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## Piano Pupils Give Recital

Piano students of Mrs. Ronny Doan will be presented in recital Friday, April 27th. The recital will be in the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church at 7:30 p.m.

Students participating in the recital will be Loyce Baker, Shannon Boyd, Lesa Hart, Gayle Irvin, Kathryn Irvin, Kelly Knight, Cheri Patterson, and Roger Reed.

Mrs. Doan extends an invitation to the public to attend.

## Annual Staff Attends Workshops

Recently five members of the annual staff attended two workshops hosted by two different publishing companies to gain new ideas in preparing the 1974 yearbooks.

Those attending with the Yearbook Advisor Mrs. Hugh Baker were Tonja McAninch, Kathy Cypert, Beverly Mawson, Donna White and Lisa Gregory.



**RECEIVES AWARDS** — Four employees and one director of TEC received service Awards at last Thursday's Members Meeting at the TEC Annex. Pictured from left to right are Roland Pack, Vaughn Doan, Carroll Benson and Manfred (Sarg) Noster, each receiving 5 year pins. Director Riley Miller, far right, received a 10-year pin. (Staff Photo)

## TEC Members Meeting Attracts Large Turnout

Sunshine, the promise of good food and entertainment and a genuine interest in their cooperative, combined to attract nearly 1,200 members and visitors to the 32nd Annual Members Meeting of Taylor County Electric Cooperative last Thursday, April 19.

The Key City Quartet provided entertainment for the group in place of the Ken Mayhall Quartet, due to a death in the family. Allens Catering Service of Sweetwater provided the food. Door prizes were given to members.

Office Manager for TEC, B. J. Gist, got the business

**Merkel Garden Club  
Annual Flower Show  
Saturday, April 28  
2-5 p.m.  
At Old  
Mellinger Bldg.  
N. 2nd & Edwards**

meeting under way. He introduced 4-H Club members Annetta Stephan and Shawn Moore, who gave a demonstration on the installation of a mercury vapor lamp.

General Council for TEC, Maurice Brooks, declared a quorum present, making it legal to conduct business. He praised TEC members for their concern and also pointed out that they have one of the strongest Cooperatives anywhere. "I am proud to be a representative of Taylor Electric Cooperative at meetings I attend in conjunction with Coop business," he said.

Don Hart, Manager of TEC told members that he had both good and bad news. On the bad side he pointed out that it is costing more money to do business. "The cost of our supplies and the cost of power which we purchase from outside sources, is costing us more," he said. On the good side he said that TEC had one of the best years in its history. "We sold over 12 million more kilowatt hours this year compared to last. We are continuing to show good growth," he said.

Hart told member that TEC has started replacing some

poles in the system. The poles, some of which have been in use since the beginning of the Cooperative, have been inspected. "We do not have to replace all of them, but the ones that are bad will be replaced," Hart said.

Commenting on the recent changes by the government in financing policy for REA, Hart pointed out that TEC will be paying a higher rate of interest on money that it borrows. TEC's strong financial position will contribute to the higher rate of interest on money that it borrows.

Jack Morrow, secretary, gave the financial report of the cooperative.

Four employees and one director received service awards at the meeting.

The membership re-elected 3 members to the board of directors. They are: J. D. Sandusky, Jr., representing Zone I, Jack Morrow representing Zone II, and Odos Moore, representing Zone III. Others nominated for the board by the nominating committee were: R. E. Clemmer, Orval Ely and Leonard Rotan.

## Wilkersons, Foxes Plan OpenHouse

Open house will be held at two Merkel homes this Sunday, April 29th from 2 until 5 p.m. Hosting the open house will be Mr. and Mrs. Wyman Wilkerson and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Fox.

The Wilkerson home is the former Roy Largent Ranch. The Fox home is located about 100 yards south of the turnoff to the Wilkerson home.

The Wilkersons bought and redesigned and remodeled the Roy Largent Ranch home, located four miles north of Merkel.

They remodeled a small southwest porch into an entranceway, adding porches on the south (front) and west sides, a hallway, bath, master bedroom and study at the back of the house with basement recreation room below the study. A large carport and storage area is east of the study.

The kitchen and living room have avocado and lime shag carpet with Ash stained walnut cabinets in the kitchen. Colors are blue, green and yellow in both rooms.

Living room has beam ceiling, and the original fireplace of the Largents. On two walls hang

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## Little League Parade To Officially Open Season

A parade at 5:15 p.m. on Tuesday, May 1st will officially kick off Merkel's Windmill Little League game activity for 1973. T-Shirt League will begin play May 5th.

Benny Melton, president of the Little League Association, invited everyone to the parade to view the teams that will be playing this year. "We have a fine group of boys playing this year and the competition should be strong. The parade will give everyone an opportunity to see first hand the fine group of boys and the team leaders that are working with our boys," Melton said.

The first two games of the season will be held following the parade. Playing at 6:15 p.m. will be the Supers vs. the Bankers. The 8:00 p.m. game will pit the Willies against the Killowatts. Teams listed first will be considered the home team and will occupy the west dugout. Next games will be held Thursday, May 3rd. The Killowatts vs. the Vets will be the 6:15 game and the Bankers vs. Braves will be the 8 o'clock game.

Other game schedules will be announced next week.

There will be two games played on each game night. The first game will start at 6:15 p.m. with no inning starting after 7:45 p.m. The second game will start at 8 p.m. with no inning starting after 9:30 p.m.

Officers of the association this year are: Benny Melton, president; Vernon Wade, vice president; Mrs. Finley Barnett, secretary - treasurer; Jimmy Atkinson, T-Shirt coordinator; Billy Lucas, umpire-in-chief; David Seymore, safety officer; John Lazano, player agent; Mrs. Calvin Wolf, auxiliary chairman; Mrs. Grady Knight, auxiliary vice chairman; and Mrs. John Brady, auxiliary secretary-treasurer.

Sponsors for this years teams are: Supers—Carson Super Market; Willies—Taylor Electric Co-Op.; Killowatts—West Texas Utilities; Vets—V.F.W. Post; Bankers—F & M National Bank; and Braves—Boney Insurance Agency.

Managers for each team are: Danny Sanford and Darrell Lee Farmer, Vets; John Brady and Wyman Wilkerson, Bankers; Walter Whisenhunt and Jimmy Riggan, Willies; Finley Barnett and Harold Hutchings, Killowatts; David Seymore and Grady Knight, Supers; and Bill Harris and Jimmy Atkinson, Braves.

Players for each team includes:

**VETS** — Graig Land, Ellis Williams, Darwin Constable, Clell Murray, Lynn Wade, Donnie Tutt, Brad Wade, Ted Holmes, Joseph Arney, Lanny Carl Wiloth, Gary Lee Tutt, Keven Dean Farmer, Harold Arney, Larry Ivy Land, and W. A. Kinder.

**BANKERS** — Terry Stewart, David Barcuch, Bill Mashburn, Louis Deaver, Bill Fisher, Jay Boyd, Michael Brady, Chris Cox, James Barcuch, Todd Gregory, Stuart Douglas, Mike Fisher, David Wilkerson, and Leighton Batey.

**WILLIES** — Michael Sims, Bendy Beaver, Wendy Beaver, David Blair, David C. Clyburn, Josh Amerine, Wesley Wusterhauser, Willie Marsh, David Delacruz, Terry Owens, Richard Beaver, Harold Dye, and Danny Jay Riggan.

**KILLOWATTS** — Robert Freeman, Craig Hutchings, Craig Bowen, Kelly Wolf, Kerry Patterson, Gilbert Rivera, Mike Jordan, John Townsend, Robert Cunningham, Danny Freeman,

Dwayne Sloan, Willy Townsend, Todd Robertson, Greg Beasley, and Gary Eugene Ford.

**SUPERS** — Santos Pena Jr., Rusty Watts, Weldon Day, Drew Mawson, Kyle Wade, Danny Phillips, Ricky Hines, Russell White, Larry Davis, Kelly Knight, Dario Pena, Charles Mark Bunch, Lloyd Williams, John D. Day, and Ricky Pena.

**BRAVES** — Dele Ray Higgins, Jimmy Tackett, Roger Reed, Clay Mitchell, Bobby Quinonez, Eddie Adams, Darryl Harris, Leo Ortega, William Martin, Bart Pursley, Frankie Austermann, Randy Martin, Victor Ortega, Bubba Atkinson and O. C. McKeenan.

Little League managers and the Ladies Auxiliary met Monday, April 23 and decided to buy new uniforms for the Little League teams.

In next weeks Merkel Mail, there will be a story on the managers, teams, sponsors and players of the T-Shirt League. Also a schedule will be printed.

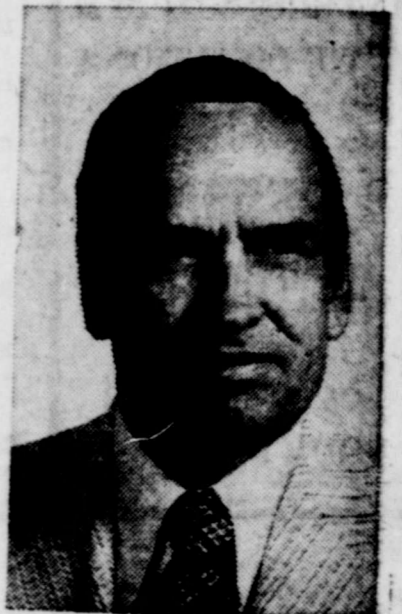
## First Baptist Church Revival April 29-May 6

Revival services will be held in First Baptist Church of Merkel during the week of April 29 to May 6, pastor Kenneth F. Jones has announced. Week-day services will be held at 10:30 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., with the regular schedule being followed on Sundays.

Guest evangelist will be Rev. Hank Scott of Lubbock, Texas. Rev. Scott is pastor of Bacon Heights Baptist Church, which is one of Lubbock's newer and faster-growing churches, Jones said.

The church has planned for the morning week-day services to be held in the Fellowship Hall, and the evening services to be in the sanctuary. A special children's choir is being planned, and will be directed by Mr. Roy Davis. Special music will be featured in each of the evening services.

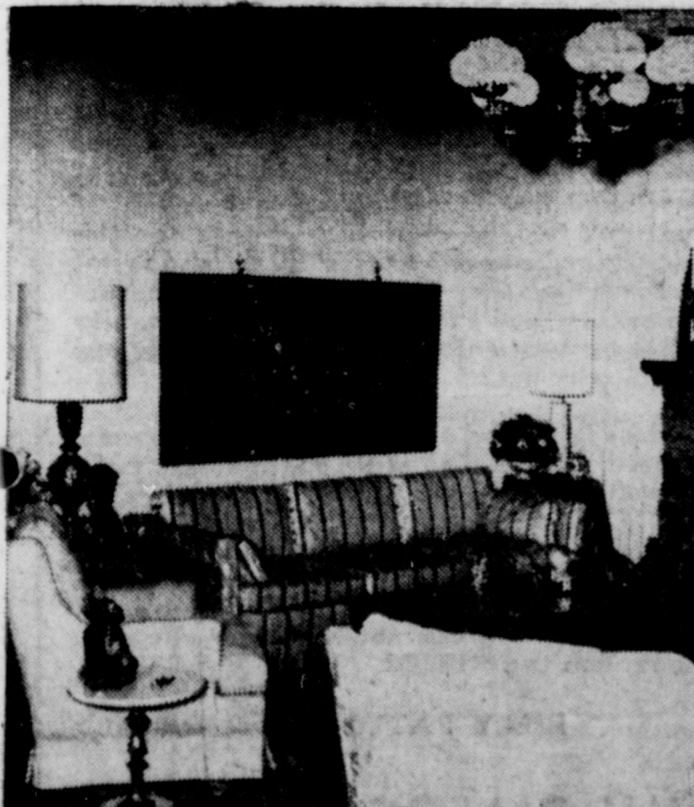
Pastor Jones has extended an invitation to all families in the community to attend these services. "In the fast pace of these days, it is difficult for families to really be together in a common activity," Jones said.



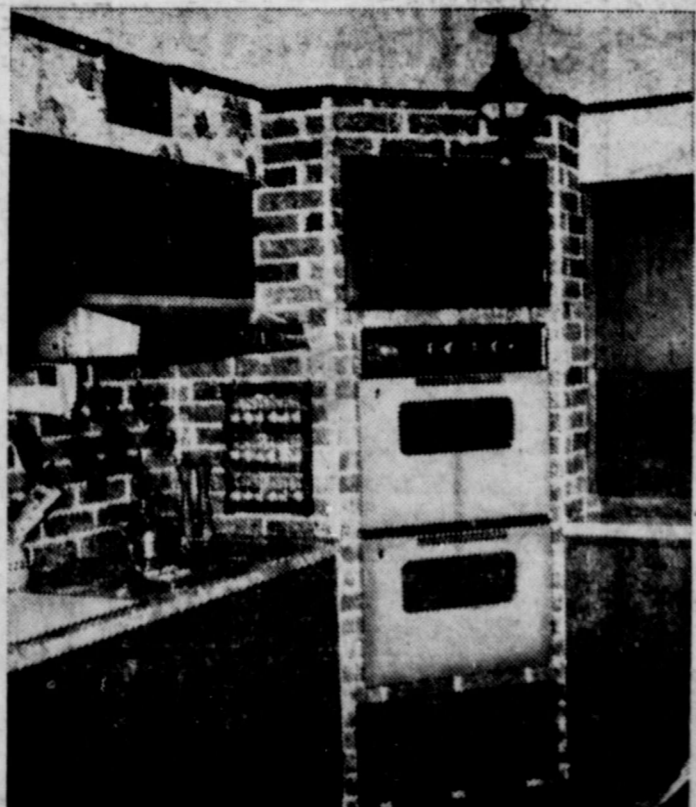
REV. HANK SCOTT  
... evangelist

"The need for families to worship together is great. We are hopeful that this week of revival services will afford many families that opportunity."

For those having very small children, the church will have nursery attendants on duty at every service, Jones stated.



**BIG LIVING ROOM** has soft green walls, shag carpeting in shades of green and sofas and chairs in blue, green and yellow. The original fireplace of the Largent home graces this room.



**KITCHEN**, once on the west side, has been moved to the east side of the dining-cooking area and equipped with compactor, and a mixing center in a special storage innovation. (Staff Photos)



**THE TOM FOXES** planned a spacious living room to accommodate their grandchildren as well as giving a warm feeling to anyone entering the room. Arched fireplace is set in a corner of the room, bricked to the ceiling with mantle.



**LEADED STAINED GLASS WINDOW** is one of the many unusual features in the kitchen of Delfa Fox. Another feature is a venthood extended from the ceiling in the center of the room.

## CEMETERY FUND

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Mr. and Mrs. Leo Harris in memory of Zedic Johnson  
Mrs. Beulah Kirley

Mr. and Mrs. Weldon McAninch in memory of Zedic Johnson

Tessie and J. V. Hester in memory of Zedic Johnson  
Arnold and Lillian Armstrong in memory of Nora Tiner

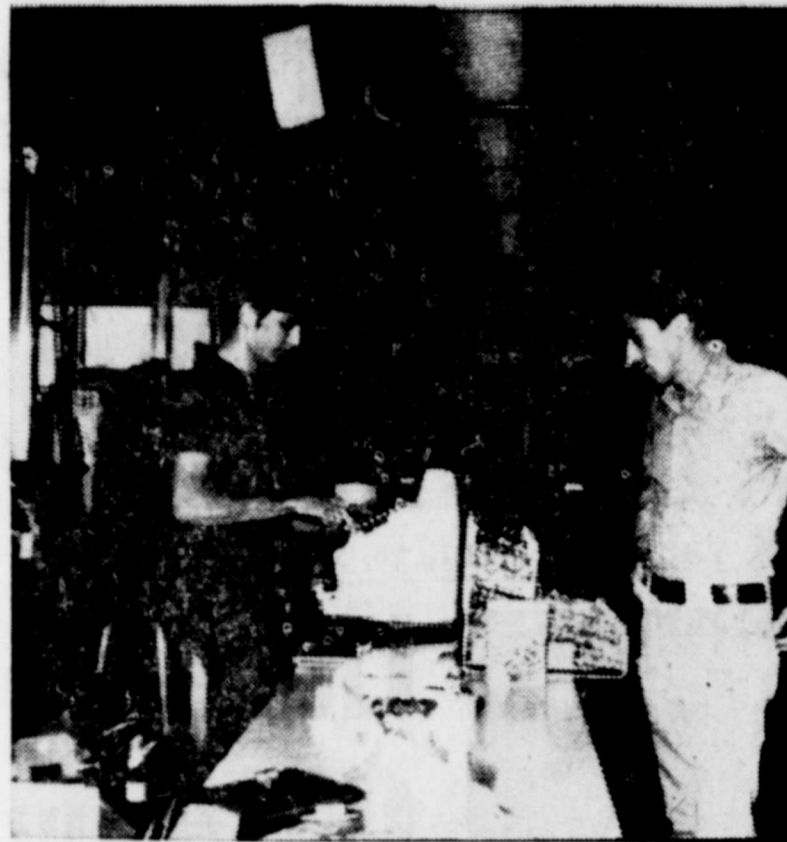
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The Rock of Gibraltar is about 250 feet taller than the Empire State Building.



DENNIS JAMES, left, is shown here waiting on a customer at Stuckey's Pecan Shoppe. He is a student in Home Economics Cooperative Education, a new vocational program initiated at Merkel High School this year. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Torrence are the training sponsors. (Staff Photo)

## Home Economics Coop Gives On-Job Training

The Home Economics Cooperative Education program provides on-the-job training and related classroom instruction in a variety of occupations. During this school year, students have been employed in various business establishments and in private homes throughout the community.

The program offers many advantages to the employer, the student, and the school.

To the employer, it makes available full-time employees who have been trained in his establishment; it offers opportunity to participate in an educational program of benefit to the community.

To the student, it provides opportunity to receive vocational training while completing requirements for a high school diploma; it provides job training under actual working conditions; it provides technical information at the time the skills are being learned.

To the school, it provides an opportunity for students who do not wish to continue their education beyond high school to receive job training; it helps meet the needs for trained employees in the community.

Mrs. Mary Caton is the teacher-coordinator for the program. During the next few weeks, she will be contacting various businesses in the community concerning their participation in the program. Private homes may also be considered. If anyone is interested in the program, further information may be obtained from Mrs. Caton at Merkel High School.

Senior Citizens will have a quilting beginning at 1:00 p.m. Thursday April 26th at Senior Citizens Building.

Everyone interested in helping in any way is urged to come. Mrs. Lem Dudley is president this month.

## Beta Sigma Phi Held Rituals April 17th

The Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met April 17 in the home of Mrs. Robert Leo Harris. Rituals were held for Chera Hohertz, Glenda Teaff, Pat Castille, Lisa Allard, and Annette Clark. The program on Literature was presented by Kathy Mansfield and assisted by Connie Harris.

Darla Mawson was elected Lady of the Year. Man of the Year was also elected. His identity will remain secret until the Founders Day Banquet, May 5 in Abilene at the Civic

Center. There will be a Founders Day supper Friday, April 27 at 7:00 in the home of Darla Mawson. This is a covered dish supper for members and husbands.

The following were present: Annette Clark, Pat Neff, Minyon Seymore, Kathryn Whisenhunt, Pat Castille, Glenda Teaff, Chera Hohertz, Sarah Lucas, Lisa Allard, Martha Justice, Marie White, Connie Harris, Kathy Mansfield, and Darla Mawson.

## 'Know Your Fire Department'

(Second in a series of articles by Audra Horton)

This week's article is about the City Fire Truck No. 1, a 1968 Chevrolet Pumper. This truck is used for fires within the city limits of Merkel and may be sent to adjoining towns on the mutual aid program. There are 500 gallons of water on the truck. It carries 1200 ft. of 2½ inch hose, 600 ft. of 1½ inch hose and 100 ft. of one inch booster hose. This truck may be pumped independently or hooked to a fire hydrant. It contains a two-way radio for fast communication and a P.A. System. There is a regular siren, yelper and a warbler for advance notification of coming of trucks. It was bought new to replace the one lost in the 1967 dynamite explosion.

The Chevrolet pumper and the 1954 Ford, known as City Fire Truck No. 1 and 2 are bought and maintained by the City of Merkel through taxation. The rural or grass fire trucks are purchased and maintained by the Civil Defense through donations made to Fire & Rescue for services rendered or from otherwise interested persons. These trucks are manned by the volunteer firemen, who are also members of Civil Defense fire and rescue. These men have had a big part in the building of these trucks. They have built tanks, installed pumps, painted the trucks and do most of the repairs.

Due to an error in Article 1, Chester McWilliams and Bobby Womack were omitted as drivers for the Fire Department. Mr. McWilliams was with the department from January, 1947 until July, 1967. Mr. Womack served the department from July, 1967 until October, 1972. We apologize for this mistake.

Assistant Fire Chief Billy Lucas has been with the fire department since 1962. The son of Mrs. N. D. Lucas, he is married to the former Sarah Harris. They have two children, Russell, a first grader, and Tessa, 1½ years. A graduate of Merkel High School he is a welder. He has attended fireman's training school at San Angelo and two schools held at the Merkel Fire Department. He has served the department as Hose Captain, Secretary and treasurer. He attended the State Fireman's Convention in San Antonio in 1970 and Galveston in 1972. Of the department, Billy says, "I believe it is as much my duty to take a chance here and there to save lives and property of other people as much as it is for someone else to do this for me."

Roy Schultz, assistant driver, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Schultz. Married to the former Debi Hicks, he has one son, Stephen age 2 years.

City Secretary, Roy Kimbrell, has been a volunteer fireman since 1971. The son of L. R. Kimbrell, he is married to the former Francis Wood. They have five daughters, Angie, Becky, Julia, Debra, and Lorie. He attended Fire Fighting I at A&M University in 1971.

Finley Barnett is one of the newest members of the department, joining in March. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Barnett, he is married to the former Christie Lucas. They have one daughter, Michelle, age 2. He is a disc jockey with K.W.F.A. and

a stock farmer. He is a member of the Booster Club, a Little League manager and a member of the Farmer's Union.

Billy Fisher, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Fisher, has been a volunteer fireman since 1968. Married to the former Carolyn Wells, he has three children, Cindy, a freshman, Bill, 6th grader, and Mike, a 4th grader. A 1954 graduate of Merkel High School, he is employed by Taylor Telephone Co-Op. Billy says, "I consider it a privilege to serve the Merkel Volunteer Fire Dept."

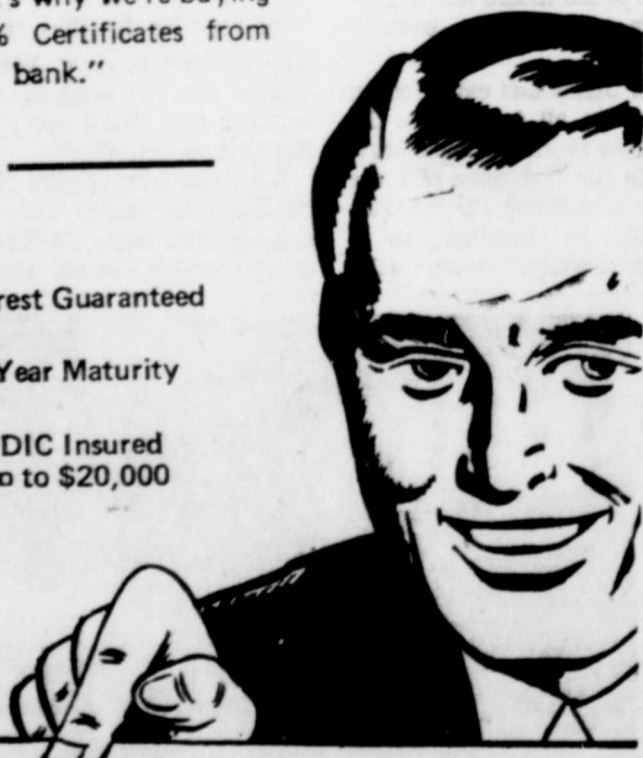
These five men have served the fire department for a total of 18 years and 7 months. They all are dedicated to making this one of the best departments in the State of Texas and give freely of their time when called upon to serve.

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## Garden Club Met April 19

Mrs. Raymond Ferguson and Mrs. Dee Grimes were cohosts to members of the Merkel Garden Club April 19, in the home of Mrs. Ferguson. A workshop was scheduled prior to the Flower Show to be held on Saturday. Mrs. Charlie Sherrill, Mrs. Faye Brown and Mrs. Oda Clark served as instructors for the workshop. Iris were used for the various types of arrangements.

Those present were Mmes. Earl Hughes, H. N. Odum, W. T. Sadler, Herbert Patterson, Charlie Sherrill, Aaron Sudderth Jarrett Williams, Dee Grimes, Ora C. Griggs, Odis Griffin, Lotie Everett, Albert Criswell, Johnny Cox, Oda Clark, W. L. Brown, Mary Russom, R. M. Ferguson, Misses Christine Collins and Nora Foster. Mrs. Carl Hughes was a visitor.

A special medical unit for stroke patients has been opened at the Veterans Administration's West Haven, Conn., hospital.

**"IT IS ENOUGH" No.3**  
And what should hinder us, or anyone, from adopting the Divine standard, Divine truth, God's word??

To say that we cannot believe and profess the truth, or that no one can understand one another or to say we cannot be Christians or be a church without human standards, human additions, human laws and traditions, is not only saying that such a standard is essential to the very being of Christianity, but it is also saying that the Bible is quite inadequate as a rule of faith and duty, which is not only a reproach upon the Holy Spirit who gave us the Word of God, but it is also a reproach upon God.

We must measure our faith and practice by the Bible. Having it alone as our guide, creed, and standard. We use it as a plumbline by which we straighten our crooked walls. We believe that in the scriptures God gave, through the Holy Spirit, his requirements for the church; therefore we use the Scriptures to measure the church as well as our faith. We must do Bible things, spiritual things, church things in Bible ways.

We must have a "thus saith the Lord" for every rule of faith and practice. We must speak where the Bible speaks and be silent where the Bible is silent. We must produce in this century a church identical in every respect to the church we read about in the New Testament excluding the sins and failures to meet God's approval that they committed.

God gave us, through his revelation, design and structure for the church as well as design and structure for Christian righteousness. If we abandon one we had just as well abandon the other. If God's pattern for the church was only for the First century and pegged to stay there, and is not relevant for today, then God's pattern for character, for morality, and even for service to humanity is also first century only and not relevant for our time. If not, why not??

All God does in us and through us he does by our study of, and compliance with, his revelation. In our immoral world we try to restore the morality of the Bible. This, we say is what Christianity is. If we must go back to the Bible for moral patterns, why are we not also obligated to go back to the Bible for doctrinal patterns, worship patterns and work patterns? If we can abandon one why cannot we abandon the other??

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Buy firm, well-shaped cucumbers with good green color. Keep them in the humid part of your refrigerator and use within a few days.

#### Molded Garden Salad

3 envelopes unflavored gelatine  
3 1/4 cups cold water, divided  
6 tablespoons sugar  
1 1/2 teaspoons salt  
1 teaspoon minced fresh onion

3/4 cup fresh lemon juice  
1 1/2 cups chopped pared, seeded cucumber  
1 1/2 cup chopped celery  
1 1/2 cup chopped green pepper  
1 medium fresh tomato, peeled and chopped

Sprinkle gelatine over 1 cup cold water in saucepan. Place over low heat; stir constantly until gelatine dissolves; about 5 minutes. Add sugar, salt and onion; stir until sugar dissolves. Remove from heat, stir in remaining 2 1/4 cups cold water and lemon juice. Chill until mixture mounds slightly when dropped from a spoon. Fold in cucumber, celery, green pepper and tomato. Turn into 6-cup mold. Chill several hours or overnight. Before serving, unmold on serving platter. Garnish with cucumber slices. Makes: 8 to 10 servings.

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The growers and shippers of western iceberg lettuce, who supply 85% of the nation's lettuce, suggest you follow these simple steps to ensure ultra-crisp salads.



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2. At home, trim any leaves that may seem too coarse for salad use. (Save them to add when cooking vegetables such as peas, carrots or green beans.) Holding the head core-end down, whack it onto the kitchen counter. Then twist out the core with your fingers. (You may core with a knife, but cut edges discolor sooner.)



3. Cleanliness is characteristic of iceberg lettuce from California and Arizona. However, rinsing is recommended to restore moisture lost in transit. Hold the head core-end up under forcefully running cold water.



4. Then drain thoroughly, cord-end down, in a rack or colander.



5. Store in refrigerator in a tightly closed plastic bag. Make a habit of this simple procedure, and your western iceberg lettuce will always seem crisp and "field-fresh."

### Opportunities for Vets in Army ROTC

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Veterans in the Army ROTC program also are eligible to compete for scholarships which pay the full cost of tuition, textbooks, lab fees, and other educational expenses. These grants provide a subsistence allowance of \$100 a month for up to 10 months of the school year. This allowance is in addition to their G. I. Bill benefits.

All Army ROTC cadets, whether veterans or not, receive the subsistence allowance in their junior and senior years.

For further information on opportunities for veterans in Army ROTC write: Army ROTC, Fort Monroe, Va. 23351.

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### Tye Baptist Names Pastor

The Rev. Leonard Payne, a native of Baird and 1964 graduate of Hardin-Simmons University, has become pastor of the First Baptist Church at Tye.

After leaving H-SU, Rev. Payne attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary at Fort Worth, graduating in 1967.

He has served churches in Baird, Arlington and Bedford as youth and music director, and pastored the Highland Home Baptist Church at Rotan and the Second Baptist Church at Andrews before moving to Tye April 3.

### Winners At Snake Exhibit

Winners in the grand opening at Don's Snake Exhibit Sunday, April 22 were:

Adults winning: Vernon Davis, Merkel, a key chain; Mary Kinder, Merkel, coin purse; Ted Small, Hurst, Tex., a buckle; Mark Williams, Odesa, Tex., key case; and John McCracken, Southgate, Ky., snake covered belt.

Children winning: Shannon Bagby, Merkel, wrist coin purse; Wayne Davis, Abilene, comb case; Mike Dawn, Southgate, Ky., bolo tie; Raymond Lansford, Sweetwater, comb case and Rodger Knight, Crane, Tex., comb case.

"We thank all who came out to our grand opening and invite everyone out daily from 10-6," said Don Glasscock.

### CLASSIFIEDS GET RESULTS

## LEGAL NOTICE

ADJUSTMENT FOR BIDS:  
1. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:

Project: Window Remodeling Project No. 2 for Old Courthouse Building in Abilene, Taylor County, Texas.  
Owner: Taylor County Texas.  
Architect: Tittle, Luther, Loving - 340 Beech - Abilene, Texas.

Site: South 3rd and Oak Streets, Abilene, Texas.

2. GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF WORK:  
Removal of existing windows, installation of aluminum frames and glass, re-finishing of interior wall surfaces adjacent to windows.

3. TYPES OF PROPOSALS:  
Bids shall be submitted in one single lump sum category which shall include all portions of the work.

4. TIME AND PLACE:  
The Owner will receive sealed proposals until May 1, 1973 at 10:00 A.M. in the County Commissioners Courtroom, Taylor County Courthouse, Abilene, Texas. Proposals received after this time will not be accepted. All interested parties are invited to attend; proposals will be opened publicly and read aloud.

5. EXAMINATION AND PROCUREMENT OF DOCUMENTS:  
Plans and specifications may be examined at Architect's office. Prime contractors may obtain plans and specifications upon the deposit of \$25.00. The entire

deposit will be refunded upon return of the plans and specifications in good condition within ten (10) days after receipt of bids.

6. BID SECURITY:  
Bid security in the amount of 5 per cent of the total largest proposal must accompany each proposal in accordance with the instruction to Bidders.

7. BIDDERS QUALIFICATION:

The Contractors will be issued invitations by the Owner. The Contractors shall be required to provide a performance bond and payment bond in an amount equal to 100 per cent of the contract amount.

8. OWNER'S RIGHT TO ACCEPT OR REJECT PROPOSALS:

The Owner reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all proposals. The Owner reserves the right to award a contract within thirty (30) days following the bid opening. No bids may be withdrawn during this time.

9. LABOR STANDARDS AND WAGE RATE SCHEDULE:  
Attention to bidders is particularly called to the requirements of the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act and Laws of the State of Texas regarding the Conditions of Employment and the Minimum Wage Rate to be paid.

April 9, 1973  
Roy Skaggs,  
Judge, Taylor County Commissioners Court

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STATE **Capital NEWS**  
By BILL BOYKIN

# Miss Fincher Named April 'Sister of Month'

Miss Debbie Fincher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayman Hicks, Rt. 3, Merkel was selected Little Sister for the month of April by the Taylor County Young Homemakers. She is a senior at Merkel High School.

tee, yearbook committee and straw pool committee. She was in the Drama Club for one year, Pep Squad Secretary for one year, was Freshman class secretary and vice president for her Sophomore class. She has been in band two years.

Debbie has also helped with the March of Dimes Drive in Merkel and works at Stuckey's Pecan Shoppe.

Miss Fincher is a member of the Merkel Church of Christ.

Debbie plans to attend San Angelo State University.



DEBBIE FINCHER  
... little sister

# Preschool Day April 27th

April 27th has been designated as Preschool Day at the Merkel Elementary School.

All children who will be at least five years of age on or before Sept. 1, 1973, and who reside within the Merkel Independent School District are invited to attend. This will also include children who will be six years of age by September 1, 1973, and who did not attend kindergarten. Children should be brought to school at 9:00 a.m. Parents will be expected to come for the children by 11:00 a.m.

If parents have not been contacted regarding their preschooler they should call Leon Walker, Elementary Principal, and give the name and birthdate of the child. It is important that the school know how many to expect.



## Doctor in the Kitchen®

by Laurence M. Hursh, M.D.  
Consultant, National Dairy Council

### FOOD FADDISM

In my opinion, food faddism flourishes because it offers responses to some of our most deep-seated yearnings—yearnings such as wanting to believe in miracles, and, certainly, the desire that everyone has to win over any fears he might face.

Now what better way could one ask for to meet these needs than to believe that certain foods are miracle foods and that through them we will have super-health, or freedom from ill health? Besides, the lure of food cults is not new. It is part of our heritage. In America, in particular, the snake oil salesman enjoys an honored place in our history, in our respect for gumption and enterprise. So why not macrobiotic diets?

**Nutrition, A Young Science**  
Nutrition, which is a relatively young science, is particularly susceptible to distortion, fads and cults. We teach that proper nutrition is associated with health and poor nutrition with disease. The public response to so-called "health foods" stems from this concept.

Does it matter? Are enough people involved in food faddism for physicians like me to worry about?

The answer is "yes." Estimates of the market for fad foods run as high as \$1 billion by 1975. And an indication that "health food" items have really caught on is obvious when major food chains

add "natural" food sections to their stores.

My argument, for example, with so-called "organic foods" is not so much with the items themselves—except that they are unnecessarily expensive. My concern is that we could in no way produce enough food for this country by such methods and the fact that such foods are not superior nutritionally to those raised by the more traditional methods of agriculture in which chemical fertilizers are used.

#### What Is "Natural"?

Since all of us and everything about us are part of nature, what can there be that is unnatural? To me, anything that "is" is "natural." And as for plant growing, plants use only inorganic not organic forms of plant food. They utilize nitrates, potassium, iron and phosphates as determined by the plant's heredity. If the soil is deficient in certain nutrients you will get less crop but the quality of the plants you get will not be affected. A plant so deficient in its own needs would simply wither, be obviously stunted, or die—and it would never reach the market as food.

I object, then, to so-called "natural" foods because they are sold and consumed under false premises—premises that help to block the nutrition education efforts in this country to help our people know best how to choose their food wisely. Next week we'll talk more about this.

AUSTIN tex. — "If we go through an intellectual debate on a new Constitution for Texas, and the Legislature turns down our recommendations, we will be trained as competent lecturers for high school civics classes."

That was the rationalization of Wales Madden, Amarillo attorney, and member of the new 37-member Constitution Revision Commission. He spoke before the Panhandle Press Association on the tedious chore before the Commission, and invited editors and publishers to attend the first public hearing of the Commission on April 25 in Amarillo.

"We will hold 18 public meetings throughout Texas," Madden told his Amarillo audience, "and we'll be hard pressed for time to get the new draft of the proposed constitution to the Texas Legislature by November 1, 1973."

The Texas Legislature becomes a ConCon in January, 1974, and has been charged by the voters to write a new constitution by May, 1974.

There will be no changes in the Texas "bill of rights" — Madden pointed out.

Texas Constitution is longest in the nation — five times longer than the U.N. Constitution. Voters have approved 200 amendments (out of 317 submitted) to the document since 1880.

BUSY LEGISLATURE — Returning from a four-day Easter holiday this week, the Legislature is faced with a hurry-up schedule and a mountain of

work before its late May adjournment deadline.

The House plodded for days through stacks of mainly foredoomed amendments before passing its \$9.7 billion appropriations bill.

A \$9.5 billion version of the state budget for 1974-75, meanwhile, zipped through the Senate finance committee and was expected to pass quickly and smoothly.

Since both houses were ready to bow to Gov. Dolph Briscoe's demand for a no-new-taxes appropriations bill, little hangup is seen for budget conferees in closing days of the session.

Main differences in the House and Senate spending bills lie in fare, and that is a fast-changing field, considering federal funding laws are subject to Washington agency interpretation.

While the budget remains the principal job unfinished, there are numerous other major pieces of legislation awaiting action. They include:

- Code of ethics and lobby control strengthening.
- Election measures.
- A sweeping variety of environmental bills.
- Penal code revision.
- The newsmen's "shield law" to protect information sources, which is installed in a conference committee, with conferees at odds over whether courts should be empowered to force disclosure.
- Overhaul of the school finance system to benefit poor districts — a job which almost certainly will be left to a later legislature.

## Lions Club Annual Broom And Mop Sale Begins May 2

Members of the Merkel Lions Club will hold its annual broom and mop sale May 2. Members of the club will go from house to house to sell brooms, mops, brushes, ironing board covers, towels, dish cloths, and many other top-quality household items.

The articles are all manufactured by blind workers in the Lighthouses for the Blind which are located throughout the state of Texas. Every household can use some type of household cleaning aids and every item sold helps some blind person to help himself.

Rev. Russell McAnally, president of the Lions Club, encouraged residents to purchase the different items as the proceeds of the sale will go to send some physically handicapped child to Lions Camp at Kerrville, Texas.

Each year the Lions Club sponsors a camp for handicapped children at Kerrville. Anyone knowing of a deserving handicapped child is urged to contact the club. All expenses will be paid by the Club.

The Caravan Truck will be located at West Texas Utilities.

## ROUND-UP

By KAYE LANHAM

EASTER HOLIDAY visitors in the home of Ruth Pangle and Vivian Davis were Vernon Davis, Orlando, Fla.; Mrs. Buck (Maurine) Moreland, Plains, Tex.; Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Davis and son, Wayne of Abilene, Tex. and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Moreland and daughters, Kellie and Tammie of Denver City, Texas.

Paso and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sledge and sons of Fort Worth.

JIMMY EARL BROWN of New York City is visiting his mother, Mrs. Edna Brown of 1306 S. 3rd and other relatives. Mr. Brown is employed with Honeywell Corporation.

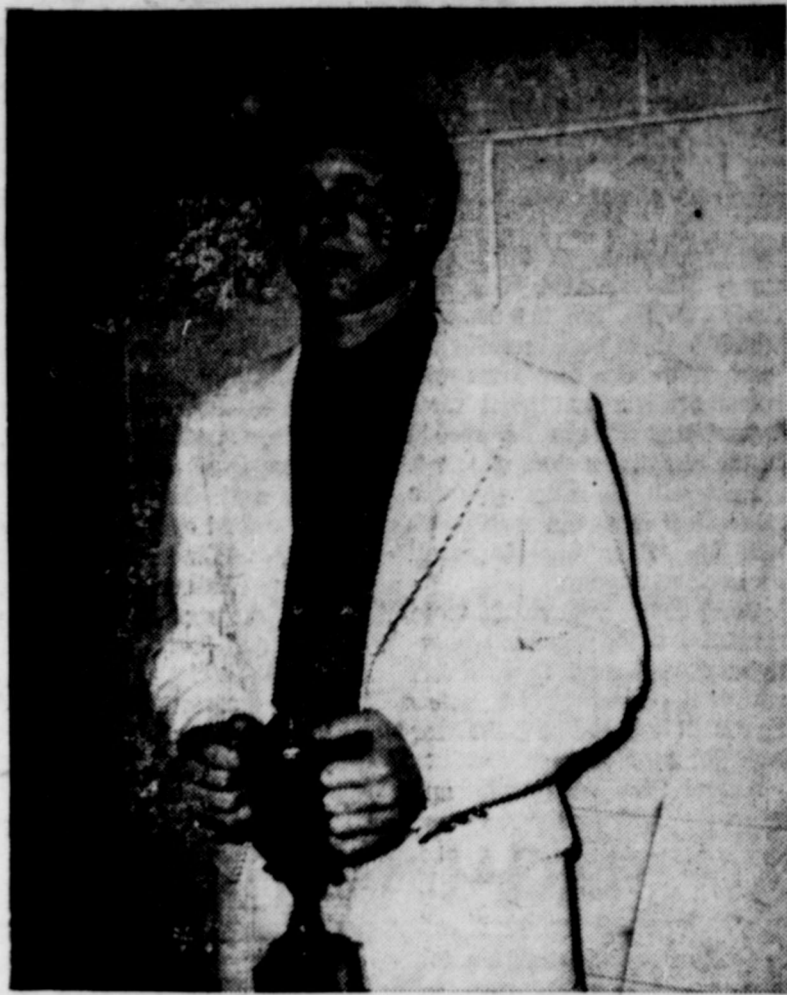
PAULA AND SCOTT Clowds of Abilene visited their grandmother, Mrs. Clarence Perry over the weekend. They are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Don Clowds.

VISITING THEIR Mother, Mrs. Bill Sledge, over the Easter holidays were Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Sledge and sons of El

## Farmers May Apply For Loan

Farmers in Taylor County, Texas, who had suffered crop or property losses because of the drought or other natural disaster in January 1-June 19, 1972 of 1972 and who have not received an Emergency loan to assist them in recovering their losses may apply for an Emergency loan at the Farmers Home Administration County Office, 2203 Federal Building, Abilene, Texas 79601, on or before May 8, 1973. Applicants who apply by the deadline will be considered for Emergency loans at 1 per cent interest.

In addition, those who qualify will receive a forgiveness benefit on their loan of not to exceed \$5,000 based on losses that are uncompensated by insurance or otherwise.



SPECIAL RECOGNITION — Steve Teaff was presented with trophy at All-Sports Banquet April 16 for being named to the All-District Basketball team and second All-Area team. (Staff Photo)

## FU Ladies Will Have Flea Market

Fifteen Farmers Union ladies met Tuesday night in the home of Mrs. Jack Hogan to plan a flea market for Saturday May 5th to be held on the sidewalks around the Farmers Union Insurance Office.

All members of Farmers Union are invited to set up tables beginning at 8 a.m. Twenty per cent of the sales goes to the Farmers Union organization.

Call 928-5289 Mrs. Jack Hogan for further information. Members attending the meeting were: Mmes. Mark Williamson, Mark Malone, E. A. Conley, Bobby Toliver, Danny Malone, Freddie Toombs, June Hogan, Buddy Smith, Mack Seymour, Walter Henslee, Billy Bob Toombs, Kenneth Hogan, Pete Morgan, Tom Hogan and Mrs. Jack Hogan.

## DATEBOOK

Friday April 27

LAMBDA BETA Founders Day Dinner, 7:00 in the home of Mrs. Darla Mawson.

Saturday April 28

LEVIS AND LACE Square Dance Club will dance at 8 p.m. in the Lions Club Building.

Tuesday May 1

LITTLE LEAGUE season begins, 1st game 6:15 and 2nd game at 8:00.

XI NU CHI will meet in the home of Mrs. Bobby DuBose at 7:30.

LAMBDA BETA will meet in the home of Mrs. Phil Seymore at 7:30.

FIRE PRACTICE at the fire station at 7:30.

## Young Men Urged To Register

Colonel Melvin N. Glantz, the State Director of Selective Service for Texas, has issued a statement reminding young men of their responsibility under Federal Law to register with Selective Service.

"The recent nationwide announcement that the draft has ended has misled some of our young men into thinking they no longer are required by law to register with Selective Service. This is incorrect," Glantz said.

The State Director pointed out the fact that Selective Service is being reorganized into a stand-by operation to keep draft machinery operative and ready in case of a national emergency that requires the drafting of young men again in the future. He pointed out that although inductions have ended — the Selective Service System continues to operate and the law continues to require each young man to register with Selective Service within 30 days before or after his 18th birthday.

Failure to register makes a young man subject to prosecution under Federal Law with a severe penalty upon conviction.

During the reorganization of the System into a stand-by basis, registration may be completed at any one of the 63 Selective Service System Area Offices that will remain open in Texas — or at points in every Texas county where volunteer workers will assist the young man in the simple steps of registration.

The registrar for Local Board No. 115 in this area is: Mr. Leon Walker, Merkel Elementary School.

## NEW ARRIVALS

Mr. and Mrs. Don Dickerson are the proud parents of a baby girl, Melissa Kay, born at 11:20 p.m. April 18. She weighed 7 lbs. 6 oz.

Maternal grandparents are Mrs. Betty Vickers of Abilene and Charles Pierce of Las Vegas, Nev.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Troy Dickerson of Merkel.

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## Open House

wester paintings by Jodie Boren and H. C. Zachry.

A black and white theme is carried out in all three of the boys bedrooms, with black and white shag carpet, black beds and white walls. One wall of each of the boys' rooms is papered in a mod design.

In their daughter's room, there is a white canopy bed with white ruffled spread and curtains. One wall has built-ins, as in each of the boys' bedrooms.

Master bathroom has a sunken oval tub and glass shower.

As you enter the Tom Foxes' home there is a big spacious den and living room combined. There are beamed ceilings and a corner fireplace bricked to the ceiling. There is a partial wall separating the kitchen and den. Top of the wall is used as a shelf for a collection of bottles. There is birch paneling in the den and living room with avocado, lime and brown multi-color shag carpet, which extends throughout the home.

In the kitchen, cabinets are also of birch wood with harvest gold appliances. There is a leaded stained glass window over the sink.

Master bedroom has king size bed with avocado green spread. Off the master bedroom is a small bedroom which Mrs. Fox uses for a sewing room and hob-corer shag carpet, which ex-by room.

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## THE FIZZLE FAMILY



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By STEVE WALKER  
Week before last was a busy one for those of MHS who went to regional in the UIL contest. At regional, the spring relay team, consisting of Jeff Cox, Larry Toliver, Steve West, and Rudy Castillo, ran 45.8 seconds, which is their best time for the year. Rudy also ran in the mile run and ran a real good race. Darrel Bunch came out second in the 800 with a time of 1:57.8. Darrel will be running in the state meet in Austin on May 4th and 5th. All of these boys will be back next year.

Our girls volleyball team competed in the regional tournament. Even though they didn't win, they played a good game and MHS is proud of them for reaching regional.

Along with volleyball and

track, MHS also qualified in a few literary events. Five students left early Saturday morning, April 14, to compete in speaking, spelling and typing events which started at 9 a.m. at Lubbock. Don Clyburn competed in spelling and came in fourth place out of sixteen schools. Kathy Cypert competed against 28 students in typing. The three speakers, competing in the regional meet, did extremely well. Tonja McAninch placed second in Prose reading. Going to state for us in speech are Steve Walker and Neilon Ely. Neilon won first in Poetry reading and Steve won first in Prose reading. Congratulations to all of those who represented us this semester. Good luck to those going on to State: Darrel, Neilon and Steve.

Congratulations also goes to our track girls who won at the district track meet. We have quite a few girls to compete at regional this week. Good Luck!

As you can see, MHS has done an extremely tremendous job this year as we come close to the end of another year. To complete Badger Tracks for this week, I would like to say how proud Merkel High is of our 1972-73 Band for winning a first in concert competition at Cooper's U.I.L. meet two weeks ago. It has been 9 years since our band has won a first in concert so we really have a lot to be proud of. They also placed second in sight reading. Both one and two ratings are considered as an above average band. We are proud of you, Band.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Veterans and their families are asking thousands of questions concerning the benefits their Government provides for them through the Veterans Administration. Below are some representative queries. Additional information may be obtained at any VA office.

Q — Is the Veterans Administration cutting back on hospital care?  
A — On the contrary. An all time high record of more than one million patients will be treated in fiscal year 1974. Because of advances in medical science and improvements in treatment techniques, hospital stays will be shorter and fewer patients will be in bed on an average day.

Q — How can I apply for my special dividend which I hear the VA is paying to holders of World War II life insurance policies?

A — Sorry to disappoint you, but there is no special dividend. VA pays regular dividends to veterans who have kept their World War II "V" prefixed National Service Life Insurance and World War I "K" prefixed United States Government Life Insurance policies. Dividends are paid on the anniversary date of each policy and no application is necessary.

Q — I want to start college in the fall, but I have limited funds and I'm told it takes two or three months after I start to get my GI allowance. Does VA have a loan fund to help me?  
A — Under recent legislation passed by Congress, VA can advance (effective August 1973) as much as two months allowance to veterans who apply to VA prior to registration at school. A check for the first and second months of school can be waiting for him when he registers for classes.

## LEGAL NOTICE

AN ORDINANCE FIXING AND DETERMINING THE GENERAL SERVICE RATE TO BE CHARGED FOR SALES OF NATURAL GAS TO RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL CONSUMERS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF TRENT, TAYLOR COUNTY, TEXAS, AND PROVIDING FOR THE MANNER IN WHICH SUCH RATE MAY BE CHANGED, ADJUSTED AND AMENDED.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TRENT:

SECTION 1. Effective with the first gas bills rendered from and after thirty (30) days from the date of final passage of this ordinance, the maximum general service rate for sales of natural gas rendered to residential and commercial consumers within the city limits of Trent by Lone Star Gas Company, a Texas corporation, its successors and assigns, is hereby fixed and determined as follows:

First 800 cu. ft. or fraction thereof \$1.9600 Gross; \$1.764 Net  
Next 1,200 cu. ft. at \$1.6822 per Mcf Gross; \$1.514 per Mcf Net  
Next 3,000 cu. ft. at \$1.267 per Mcf Gross; \$1.014 per Mcf Net  
Next 20,000 cu. ft. at \$849 per Mcf Gross; \$.764 per Mcf Net  
All Over 25,000 cu. ft. at \$793.3 per Mcf Gross; \$.714 per Mcf Net

No gas bill will be rendered to any residential or commercial consumer served under the above rate not consuming any gas during any monthly billing period.

ADJUSTMENTS  
The amount of each net monthly bill computed at the above-stated rates shall be subject to the following adjustments: Plus or minus the amount of any increase or decrease, respectively, above or below the 42.5 cents per Mcf level in the intracompany city gate charge as authorized by the Railroad Commission of the State of Texas or other regulatory body having jurisdiction for gas delivered to Lone Star Gas Company's distribution system for sale to a residential and commercial consumers where such changes are caused by increases or decreases in the cost of gas purchased by the Company; plus an amount equivalent to the proportionate part of any new tax, or increased tax, or any other governmental imposition, rental, fee or charge (except state, county, city and special district ad valorem taxes and taxes on net income) levied, assessed or imposed subsequent to April 1, 1972, upon or allocable to the Company's distribution operations, by any new or amended law, ordinance or contract. Each gross monthly bill

shall be adjusted proportionately. Company, at its option, may forego the application of any adjustment if such adjustment would result in an increase in the monthly bill; however, failure of company to apply any adjustment shall not constitute a waiver of company's right from time to time, or any time, to make any adjustment, in whole or in part, in any subsequent current monthly bill that may be applicable to such bill.

Net rate shall apply to all bills paid within ten days from monthly billing date; gross rate shall be applicable thereafter.

The above rate is applicable to each residential and commercial consumer per meter per month or for any part of a month for which gas is used at the same location.

In addition to the aforesaid rates, Company shall have the right to collect such reasonable charges as are necessary to conduct its business and to carry out its reasonable rules and regulations in effect.

SECTION 2. The rate set forth in Section 1 may be changed and amended by either the City or Company furnishing gas in the manner provided by law. Service hereunder is subject to the orders of regulatory bodies having jurisdiction, and to the Company's Rules and Regulations currently on file in the Company's office.

SECTION 3. It is hereby found and determined that the meeting at which this ordinance was passed was open to the public, as required by Texas law, and that advance public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this the 17th day of April, A.D. 1973.  
ATTEST:  
Betty Freeman  
Secretary

Billy W. Hamner  
Mayor  
City of Trent, Texas

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF TAYLOR  
I, Betty Freeman, Secretary of the City of Trent, Taylor County, Texas, hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of an ordinance passed and approved by the City Council of the City of Trent at a session held on the 17th day of April, 1973, as it appears of record in the Minutes of said City Council in Book 4, page 34.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID CITY, this the 17th day of April, A.D. 1973.

Betty Freeman  
Secretary  
City of Trent, Texas 9-1tc

## 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: Jerry L. Plemons, Individually, and as Administrator of the Estate of Marguerite Plemons Merryman, et al; and John Merryman, Defendants, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Court-house thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 28 day of May A.D. 1973, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court,

on the 31 day of January A.D. 1973, in this cause, numbered 34,086-A on the docket of said court and styled Southwest Savings and Loan Association, Plaintiff, vs. Jerry L. Plemons, Administrator of the Estate of Marguerite Plemons Merryman, et al, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Foreclosure of Deed of Trust Lien 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 11 day of April A.D. 1973.

(SEAL)  
Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD  
Clerk, 42nd District Court  
Taylor County, Texas  
By Marie Gill, Deputy. 8-4tc

## LEGAL NOTICE

Tye City Council passed the following ordinance on April 10, 1973:

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONTROL OF DOGS AND OTHER ANIMALS BY VACCINATION AND IMPOUNDMENT AND PROVIDING A PENALTY

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TYE:

Section 1. Definitions. For the purposes of this ordinance the following words and phrases shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them by this section: At Large shall mean not under control of the owner either by leash, chain, cord or other suitable material attached to a collar or harness or not restrained securely within an enclosure or fence. Owner shall mean any person owning or keeping or harboring or having control or custody of a dog or other animal or being generally responsible therefor.

Section 2. Vaccination of Dogs Required; Tags as Evidence. It shall be unlawful for any person who owns, keeps or is in charge or control of a dog over the age of six months to keep such dog within the city without first having such dog vaccinated against rabies; and such person shall provide and place on such dog a strong collar or harness and shall attach thereto a metal vaccination tag showing the vaccination and date thereof. Such vaccination shall be renewed annually.

Section 3. Dogs and Other Animals Running at Large Prohibited. It shall be unlawful for any person who owns, keeps or is in charge or control of a dog or other animal within the city, regardless of whether or not such dog has been vaccinated for rabies, to allow such dog or other animal to run at large. The impounding of any dog or other animal by authorized city personnel shall be considered prima facie evidence that such dog or other animal was allowed to run at large and was so found at the time of impounding.

Section 4. Impounding of Dogs and Other Animals Running at Large. Should any dog or other animal be found running at large within the city, such dog or other animal shall immediately be taken into custody and taken to the city pound and impounded and shall be kept therein for a period of seventy-two (72) hours and then killed or sold as provided in this ordinance unless sooner redeemed by the owner as provided in this ordinance.

Section 5. Redemption by Owner; Payment of Impounding Fees. The owner of any dog or other animal impounded as provided in this ordinance may redeem such dog or other animal within seventy-two (72) hours of the time of impounding if such owner shall pay \$1.00 per day for each day, or part thereof, that such dog or other animal has remained impounded, and further, in the event such animal is a dog, if such owner shall produce satisfactory evidence that such dog has been vaccinated against rabies as provided in this ordinance, or if such owner has such dog vaccinated against rabies while impounded and provides a collar or harness. All fees and other sums collected in accordance

with this ordinance shall be accounted for and paid into the City Treasury.

Section 6. Sale or Destruction of Unredeemed Dogs or Other Animals. At any time after the period of time for redemption of impounded dogs or other animals shall have expired, the superintendent of the city pound without any notice and without advertising in any manner, may sell at private sale or public auction for cash any dog or other animal not redeemed or reclaimed. All dogs or other animals impounded and not redeemed, reclaimed or sold after the period of time for redemption has expired, shall be destroyed by the superintendent of the city pound or his appointee.

Section 7. Impounding of Vicious or Dangerous Dogs. If any dog within the city shall bite, scratch or otherwise attack any person, such dog shall be immediately impounded in the city pound for a period of fourteen (14) days for observation. It shall be the duty of the owner or person who keeps or has such dog in charge or control to assist in apprehending such dog. If at the expiration of fourteen (14) days from the time of impounding such dog shows no evidence of having rabies, then such dog may be redeemed by the owner thereof in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance.

Section 8. Keeping of Vicious, Barking, et cetera, Dogs Prohibited. No person who owns, keeps or is in charge of or has control of a dog shall keep such dog within the city if such person knows that such dog is vicious or dangerous to persons or other animals or if such dog by loud barking, whining, howling, or other noises is reasonably calculated to disturb the peace and quiet of a neighborhood.

Section 9. Release of Dogs Prohibited. It shall be unlawful for any person to release any dog within the city for the purpose of disposing of such dog.

Section 10. Interference With or Refusal to Assist in Enforcement of Ordinance. No person shall interfere with or attempt to prevent any authorized personnel of the city from catching or impounding any dog or other animal running at large. No person shall refuse to deliver any unvaccinated dog or a dog which has bitten a person to the superintendent of the city pound upon demand for impounding.

Section 12. Penalty. Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this ordinance or shall fail to comply therewith or with any of the requirements thereof, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be liable to a fine in any sum of not more than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00); and each day any such violation shall be permitted to exist shall constitute a separate and distinct offense.

This Ordinance shall be effective from and after the date of its passage as made and provided by the Charter of the City of Tye.

(SEAL)  
APPROVED: April 10, 1973

James R. Snowden, Mayor  
of Tye  
(Original signed)

Luanne Goodgion, City  
Secretary  
(Original signed)

## Ag Economist Discusses Financing

"Widespread concern over food prices, less farm price support, and a possible cut in federal funds for agricultural research and extension all mean that Texas agriculture faces its greatest challenge in the years just ahead," said Dr. John Hopkin.

Hopkin has just been appointed head of the Texas A&M University Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology, effective April 1, according to Dr. H. O. Kunkel, dean of the College of Agriculture.

"Hopkin is one of the nation's leading academic figures in agricultural finance and was selected after nationwide consideration of many candidates," noted Kunkel. "We believe he can give the department the intellectual leadership needed for outstanding growth and development."

Hopkin, in accepting the appointment said, "Farmers and ranchers are called on to produce more and more food and fiber but to hold down the prices they ask for their products. Yet, they're caught in a flood of rising prices for everything they buy to produce that product."

"Farm debt is at a record high, in spite of higher prices," noted Hopkin, who served 12 years with Bank of America in San Francisco. "Farm debt last year increased nearly as much as the total farm indebtedness in 1946 (\$7.6 billion) for a total farm debt of more than \$70 billion."

"Why has farm debt increased to 2 1/2 times its magnitude of just a decade ago? And why, with record farm income, did farm debt increase so strongly this past year? There are several reasons, of course, but most fall into two broad categories."

"First, the capital investment per worker in agriculture has risen sharply in recent decades and is now twice what it is for many other industries. This has been mandatory to remain competitive. One farmer now feeds 51 people."

"Secondly, farm families are saving less and are starting to live better, although farm income is still only 80 per cent of that of the urban worker. Instead of living a 'get-by' existence and plowing every spare dollar back in farming, they've begun to spend more income on the food things all of us enjoy. And this has meant that increasingly, as costs went up and savings went down, agriculture has had to borrow money."

"Now what's our main concern? It's not the amount of debt as much as its form. Far too much of it is short term debt. We foresee, if present trends continue, a very real problem with agricultural finance. To agricultural producers and their financial backers alike, I would make two suggestions:

"First, far too many low and poor yielding investments are still being made in agriculture, tying up large volumes of capital with very low turnover and cash flow. Farmers look to their lenders as their primary financial advisors who should help them avoid poor investments."

"My second suggestion relates to the maturity of farm loans. There are far too many loans drawn to mature before the cash is generated by the activity being financed. A producer shouldn't have to pay off a loan before selling the crop he borrowed money to produce and market."

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION  
THE STATE OF TEXAS  
TO: Freddy Dean Austin, 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 21 day of May A.D. 1973, to Plaintiff's Petition filed

in said court, on the 23rd day of Feb. A.D. 1973, in this cause, numbered 7872 on the docket of said court and styled Sandra Ann Austin, Plaintiff, vs. Freddy Dean Austin, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows: to-wit: A suit for divorce 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 4th day of April A.D. 1973.

(SEAL)  
Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD  
Clerk, Domestic Relations  
Court, Taylor County, Texas  
By Marie Gill, Deputy. 7-4tc

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION  
THE STATE OF TEXAS  
TO: Mario Rodriguez, 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 14 day of May A.D. 1973, to Plaintiff's Petition filed

in said court, on the 9 day of Oct. A.D. 1972, in this cause, numbered 7543 on the docket of said court and styled Jovita Rodriguez, Plaintiff, vs. Mario Rodriguez, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: A suit for Divorce 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 27 day of March A.D. 1973.

(SEAL)  
Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD  
Clerk, Domestic Relations  
Court, Taylor County, Texas  
By Marie Gill, Deputy. 6-4tc

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION  
THE STATE OF TEXAS  
TO: Arthur Earl Zebb and Marlene E. Zebb, Defendants, 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 4th day of June A.D. 1973, to Plaintiff's Petition

filed in said court, on the 19th day of April A.D. 1973, in this cause, numbered 8041 on the docket of said court and styled In Re: Minor A-148.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Adoption 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 19th day of April A.D. 1973.

(SEAL)  
Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD  
Clerk, Domestic Relation  
Court, Taylor County, Texas  
By Marie Gill, Deputy 9-4tc

## Starr Nursing Home News

By MARY OUTLAW

Everyone is fair at this writing. Mrs. Pauline Spivey spent the weekend in Abilene visiting her daughter.

The Calvary Baptist Church filled their appointment at the Nursing Home Sunday. Billy Fisher led the devotional and the singing was real good and all the patients reported a good service.

We will be looking forward for the Assembly of God Church people Easter Sunday. They always bring a lot of good singers.

Mr. and Mrs. Murry Toombs of Lubbock visited her father, Sam Mashburn, Sunday. Sam's condition is about the same.

Mr. Black from the State Dept. of Health, visited us at the Nursing Home last week. It wasn't a business visit this time, just a friendship visit. Usually its inspection when Mr. Black comes. I grew up with Mrs. Black at Thurber and its always nice to have friends dropping.

We appreciate Mr. Pribble filling up our cold drink box each day besides the other chores he does for the patients, like shaving and entertaining the patients by playing the piano. We appreciate him very much. You Merkelites will remember his wife as Fairy Orr. They have bought a home here and I believe they like it.

Mrs. Addison's daughter, Madeline is visiting her at this

time as Chubby, her son, is back in the hospital. We hope he will soon be out and back at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Red Carroll from Abilene visited her mother, Mrs. Bresendine this past week.

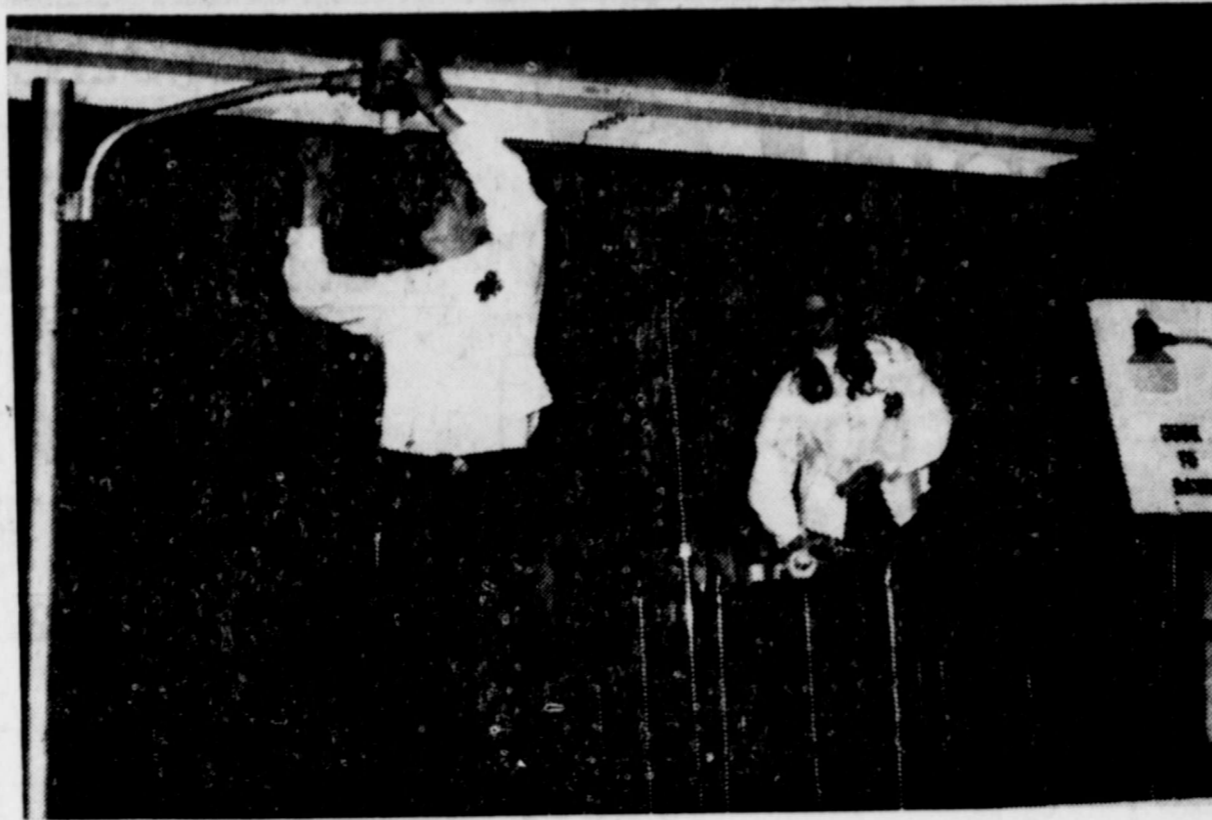
Mr. Clay celebrated his 68th birthday last week. We wish for him many more.

Mrs. Todd is back home from the hospital. She is improving now and having lots of company.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Robertson of Lubbock visited her grandmother, Mrs. Houston Robertson, on the weekend.

Mrs. Bernice Martin of Brownwood visited the Nursing Home last week.

Sunday about 4:15, we had an emergency. Grace Ingram, an aide, became real ill. She had to go home. We were unable to locate the other aids to fill in for her. Lillie White, the relief cook, after getting the meal ready, began helping feed the patients and Miss Louella Hughes came to the rescue and put out ice for the patients. Lela Henagen, had performed her duties and helped out too. Mrs. Mary Lauw, night nurses aide came to relieve Mrs. Ingram. That was team work. Everyone helps out when an emergency comes up. Thanks to the ones who came in to help, everything came out on schedule. That is what I appreciate about my employees and the people who come to visit the Nursing Home.



**GIVING DEMONSTRATION** — Shawn Moore, left, and Annetta Stephan, 4-H Club members are shown giving a demonstration on installation of an electric light to members of Taylor Electric Cooperative at their Annual Members Meeting at the Coop Annex. (Staff Photo)

## Accent On Health

During the early years of this country, the woman of the house — whose duty it was, among others, to keep the family fed — slaved over a wood-burning stove practically all the waking hours preparing the three meals her large family required.

Then came the gas-burning and electric ovens that revolutionized food preparation in America. And even more recently, the microwave oven has sharply reduced the amount of time it takes to cook a given food.

Yet, the cry has been heard recently from certain consumer and environmental groups that home microwave ovens are unsafe because these self-proclaimed public spokesmen fear "potential radiation hazards." Texas state health officials have taken issue with those statements and have assured the public there have been no documented or reported injuries due to microwave exposures in Texas from properly operating microwave ovens which meet established non-ionizing radiation leakage standards.

"We have no reason to doubt the safety of microwave ovens for home use in the State of Texas," says Martin Wukasch, who heads up the Texas Radiation Control Program of the Texas State Department of Health. "Our major concern and our only problem in Texas is

with a few improperly maintained commercial microwave ovens in commercial food vending operations where product abuse is fairly widespread."

The potential hazards of microwave ovens must be kept in proper perspective. The real hazard, if there is one, comes from potential burns — not from radiation leakage.

Microwave ovens are designed to heat and cook food quickly when compared to an ordinary oven. As a consequence, they can, in the event of a catastrophic multiple interlock failure in conjunction with a corresponding switch failure, cause quick heating of human hands and eye tissue which may be inserted into the oven. The hazard is predominantly a thermal one — a burn from quick heating.

"Actually, on a hot, sunny day a person gets more radiation exposure from the sun than he would get from a microwave oven," says Wukasch. "The same is true of other microwave producing devices such as radar equipment."

"At the present time, microwave ovens in the home are not of public health significance as a potential and likely ionizing radiation hazard. The primary potential hazard from home microwave ovens is predominantly a thermal one."

The Texas Legislature in 1971 amended the Texas Radiation Control Act to include standards and regulatory requirements relating to operation of microwave ovens. The original law, passed in 1961, set up the Texas Radiation Control Program in the Texas State Department of Health and established the Texas Radiation Advisory Board.

The Texas Radiation Advisory Board continually reviews and evaluates the effectiveness of regulatory standards in regard to biological effects and public health significance. The Board currently is considering proposed standards regulating use

of lasers and microwaves in any occupational circumstance.

Microwave radiation covers a frequency band of approximately 100 megahertz (million per second) through 100,000 megahertz. All microwave devices emit radiation, including television sets and virtually all UHF (ultra high frequency) TV stations, as well as microwave ovens.

Joe Thiel, who heads the Non-ionizing Radiation Control Unit of Texas State Department of Health, urges the following safety practices to assure homeowners of continued safe operation of their microwave units:

Switch the oven off before opening the door. Never tamper with or inactivate the oven safety interlocks (devices to turn off the oven automatically when the door is opened). Frequently clean oven cavity, door, and seals with water and mild detergent. Do not use scouring pads, steel wool, or other abrasives.

Have oven regularly serviced by a qualified serviceman for signs of wear, damage, or tampering. Never operate an empty oven. Do not use metal cookware. Never insert objects (for example, a fork prong, aluminum foil, wire) through the door grill or around the seal. Do not allow children near the viewing port to watch the cooking of food. Stay at least a full arm's length away from the front of an operating oven.

Read the instruction manual for the manufacturer's recommendations for safe operation of the oven. Examine the oven for evidence of shipping of damage. Ask your state or local health department for information on suitable microwave oven leakage tests.

More information concerning safe operation of microwave ovens can be obtained by writing: Texas State Department of Health, Occupational Health and Radiation Control Division, 1100 West 49th Street, Austin, Texas, 78756, or by calling (512) 454-3781, Ext. 241.

## TC Young Homemakers Have April 19th Meeting

The Taylor County Young Homemakers met April 12, in the home of Mrs. Billy Patton. Co-Hostess was Mrs. Charles Jacobs.

The program was presented by Mrs. Bob Lambert, artist from Abilene, on "Your Child and Art."

Debbie Fincher was elected Little Sister for April.

Plans for the Senior Girls Tea were finalized by Mrs. Billy Bob Toombs, chairman. The tea was set for May 8th in the home of Mrs. Jarrett Williams.

Next meeting was set for May 3rd with a salad supper in the home of Mrs. Spencer Taylor in Abilene.

New member joining was Mrs. Patsy Ross.

Other members present were: Mmes. Mack Seymore, Rolland Pack, Spencer Taylor, Wyman Wilkerson, Jonnie Beasley, Hugh Baker, Wayne Deen, Joe Gregory, Charles Jacobs, Jack King, Jerry Miller, Billy Patton, David Seymore, Bobby Toliver, Billy Bob Toombs, Freddy Toombs, Stanley Toombs and Julie Schafer.

## Xi Nu Chi Met Tues. April 17

Mrs. Carrol Benson was hostess for the Xi Nu Chi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi in her home Tuesday, April 17th.

The study on "Creative Thinking" was continued with the program being presented by Mrs. Edgar Tipton, assisted by Mrs. Glenn Teaff.

Other members present were: Madames John Brady, Bobby DuBose, Charles Eager, Don Watts, Weldon McAninch, Val Patterson, Mamie Steck and Bob Garner.

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71 PONTIAC Bonneville 2 door hardtop, air & power, AM-FM radio, rally 11 wheels, vinyl interior, light green with green vinyl roof, nice one owner car, only **2995**

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A 1971 graduate of Merkel High School, Miss Wade is a sophomore psychology major.

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