhead
48. Pitcher
50. Mineral
51. Eggs
54. Type of current
55. Neon: chem.

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BECAUSE COYOTES ARE NOTORIOUS COWARDS! THEY ALWAYS AVOID LIVE MEN BUT ARE NEVER AFRAID TO POUNCE ON AND FEED ON DEAD MEN!

IF A SHEET OF PAPER WAS FOLDED 54 TIMES AND THE PIECES WERE STACKED...HOW FAR WOULD THE PILE EXTEND?
INCREDIBLE AS IT MAY SEEM, A SHEET OF PAPER FOLDED 54 TIMES WOULD REACH TO THE SUN AND BACK AGAIN.....185,000,000 MILES!

WHICH IS THE ONLY BIRD THAT DRINKS BY SUCTION?
THE PIGEON! ALL OTHERS MUST BEND THEIR HEADS BACKWARDS TO SWALLOW WATER!

ARE THE ESKIMOS OF ALASKA CITIZENS OF THE U.S.A.?
YES! UNDER ACT OF CONGRESS... OCTOBER 14th, 1940.

LEGAL NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS
To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas — GREETING:
You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for four consecutive weeks, the first publication to be at least twenty - eight days before the return day thereof, in a newspaper printed in Taylor County, Texas, the accompanying citation, of which the herein below following is a true copy.
CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Rachel Diana Vaughn, 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 1 day of May A.D. 1972, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 17 day of March A.D. 1972, in this cause, numbered 7027 on the docket of said court and styled Dudley Virgil Vaughn, Plaintiff, vs. Rachel Diana Vaughn, Defendant.



MISS TEXAS UNIVERSE WEEK—Gov. Preston Smith signs the proclamation officially declaring April 10-15 as Miss Texas Universe Beauty Pageant Week in Texas while Brenda Box of Amarillo, the reigning queen, looks on. Brenda, who was first runnerup to Miss USA, will crown the new winner April 15 at the close of the week-long festivities at the HemisFair Theatre of Performing Arts in San Antonio.

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A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married on or about March 14, 1953, continued to live together until about November 1, 1969. One child born, Ramo Cheek, A boy, community property in the form of a 1963 Mustang Automobile, furniture and personal effect, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.
If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.
The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.
Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 24th day of March A.D. 1972.
(Seal)
Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD, Clerk, Domestic Relations Court, Taylor County, Texas By Marie Gill, Deputy. 5 4tc

School Menu

- Monday, April 10
Salmon Croquettes, catsup, new potatoes, cheese sauce, blackeyed peas, hot rolls, butter, milk, devils food cake cocoa icing.
- Tuesday, April 11
Pork steak, gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, milk, fruit cup, butter.
- Wednesday, April 12
Beef cheese pizza pie, pinto beans, cabbage - apple, whole wheat bread, milk, apple cheese crisp.
- Thursday, April 13
Bar-B-Que beef steakettes, potato salad, baked beans, hot rolls, butter, milk, sweet potato pie, whipped topping.
- Friday, April 14
Hamburgers, oven fried potatoes, lettuce, pickles, onions, tomatoes, milk, peanut butter, rice krispie cookies.

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STORE-WIDE SPECIALS

Specials for Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 6-7-8

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CATSUP Del Monte Jug Size **59¢**

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VIENNAS Hormel 2 for **45¢**

PORK & BEANS Van Camp 300 Size 2 for **35¢**

TOWELS Bounty Big Roll 2 for **59¢**

FLOUR Gold Medal 5 Lb. Bag **59¢**

CANTIDINA 8 OZ. CAN
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Coffee-mate 11 oz. jar **59¢**

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Orange Drink BEST MAID 1/2 Gal. **35¢**

TOMATOES Hunts Solid Pack 300 Size 2 for **39¢**

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1 Lb. Box **39¢**

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VANILLA WAFERS
12 Oz. Box **39¢**

HORMEL
SPAM
12 Oz. Can **53¢**

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LIPTONS
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PATIO
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PATIO BEEF
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Enchiladas pkg. of 2 **39¢**



YELLOW
SQUASH Lb. **25¢**

SUNKIST
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GREEN
CABBAGE Lb. **7¢**

PURPLE TOP
TURNIPS Lb. **15¢**

RUSSET
SPUDS 15 Lb. Bag **89¢**

GOOCH BACON Lb. **69¢**
FRANKS Goochs 12 Oz. Pkg. **49¢**
CHUCK ROAST Lb. **89¢**

STEAK PORK Lb. **69¢**

Pork ROAST Lb. **69¢**

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Miscellaneous

FOR MONUMENTS and CEMETERY CUBBING
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Phone 8-5565

MASONIC MEETING
Stated meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 710 on 2nd Saturday and 4th Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Visitors welcome. Members urged to attend.
CHARLES EAGER, W.M.
ROY MASHBURN, Sec'y.

WANTED — Cooks, waitresses, and dishwashers. Merkel Restaurant. 928-4923. 8 tlc

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NEW and Exciting Semi permanent eye lashes. Individual eye lashes applied to your own. Last as long as your own. Original application. \$12.50. For more information call Elmwood Salon of Beauty. Ann Baggett, owner, 712 Leggett. 692-4434. 1 tlc

WEDDING INVITATIONS, INFORMALS, ANNIVERSARY INVITATIONS — All may be seen at the Merkel Mail and Printing. 928-5712.

WANTED — Station attendant. Apply Windham's Fina Station, East Highway 80. 3 tlc

MARY KAY COSMETICS — For a complimentary Mary Kay or Mr. K. facial see Nig Herron at Noodle. 736-6435. 6 2tp

WANTED — Wish to buy 3 bedroom modern home in Merkel. Fred Starbuck. 6 4tc

GARAGE SALE — Thursday and Friday at 501 Thornton, black and white TV, set silverware, clothing, miscellaneous. 6 tlc

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING NEW — In Ceramics? Why not drop by the Merkel Mail and see the newest on display now. 5 tlc

For Rent

FOR RENT — Duplex apartment, elderly couple or older singles, good character, excellent location, 301 Oak. 6 tlc

FOR RENT — Two bedroom, unfurnished house. Also have three room furnished house. Call 928-5236. 4 tlc

For Sale

FOR SALE — Small house on southside, new carpet, walls, floors, everything redone. Large lot. Call 928-5492. 51 tlc

FOR SALE — Crocheted bedspreads, hand pieced and hand quilted, new quilts, other miscellaneous items. 712 Locust. 928-5901. 5 2tc

FOR SALE — Two lots for sale, 50'x140' each, 600 block Orange Street, Merkel — \$500 each. Call Abilene 692-4130 ext. 221 or Write Box 308, McMurtry Station, Abilene. 3 4tc

FOR SALE — 500 gal. butane tank with filler hose mounted on tandem trailer, \$300.00. Ph. 962-2041. 4 tlc

FOR SALE — House at 904 So. 3rd. Call Mrs. Buddy Boyd at 962-2711. 4 tlc

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

For Congressman, District 17
OMAR BURLESON
(Re-election)

For State Senator,
24th Senatorial District
GRANT JONES

For 42nd District Court Judge
CHARLES E. (CHUCK) ERWIN

CLASSIFIED ADS GET RESULTS

RIDING CLUB



NEWS

CINDY BOONE FIRST IN RIDING EVENTS

Another evening of riding was enjoyed Saturday at the Merkel Riding Club Arena, with a "good crowd on hand to enjoy a lot of fun," according to president, Jerry Russell, Seventeen riders participated.

Winners are listed in first, second and third place.

Barrels

10 and under — Cindy Boone, Jeff Toombs and John Stevens.
13 - 18 group — Jan Beck.

Former Merkelite Gets Promotion

Errol Rutledge of Abilene, and formerly of Merkel, was recently promoted to assistant cashier by Citizens National Bank, following their March board of directors meeting.

Son of Mrs. Velma Rutledge and the late Mr. Rutledge, he started work at Citizens National in 1967. He worked in the bookkeeping, proof and transit departments, and as a teller before taking training to work in the data processing department.

A graduate of Merkel High School, Rutledge was active in the Jaycees here and served as its secretary, treasurer, vice president and director.

He worked at Carson's Super Market and E. A. Conley Barber-shop when living here.

He attended Abilene Christian College and is a member of the American Institute of Banking and is continuing his banking education through courses in this organization. He is a member of the Data Processing Managers Association.

He and his wife, Ann, have two sons, Joel Allen 4, and Peter Greg, 10 months. They live at 734 Vine and attend Southern Hills Church of Christ.

Girl Scout NEWS

By LESA HART

Junior Girl Scout Troop No. 313 has been very busy the past two weeks.

On March 23, the troop took a hike to Wendy Hogan's home, where they saw exhibits she had fixed for the patrol to see. This was a requirement for a Scout badge she is working on.

An unexpected snow didn't stop the Scouts from meeting on March 30. The entire patrol began working on their patrol badges.

Approximately 26 girls are going to the YMCA in Abilene each Tuesday and Thursday for swimming lessons. Each one is hoping to receive their swimming badge. We thank the mothers who are taking us each time.

Scouts are busy people, but the fun and learning are worthwhile. Our thanks to our leaders, Mmes. Don Glasscock, Boyd Baker, Glenn Bicknell and Pat Owens for making our Scout program possible.

By DEBORAH WHITE

The Cadette Girl Scouts, Troop 397, met at regular time March 29, for a "Penny Hike."

Following refreshments we started on our penny hike. At the end of each block, the penny was flipped — tails we went left and heads we went right.

Those attending were Pam Hogan, Deborah White, Shellie Baker, Cindy Byrd, Vickie Farmer and Judy Diltz, and leaders, Mrs. David Seymore and Mrs. Boyd Baker.

BROWNIE NEWS

By CHRISTI BRADY

On Tuesday, March 28, the Brownie Troop No. 103 met with their leaders at the Scout Hut. The girls made Easter Baskets from plastic milk jugs which had been donated to the Scouts. They decorated them with pieces of felt. Brownies also made styro-foam Easter Bunnies.

Following the projects, girls went on an Easter Egg Hunt, using their newly made baskets.

Information was given to the Brownies concerning summer camp programs. Several girls are hoping to attend either Camp Boothe Oaks at Sweetwater or Day Camp at Abilene State Park.

Troop No. 103 Brownie Scouts met March 21 at the Scout Hut.

Girls finished on their "Dunkin Buns," which will hold Brownie camping dishes so that they can be dipped in boiling water for washing.

Refreshments were served by Sherry Laurance, Tammy Kirk and Janice Jacobs. There were 23 Brownies present.

Deaths, Funerals

Mrs. Massey

Mrs. Minnie Ala Massey, 67, of Sweetwater, died Monday, April 3 in Simmons Memorial Hospital after a long illness.

Funeral services were held Wednesday in Starbuck Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. H. S. Earp, Assembly of God minister in Abilene, officiating, assisted by the Rev. J. C. Nelson, Assembly of God minister of Balinger, Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Born Sept. 25, 1904, in Hamilton County, Mrs. Massey moved to the Merkel area in 1938 and had lived in Sweetwater since 1969.

Survivors are one son, Charles Bagley of Oklahoma City, Okla.; one daughter, Mrs. T. H. (Annie Mae) Lightfoot of Sweetwater; three brothers, Otis Peterson of Menard, Bill Peterson of Merkel and Alva Peterson of San Diego, Calif.; one sister, Mrs. Nellie Lassiter of San Diego, Calif.; one grandchild and three great-grandchildren.

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MISS DUFF SPEAKER FOR BETA SIGMA PHI

By CONNIE HARRIS

Beta Sigma Phi members and guests were treated to an overall view of Merkel — then and now — by Katharyn Duff, author and Abilene Reporter - News editor, at their Tuesday evening meeting.

The author of "Abilene on Cat-Claw Creek," who was born in nearby Sylvester and lived for a time in Merkel, described the early town as being known as the "windmill town."

"During the oil boom in Merkel the town was known as the windmill town," she said. "The people who lived here were tough because they had to survive. They built their homes out of trees and mud and they were always ready to give a helping hand."

"Today," she said, "there's elbow room in Merkel, clean air and an open society — still with people who are ready to help."

Miss Duff, who "does much of her traveling through books," encouraged members and guests to read.

"Develop the habit of reading," she said, "and an understanding of music and literature."

The approximately fifty members and guests met in Fellowship Hall of First United Methodist Church. The social committee consisting of Mmes. John Brady, Darla Mawson, Billy Bob

Neff, Jewell Cotton, Mammie Steck, Billy Lucas and Jimmy Leverich, served refreshments.



STANLEY CASADY
... NTC graduate

Home on Leave

Seaman apprentice Stanley Casady, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Casady of Merkel is home on leave after his graduation from Naval Training Center in Great-Lakes, Ill.

A 1971 graduate of Merkel High School, Casady will return to Great Lakes for a 15 week Radar School.

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ROUND-UP

By ELAINE BRUMBEAU

THE DAN ALLENS (all six of 'em) comes our way from the Philippines — and sends their greetings to all.

Remember how active they were when living here — Dan with all civic functions and church activities that involved young people — Anita with her church and club activities — Mike — we remember most from football — Diane and Sharon — school and church activities — and little Leigh Ann — who tickled our fancy with so many "maneuvers" during the Beauty Pageant.

Dan, head of the household writes:

"Just a note to let you know how much we are still enjoying the Merkel Mail and keeping up with the news of our hometown and friends, by way of 'Mail'."

"We're still very active in as many community activities as we find time for. Anita belongs to the local chapter of Beta Sigma Phi and additionally was installed as president of the Non-Commissioned Officers (NCO) Wives Club as president for a six month term."

"Mike is presently serving as president of the Wagner High School Student Government Association and has recently been inducted into the National Honor Society. He'll graduate in June and we're present in arranging for him to attend Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches (Anita's and my original hometown)."

"Dianne is a junior and will graduate in June, 1973 just before we transfer back to the U.S. of A. She is in practical vo-

Completes Course

WICHITA FALLS, Tex. — Airman Michael T. Walker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon R. Walker of 1414 Stewart St., Merkel, has graduated at Sheppard AFB, Tex. from the Air Force heavy equipment operator course conducted by the Air Training Command.

The airman, now trained to operate construction and specialized maintenance equipment, is being assigned to Cannon AFB, N. M., for duty with a unit of the Tactical Air Command which provides combat units for air support of U.S. ground forces.

Airman Walker is a 1971 graduate of Merkel High School.

ational training class in school and works at the USAF Hospital Clark Clinical Medical Records Library section two hours a day for additional training.

"Sharon is very active with her twirling and during the past year has been honored by being selected through competition as Miss Clark Air Base Senior Rangette, 1971 Grand Champion, National Baton Twirling Association — Beginner, 1972 Grand Champion, NBTA — Advanced and has appeared in Manila Sports Arena for several Philippine National Sporting Events.

"Leigh Anne is in nursery school at age 4, learning her A-B-C's and numbers. She's still rules the roost as our 'West Texas Tornado'."

"As for pop, he helped coach one of the high school age football teams to second place (out of 4 teams) and the winning All-Star Football team to a 14-12 win as offensive back coach and is presently coaching one of six high school age baseball teams. I was notified in December of my future promotion — selection to Chief Master Sergeant, hopeful, putting that rank on sometime during FY '72 or early FY '73."

"We're all missing the fine folks around Merkel and are anxiously awaiting our return to that area. Please pass on a big hello to all for us — 'Mabuhay' — as they say in the Philippines. Love and God's blessings, from — The Allens."

THE CLAYTON DILLARDS recently entertained their son and family, Dr. and Mrs. Burl Dillard of St. Clair, Mo. The Dillardards, with their children, David, Nancy and Marni spent several days here while en route to Houston and on to New Orleans. Also accompanying the St. Clair Dillardards were the children's teacher, Miss Jane Shelake.

Other recent visitors in the Dillardard's home were Mr. Dillard's brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Dillard and son, David of Aspermont.

MR. M. M. OWEN was honored Sunday with a birthday dinner, hosted by Mrs. Owen. Attending the celebration were his niece, Mrs. George Berry of Grafford and also Mr. and Mrs. Earl Palmer. The Owens moved to Merkel in 1927.



MRS. FAYE WARREN
... sales representative

Former Merkel Resident Named To Sales Staff

Faye Warren of Richardson has been named a Sales Representative for Richard A. Meyers Realty, Inc., according to a recent statement by Richard Meyers, president of the firm.

A native Texan, Mrs. Warren is the granddaughter of Mrs. T. K. Marshall and the niece of Mrs. Tressie Lucas, both of Merkel. Her experience has been in the technical area prior to receiving her real estate license. She has served as a technician at TI, a senior engineering technician at Systematic Design and as an apartment leasing agent for Apartment World prior to joining the Meyers organization. Mrs. Warren, her husband, Forrest, and their teenagers reside in Richardson.

As Sales Representative for the firm, Mrs. Warren will share joint responsibility with Jeannie Ramsey for the sales of the Richardson Lifestyle townhouse condominium complex, located at the intersection of Beltline and Jupiter in Richardson, as well as the training of sales personnel and the overseeing of sales at other Meyers projects.

Stith News

By MRS. FRITZ MALE



The Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Moore and Fay of Abilene visited Mrs. Ira Stanley recently. Mrs. Stanley and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Clearly spent Sunday in Big Spring with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Spears and Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Hodges.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Butler of Garland visited Mrs. Butler's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Perry Thursday through Sunday.

Visiting their parents and grandparents, the John Bowings, Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Harris and Mildred Harris of Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Browning and children, Tuscola; and the Jack Bedford family of Prairie Grove. The group spent Friday in Tuscola with the Billy Ray Browning family.

Visitors in the Fritz Hale home during the Easter holidays were Mrs. James Hale, Midland; Roger Newton, Lubbock; Ethel Candia, Anson; Ila Henson, Sweetwater; and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Malone, Monica and Haley of Taylor. The Bob Malone family and Roger Newton also visited Mr. and Mrs. Robert Malone and the Dink Whisenhunts, all of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. John Browning attended the Singing Convention in Anson Sunday.

Visitors attending services at the Stith Baptist Church Sunday morning were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Butler and Jo Ann and Susie Buchhoffer.

Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Jones visited Friday of last week with their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Truett Jones in Galveston. Mr. and Mrs. Jones and their son and wife visited Saturday and Sunday in Port Arthur with Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Jones.

Mamie Hardin is in the Midland Hospital and reports are that she is doing very well. Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McDonald visited her Sunday.

Jim Burns spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Burns.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Budhoffer and children of Graham spent the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Perry.

CHILDREN ELIGIBLE FOR SS PAYMENTS

About 4 million children receive social security checks every month, according to R. R. Tuley Jr., social security manager in Abilene.

These children are eligible for payments because a parent — either mother or father — with

enough work under social security has retired, become disabled, or died, Tuley said.

The largest number — over 2.7 million — receive payments because a parent has died. Nearly 1 million collect benefits as dependents of a disabled parent.

And, over 1/2 million get checks as children of retired workers, the district manager said.

"Eligible children can get benefits until they're 18, and, if they continue in school full-time and are single, they can get monthly checks until they are 22," Tuley said. "Today, there are over 1/2 million 'student' beneficiaries between 18 and 22."

In the 15 county Abilene District there are 4,771 children getting monthly social security checks. 771 of these are 18 to 22, Tuley said.

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THOMAS H. LARGENT
... services held Friday

Thomas Largent Dies at Age 71

Funeral services for Thomas Huffman Largent, 71, were held Friday, March 31 at the First United Methodist Church in Merkel with the Rev. Russell McAnally, pastor, and the Rev. N. S. Daniel, pastor emeritus, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery under the direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

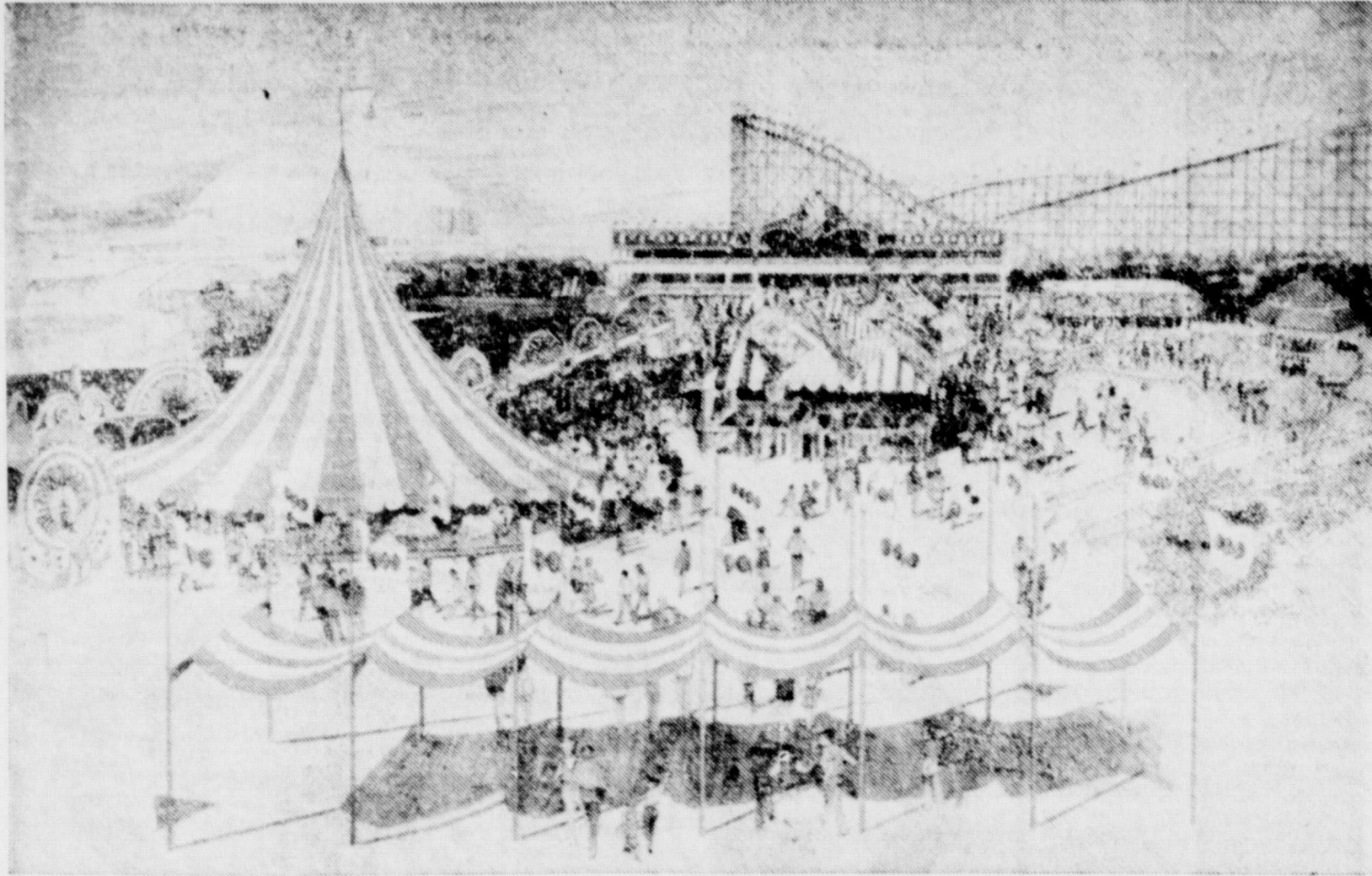
Mr. Largent, a former Merkel resident, died Thursday at Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene.

Born July 12, 1889 in Collin County, he moved to Merkel with his family in 1894. He married the former Velma Sutphen here in 1909.

The couple was actively engaged in the Registered Hereford cattle business and in the oil business until he retired in 1959. He and his wife moved to Abilene in 1966, where they have lived since.

Survivors are his wife; one son, Joe, of Abilene; one daughter, Mrs. Lou Largent Innes of Dallas; six grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and one sister, Mrs. L. L. Swafford of Sarasota, Fla.

Pallbearers were W. S. J. Brown, Warren C. Smith, Joe Earl Lassiter, William R. Cypet, Raymond Ferguson and Bir-



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LEGAL NOTICE

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING TO LONE STAR GAS COMPANY, A CORPORATION, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, A FRANCHISE TO FURNISH AND SUPPLY GAS TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC IN THE CITY OF MERKEL, TAYLOR COUNTY, TEXAS FOR THE TRANSPORTING, DELIVERY, SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF GAS IN, OUT OF, AND THROUGH SAID MUNICIPALITY FOR ALL PURPOSES; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF A FEE OR CHARGE FOR THE USE OF THE STREETS, ALLEYS AND PUBLIC WAYS; PROVIDING THAT IT SHALL BE IN LIEU OF

OTHER FEES AND CHARGES, EXCEPTING AD VALOREM TAXES, AND REPEALING ALL PREVIOUS GAS FRANCHISE ORDINANCES.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERKEL, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. That the City of Merkel, Texas, hereinafter called "City," hereby grants to Lone Star Gas Company, hereinafter called "Company," its successors and assigns, consent to use and occupy the present and future streets, alleys, highway, public places, public thoroughfares and grounds of City for the purpose of laying, maintaining, construct-

ing, operating and replacing thereon and thereon pipelines and all other appurtenant equipment needed and necessary to deliver gas in, out of, and through said City and to sell gas to persons, firms and corporations, including all the general public, within the City's corporate limits, said consent being granted for a term of twenty-five (25) years from and after the date of the final passage and approval of this ordinance.

SECTION 2. Company shall lay, maintain, construct, operate and replace its pipes, mains, laterals and other equipment so as to interfere as little as possible with traffic and shall promptly clean up and restore to an approximate original condition, at its cost, all thoroughfares and other surfaces which it may disturb. The location of all mains, pipes, laterals and other appurtenant equipment shall be fixed under the supervision of the City Council or an authorized committee or agent appointed by said Council.

SECTION 3. When Company shall make or cause to be made excavations or shall place obstructions in any street, alley or other public place, the public shall be protected by barriers and lights placed, erected and maintained by Company; and in the event of injury to any person or damage to any property by reason of the construction, operation or maintenance of the gas distributing plant or system of Company, Company shall indemnify and keep harmless City from any and all liability in connection therewith. Company shall repair, clean up and restore to an approximate original condition all streets and alleys disturbed during the construction and repair of its gas distributing system.

SECTION 4. In addition to the rates charged for gas supplied, Company may make and enforce reasonable charges, rules and regulations for service rendered in the conduct of its business, including a charge for service rendered in the inauguration of natural gas service, and may require, before furnishing service, the execution of a contract therefor. Company shall have the right to contract with each customer with reference to the installation of, and payment for, any and all of the gas piping from the connection thereof with the Company's main in the streets or alleys to and throughout the consumer's premises. Company shall own, operate and maintain all service lines which are defined as the supply lines from the Company's main to the consumer's curb line when mains are located in the streets and to the consumer's property line when mains are located in the alleys. The consumer shall own, operate and maintain all yard lines and house piping. Yard lines are defined as the underground supply lines extending from the point of connection with Company's service line to the point of connection with consumer's house piping.

SECTION 5. Company shall not be required to extend mains on any street more than fifty (50) feet for any one consumer of gas.

SECTION 6. Company shall be entitled to require from each and every consumer of gas, before gas service is commenced, a deposit of twice the amount of an estimated average monthly bill, which said deposit may be retained by Company until service is discontinued and all bills there-

for have been paid. Company shall then return said deposit to the consumer, together with six percent (6 percent) interest thereon from the date of said deposit up to the date of discontinuance of service. Company shall be entitled to apply said deposit, with accrued interest, to any indebtedness owed Company by the consumer making the deposit.

SECTION 7. The rights, privileges and franchises granted by this ordinance are not to be considered exclusive, and City hereby expressly reserves the right to grant, at any time, like privileges, rights and franchises as it may see fit to any other person or corporation for the purpose of furnishing gas for light, heat and power to and for City and the inhabitants thereof.

SECTION 8. Company shall furnish reasonably adequate service to the public at reasonable rates and charges therefor; and Company shall maintain its property, equipment and appliances in good order and condition.

SECTION 9. Company, its successors and assigns, agrees to pay and City agrees to accept, on or before the 1st day of April, 1973, and on or before the same day of each succeeding year during the life of this franchise, up to and including the year 1997, a sum of money which shall be equivalent to two percent (2 percent) of the gross receipts received by Company from the sale of gas to its domestic and commercial consumers within the corporate limits of said City (expressly excluding, however, receipts derived from sales to industrial and governmental users and consumers in said City), for the preceding calendar year, which annual payment shall be for the rights and privileges herein granted to Company including expressly, without limitation, the right to use the streets, alleys and public ways of said City. And it is also expressly agreed that the aforesaid annual payment shall be in lieu of any and all other and additional occupation taxes, easement and franchise taxes, or charges (whether levied as an ad valorem, special or other character of tax or charge), in lieu of municipal license and inspection fees, street taxes and street or alley rentals or charges, and all other and additional municipal taxes, charges, levies, fees and rentals of whatsoever kind and character which City may impose or hereafter be authorized to levy and collect, excepting only the usual general or special ad valorem taxes, which City is authorized to levy and impose upon real and personal property. Should City not have the legal power to agree that the payment of the foregoing sums of money shall be in lieu of taxes, licenses, fees, street or alley rentals or charges, easement or franchise taxes or charge aforesaid, then City agrees that it will apply so much of said sums of money paid as may be necessary to satisfy Company's obligations, if any, to pay any such taxes, licenses, charges, fees, rentals, easement or franchise taxes or charges.

In order to determine the gross receipts received by Company from the sale of gas (expressly excluding the sale of gas to industrial and governmental consumers) within the corporate limits of City, Company agrees that on the same date that payments are made as provided in the preceding paragraph of this Section

9, it will file with the City Clerk a sworn report showing the gross receipts received from the sale of gas to its domestic and commercial consumers within said corporate limits for the calendar year preceding the date of payment, City may, if it sees fit, have the books and records of Company examined by a representative of said City to ascertain the correctness of the sworn reports agreed to be filed herein.

Receipts from sales to governmental users or consumers shall include all those receipts derived from the sale of gas to federal, state, county or city governments or branches and subdivisions thereof, school districts or other similar districts, it being the intention to include within the term "governmental users and consumers" all tax-supported institutions owned or operated directly or indirectly by said governments and branches or subdivisions thereof, such as schools, colleges, hospitals, eleemosynary institutions, army or training camps, airports, courthouse, city hall and other institutions of like or similar kind and character. "Industrial users or consumers," as herein used, are those generally and commonly classified as such by Company.

The payment herein provided shall be for the period January 1 to December 31 of the respective year that the payment is made.

SECTION 10. When this franchise ordinance shall have become effective, all previous ordinances of said City granting franchises for gas distribution purposes which were held by Company shall be automatically cancelled and annulled, and shall be of no further force and effect.

SECTION 11. Company shall file its written acceptance of this franchise ordinance within sixty (60) days after its final passage and approval by said City.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this the 3rd day of April, A.D. 1972.

ATTEST:

ROY J. KIMBRELL
City Secretary
HORACE HARGROVE
Mayor, City of Merkel, Texas
STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF TAYLOR

I, Roy J. Kimbrell, Secretary of the City of Merkel, Taylor County, Texas, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of an ordinance passed by the City Council of the City of Merkel, Texas, at a regular session, held on the 3rd day of April, 1972, as it appears of record in the minutes of said City Council in Book 6, page 41.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID City, this the 3rd day of April, A. D. 1972.

ROY J. KIMBRELL
City Secretary
City of Merkel, Texas

Merkel Little League

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Date Age League Age

Boy's Weight Height Throws Left or Right
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Father's Signature

Mother's Signature

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What Is Salvation (No. 2)

... ITS CONNECTION WITH JESUS THE CHRIST
Salvation is the release of the penalty of sin which is "death" to one's spiritual self which involves basically "separation" from God (Isa. 59:1, 2), the putting of one's self outside, alienated from the spiritual blessing of God, especially the blessing of forgiven sin and guilt. The "second death" will be "hell" which is the punishment of living in sin (Rev. 20:14, 15), from which salvation frees us, this "second death" is separation from God for eternity.

Jesus the Christ came to earth to show us God, give us an example to live by so as to be righteous, and especially to die to suffer the penalty of sin. Isaiah 53 is a classic chapter in describing his death for this purpose. Romans 3:23-26 describes this same accomplishment in his death by using the word "propitiation." Propitiation explains how Jesus could die for us so we could be free from the penalty due us because we have sinned. Propitiation has two meanings: (1) The satisfaction of justice — God is a just God, therefore sin demands punishment by its very nature because it is a personal offense against God's holiness. The Bible describes God as one who cannot "lie" (Titus 1:2), that does not mean that He cannot formulate a falsehood but rather to be his true self, to retain His holy nature. He cannot do so as His word is Truth. (John 17:17)

The same is true of God being a just God (Deut. 32:1). To retain His just, fair, right nature, someone must be punished for our sin...either it will be us in an eternal hell or the death of Jesus as a "propitiation" in our behalf...depending on your response to Him. (2) It means also the appeasement of wrath. One can read Numbers 1 and see God's wrath about sin, and in verses 46, 47, 48 the beautiful passages of the appeasement of that wrath, which was accomplished perfectly for all time in the death of Jesus. Isaiah 53:11 "He (God) shall see the TRAVAIL of his (Jesus) soul, and shall be SATISFIED."

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Sheriff's Sale, Delinquent Tax Suit THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF TAYLOR SHERIFF'S SALE

WHEREAS, on the 15th day of December, 1971, in Cause No. 33,183-A in the District Court of Taylor County, Texas, wherein the City of Merkel, Merkel Independent School District, the State of Texas and Taylor County were Plaintiffs, recovered judgment against V. O. Balch, Laura L. Balch and J. L. Tucker, if living, and if any and all of the above named Defendants be dead the unknown heirs of each and all of said above named persons who may be dead; and the unknown heirs of the unknown named persons; and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land; and the executors, ad-

ministrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees, devisees of the above named persons, who own or claim some interest in the herein described real property which is situated in Merkel, Taylor County, Texas, who were duly served with process by means of citation by publication, for taxes, penalty, interest and cost against the hereinafter described property.

WHEREAS, on the 21 day of March, 1972, by virtue of said judgment and the mandates thereof of the Clerk of the above mentioned District Court of said County did cause to be issued an Order of Sale commanding me as Sheriff of said county to seize, levy upon, and sell in the manner and form as required by law the hereinafter described property:

WHEREAS, by virtue of said judgment and said Order of Sale and the mandates thereof I did on the 31 day of March, 1972, seize and levy upon as the property of the above defendants the following described property, situated in Merkel, Texas, to-wit:

(Said description showing the number of acres, original survey, locality in county, and name by which said property is most generally known.)

Beginning at the southwest corner of Block 2, College Addition to the City of Merkel, Taylor County, Texas, for the beginning point of this tract of land;

THENCE North 75 feet to the northwest corner of this tract of land;

THENCE East 140 feet to a point for the northwest corner of this tract of land;

THENCE South .75 feet to the

Coffee Is Tops

A good cup of coffee provides the finishing touch to a fine meal. And as a flavoring, coffee helps create many exciting recipes.

Take this delicious coffee-dessert topping, for instance. When served over cake or ice cream, it converts ordinary desserts into sensational taste experiences.

The secret to this recipe is properly brewed coffee. One guarantee of a good brew is an electric coffee maker, with controls and features that take the guesswork out of coffee making. Another secret is a clean pot, free of yesterday's oils and residues. That means stainless steel or completely immersible automatic coffee makers, like those made by General Electric in a range of capacities and colors for all family sizes and needs.

The proper coffee grind is another key to good brewing, and there's happy news brewing along those lines. If you purchase a General Electric coffee maker between now and the end of April, you get coupons redeemable for 3 lbs. of Maxwell House Electro-Perk coffee, which is ground especially for electric coffee makers.

By following the few simple instructions that come with your coffee maker, you're all set to wow your family and guests with the full flavor of great coffee by itself or as the key ingredient in this deliciously different dessert topping.



COFFEE DESSERT TOPPING

- 1 cup firmly packed brown sugar
 - 1 1/2 cups hot coffee
 - 2 tablespoons cornstarch
 - 3 tablespoons cold coffee
 - 2 tablespoons butter
 - 2 teaspoons vanilla
- In a one-quart saucepan, combine brown sugar and hot coffee. Stir over low heat until sugar melts. Blend cornstarch and cold coffee. Stir into hot mixture. Cook over low heat, stirring constantly until sauce boils and thickens. Remove from heat. Add butter and vanilla. Stir until butter dissolves. Serve warm over cake or ice cream. Yields 1 1/2 cups.

southeastern corner of this tract of land;

THENCE West 140 feet to the place of beginning; said tract of land being in the Southwest corner of Block 2, City of Merkel, Taylor County, Texas.

And I will on the first Tuesday in the Month of May, 1972, the same being the 2nd day of the month, proceed to sell all the right, title and interest of the Defendants in and to said property at the Court House door of said county in the city or town of Abilene between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to the highest bidder for cash, provided, however, that none of said property shall be sold to the owner of said property directly or indirectly or to anyone having an interest therein or to any party other than a taxing unit which is a party to this suit for less than the amount of the ad valorem value of said property or the aggregate amount of judgments against said property in said suit, whichever is lower, subject also to the right of the Defendants to bid thereon same in the time and manner provided by law and subject also to the right of the Defendants to have said property divided and sold in less division than the whole.

Poster Winners

Two other Merkel Elementary School students were winners in the recent Ciddle Clear Fork Soil and Water Conservation District poster contest. Names omitted from last week's story were Randy Leverich, first place winner and Cindy Smith, second place. Randy, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Leverich, and his teacher, Mrs. Vincent Barnett, attended the Awards Dinner held March 28 in McGlothlin Center Cafeteria at Abilene Christian College. The program was co-hosted by Taylor Electric Cooperative.



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Area 4-H'ers Win In Food Show

The Jones County Wide 4-H Favorite Food Show was held March 25 at the Anson Lions Club Hall with exhibits and judging being held the same day. Mrs. Mary Y. Newberry, Jones County Home Demonstration agent, was in charge of the show.

Blue ribbons winners were Mary Rowland, Betsy Thompson, Melinda Rodgers, Patricia Ben-

nett, and Tammy Beauchamp, all of Anson.

Noodle blue ribbon winners were Kathryn and Gayle Irvin and Merkel winners were Melissa Nichols, Alison Israel and Shannon Boyd and Penny Hatfield.

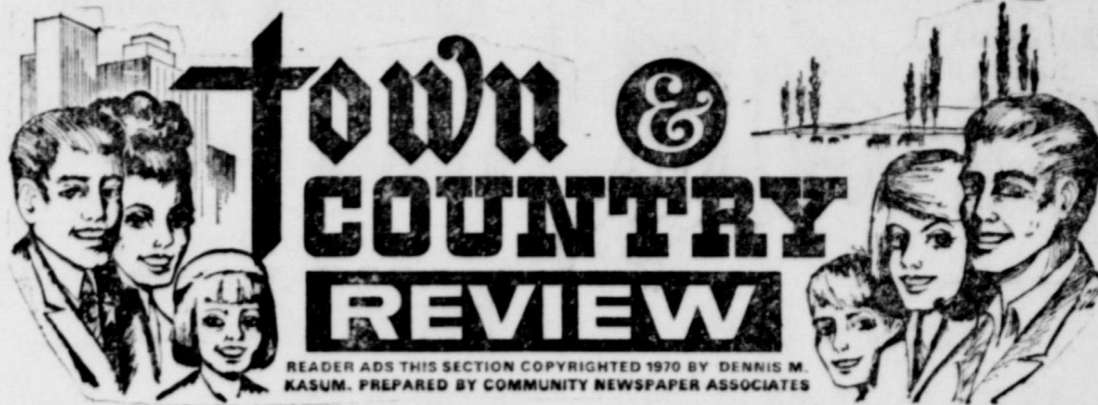
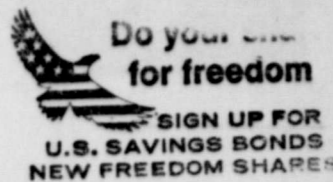
Miss Rodgers of Anson will represent Jones County in the Senior Division at Wichita Falls on Saturday, April 22.

Representing the county in the Junior Division will be Patricia Bennett, Alison Israel, Kathryn Irvin and Melissa Nichols in the

4 food groups of meat, milk, fruit - vegetables and bread-cereal.

Girls were judged on the exhibitors' knowledge of foods and nutrition, food exhibited, the recipe and the day's menu.

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