

Trades Day Is This Sat.

Merkel's third Trades Day and Flea Market will be held this Saturday, August 4. Several groups are planning events in the downtown area.

Aside from actual profit made during "Trades Day," the event provides area people with entertainment and a chance for conversation with folks you seldom see. Merkel is unique in that the people are friendly and community minded.

Merchants who serve on various committees are interested in promoting the project as a whole; any individual may set up a "stall" or location and reap the rewards of "Trades Day."

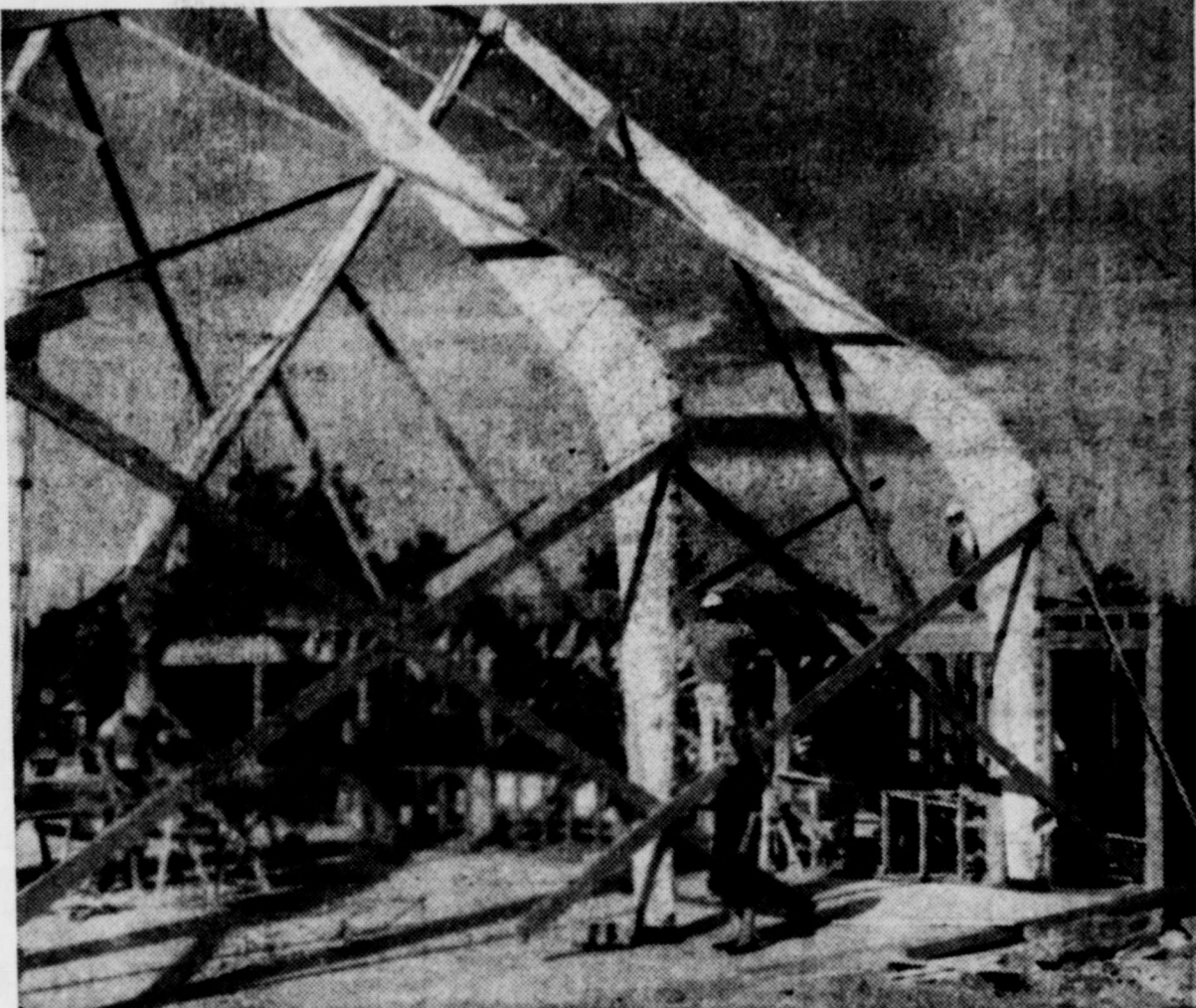
It is a day of enjoyment, linked with American Heritage, but few towns observe in these modern days. Whether your selection be a new television set or bric-brac, you are free to barter over the price.

The Junior High Twirlers will have a bake sale as will the Missionettes.

The Senior Citizens Club will offer canned items and baked goodies. Their Club building has tables for traders to rent for a small fee.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Fire Dept. will have a Ham lunch with beans, potato salad, tea and coffee, 75 cents for children, \$1.50 for adults in the Masonic Lodge.

Reserve Saturday, Aug. 4 for shopping at Merkel's Trade Day; visit every store and stall, enjoy a day of bargains.



NEW SANCTUARY — Mrs. Emory Wilburn, 84-years-old, watches workmen as they build the new sanctuary of Merkel's First Baptist Church. Mrs. Wilburn, one of the oldest active members of the church, has a special interest in seeing the structure completed without high stairs. She has been climbing the high stairs of the old sanctuary for many years. (Photo by LaVonne Bunch)

West Texas Fair Sweetheart Contest Deadline Extended To August 15th

Deadline for entering the West Texas Fair Sweetheart Contest has been extended to August 15, 1973. County agents and vocational agriculture teachers are encouraged to enter their 4-H Club or FFA Chapter Sweethearts, said Mrs. Fred Stalla, chairman of the contest.

Entries must be accompanied by an 8" by 10" black and white

photograph of the contestant, a statement giving her grade average for the previous two years, a composition of not more than 100 words stating why she was chosen as the club sweetheart, and a second composition stating why she should be West Texas Fair Sweetheart.

Winner of the West Texas Sweetheart Contest will serve as

hostess for the 1974 West Texas Fair. She will also receive a \$300 scholarship to any one of the three Abilene colleges.

The West Texas Fair Sweetheart is chosen on the basis of beauty, personality, scholastic rating, citizenship, and achievements. Announcement of the winner will be made Wednesday night.

Dove Season Opens Sept. 1

AUSTIN — A second experimental split mourning dove season was set in a July 12 meeting of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Commission.

The commissioners acted on the recommendations of the department staff for a fall North Zone season of Sept. 1-Oct. 14, 1973; and a fall South Zone season of Sept. 22-Nov. 4, 1973.

The winter hunting season in both zones is slated to run Jan. 5-20, 1974, with the exception of the Trans-Pecos Regulatory District where the winter season will be Jan. 5-15, 1974.

In those counties of the South Zone which have white-winged dove hunting, the mourning dove season will be concurrent with the Sept. 1-2, Sept. 8-9 whitewing season with additional mourning dove hunting Sept. 22-Oct. 31, 1973.

Melon Contest Trades Day

The Ladies Auxiliary to the Fire Department will try to help promote one of the biggest Trades Days ever this coming weekend when they will sponsor a watermelon eating contest.

Watermelons will be cold and everyone is invited to come out and participate in an old-fashioned watermelon eating contest.

The ladies guarantee prizes for the first second and third place winners. First place, could be money, second place could be a necessity, and third place could be useable.

The big event will begin at 4 p.m. in downtown Merkel, at

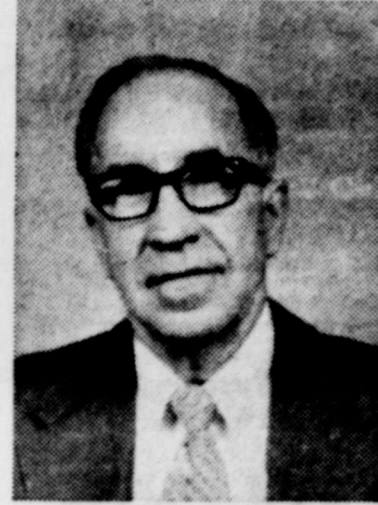
CofC Membership Drive Kickoff Set August 2

The Membership Committee of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce met Tuesday, July 31st and set August 2nd as the kickoff date to add 15 new members to the organization. Herman Carson will be campaign chairman for the membership drive which will last one week.

The 85 member organization will kick off the membership drive Thursday and will strive to reach a goal of one hundred members during the one week period.

"The Chamber of Commerce is a voluntary organization of citizens who are investing their time and money in the development of the Merkel area," Carson said.

Any citizen who is interested



HERMAN CARSON
... drive chairman

in helping develop the area, which means more money, more

business, more jobs and a better living for everyone, is eligible to be a member of the Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber of Commerce is composed of committee workers and directors who serve without pay. It is a service organization and is striving to improve the development of agriculture and other industries in the area," Carson stated.

The Trades Day is one example of what your Chamber of Commerce is doing. There are many other projects such as the summer recreation program, the Christmas parade and lighting contest, and the Chamber banquet. They also purchased the building used by the Merkel Library.

Others serving on the Membership Committee with Carson are Benny Melton, Bill Button and Don Hart.

Don Hart is president of the Chamber.

Trent Kindergarten Children Register Aug. 9

Parents of all children who plan to enroll in the Trent Elementary School either in kindergarten or the first grade may register their children on Thursday, August 9 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Trent High School, according to Sam Frasier, principal.

Children who are five years of age on or before September 1 will be eligible for the kindergarten program. Children who are six years of age on or before September 1 will be eligible for the first grade. Birth certificates or other proof of age will be needed to verify the birthdates of children enrolled in the classes.

State law requires immunization for all students enrolled in schools. For children ages 5 to

11 years old, immunization is required for polio, diphtheria tetanus, measles and rubella. The vaccine for polio is three oral Sabin doses with the last dose since age four; diphtheria tetanus, three doses since age four; measles, one dose or the illness through age 11; and rubella, one dose through age 11.

For students 12 years of age or older, polio and diphtheria tetanus immunizations are required.

All parents are urged to arrange for the needed immunizations or to secure the records from the health clinics and family physicians. When registering Thursday parents should bring all immunization records of their children.

Trent elementary and High School will begin on Monday, August 20, at 8:15 a.m. Buses will run as usual. Kindergarten, first and second grade will be dismissed at 2:50. All other grades will be dismissed at 3:35. All afternoon buses will run at 3:35.

Trent F'ball Players Due Aug. 8

All athletes who plan to play football for the Trent Gorillas this fall report to the Trent High School at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, August 8, according to Sam Frasier, head coach. From there you will be bussed to Merkel to take your physical.

Football practice will begin Monday August 13th at 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. If you intend to play football at all this year, be there. You must have your physical before you can practice football.

Johnny Gray Named 4-H Gold Star Winner

Johnny Gray, 16 year-old 4-H member from the Mulberry Canyon 4-H Club, has been named the 1973 Taylor County Gold Star Boy.

The Gold Star is the highest county award a 4-H'er can win. The Merkel youth's main project is horses and he has been riding and grooming his own since he was 5.

He has been the high point at the Taylor County 4-H Horse Show for the last two years and was the high point boy at the District 7 show last year.

He has qualified for the state 4-H horse show the last three years and was a member of the third place horse judging team in the state contest last year.

Gray also has a swine project and showed the Grand Champion Hampshire barrow at the Fort Worth Fat Stock show this year.

In addition to his livestock interest, Gray has been an active

Golf Tournery Kicks Off At 1 p.m. Friday

The 4th Annual Partnership Golf Tournament will be held this weekend Aug. 4 and 5 at the Merkel Country Club.

The Pro-am will begin Friday at 1 p.m. Entry fee will be \$4.00. Entry fee for the tournament will be \$40.00 per team. Tee time will be 8 a.m. for the second and third flights and 1 p.m. for the championship and first flights. Club manager Jerry Magee said Wednesday morning that only a few spots were open for the tournament. The 4 flights include 15 teams each.

Prizes for the tournament are first place in each flight, a set of irons; 2nd place in each flight, a set of woods; 3rd place in each flight, 6 dozen golf balls.

Golfers are expected from Merkel, Abilene, Sweetwater, Roby and many other West Texas towns as far away as Dallas.

The public is invited to observe at any time.

Fire Department Auxiliary To Hold Ham Dinner On Trades Day Saturday

During the Trades Day in June, the Ladies Auxiliary to the Merkel Fire Dept. held a spaghetti dinner for the shoppers.

There was such a tremendous response to this one, the auxiliary will host a ham and bean dinner for the August Trades Day.

The money earned from the fast Trades Day and from the coming one will be used to help the men of the Merkel Volunteer Fire Department to equip the new G.M.C. grass fire truck.

The truck, a 1951 G.M.C. 2 1/2 ton 6-wheel drive, was purchased from the Army surplus through the Civil Defense Fire

and Rescue Program. The truck, purchased Army green, has been painted red by the men. In January, the G.M.C. was used to aid stranded motorists during the ice storm. The men have built a water tank for the truck and are planning to purchase a self-contained pump for the unit.

The Ladies have obtained an Optimist trailer which will be set up in front of the Masonic Hall. They will serve Coke, Dr. Pepper, and individual baked goods. Menu for the August 4 Trades Day dinner will be baked ham, red beans, potato salad, sliced bread, tea and coffee.

The dinner will be held from

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge Hall.

Tickets are \$1.50 for adults and 75 cents for children under 12 and are on sale now at The Merkel Mail and Adcock Cleaners.

Sr. Citizens To Have Sale, Organ Music

Senior Citizens will have music by Ken Mayhall Music Co., along with an old fashion sing song.

Tables will also be for rent in the air-conditioned building. Something doing every minute. Traders should contact Mr. Hob Robertson or Johnny Hammond for spaces.

Senior Citizens are urged to bring baked food, canned vegetables, preserves, anything edible, and have them there by 9 a.m.

All members of the Senior Citizens are asked to attend the monthly singing, Monday Aug. 6 at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Hob Robertson is August president.

Come by Saturday and help the Senior Citizens of your community.

Thomas F. Patterson Dies; Burial Was Last Tuesday

Thomas F. Patterson, 66 retired farmer and lifetime resident of Merkel, died at 9:18 p.m. Sunday in Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene after a lengthy illness. Services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the United Methodist Church of Merkel.

The Rev. Russell McNally, pastor, and the Rev. N. S. Daniel, associate pastor, officiated. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery in Merkel under the direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Mr. Patterson was born Sept. 4, 1906, in Merkel. He married

Flora Sina Meeks Dec. 12, 1926, in Merkel. He was a member of the United Methodist Church.

Survivors are his wife; a son, Jerry Frank Patterson of Trent; a daughter, Mrs. Riley (Maxine) Seymore of Wichita Falls; a brother, Virgil Patterson of Merkel; three sisters, Mrs. E. P. Hurd and Mrs. J. K. Blair, both of Abilene, and Mrs. John Fulton of Lovington, N.M., and five grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Bobby DuBose, Sonny Sandusky, Ronnie Doan, Danny Malone, Mark L. Malone and Phil Seymore.

SHOP IN MERKEL SATURDAY — TRADES DAY

Miss Castillo, Mr. Pack Exchanged Vows Sat.

TYE — Ofelia Marie Castillo and Ronnie Hugh Pack exchanged marriage vows Saturday in a ceremony at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William L. Pack.

The bride is the daughter of Antonio Castillo of Merkel and the late Mrs. Dominga Castillo. Officiating was the Rev. James Bridges of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Abilene.

Maid of honor was Linda Gamboa of Garland. Bridesmaids were June Castilleja, Mary Castilleja, Vera Castilleja and Vera Castilleja, all of Waco. Ring bearer was Larry Doyea of Ft. Hood.

Larry Doyea was best man and groomsmen were Edward Castilleja, Alfred Castilleja, Lee Castilleja and Jesse Castilleja, all of Waco.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a Spanish styled gown covered by lace.

Following a wedding trip to Coleman the couple will live at 206 Nolan.

The bride attended Merkel High School.



MRS. RONNIE PACK
... formerly Miss Castillo

The bridegroom, a graduate of Merkel High, is in the U.S. Air Force.



MR. AND MRS. GREENE
... to celebrate

Mr., Mrs. Thomas Greene Have 50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas M. Greene of Sweetwater will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary August 8.

There will be a Golden Wedding Anniversary Reception hosted by their son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Greene Sunday, August 5 at the Fellowship Hall at the First Baptist Church in Sweetwater from 2 to 4:30 p.m. Assisting with the reception will be the couple's nieces. Also attending will be their grandsons, Ricky and Micky Greene, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Greene of Farmers Branch.

The houseparty will include nieces and friends.

Mrs. Green was born July 1, 1905 and Mr. Greene April 4, 1899, both in Jones County. The couple have known each other since Mrs. Greene was one day old. They grew up together as neighbors and friends. They had their first date August 8, 1921 and were married Aug. 8, 1923 in the home of Mrs. Green's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Grayson, who were old settlers of this part. They were married by their pastor, the Rev. W. K. Horn, who had baptized both Mr. and Mrs. Greene. The Greens spent 10 years in

New Mexico and the rest of their married life in West Texas.

Mr. Greene is the Justice of Peace in Sweetwater. He is a retired construction contractor. Mrs. Greene is a retired L.V.N. They are members of the First Baptist Church.

Lodges and clubs with which Mr. Greene is affiliated with are Sweetwater Masonic Lodge No. 571 AF & AM, Council No. 172 R&SM, Chapter No. 236 RAM, Knight Templar Commandery No. 89, Knight Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., Eastern Star Chapter No. 352, and Justice of the Peace Assn. Mrs. Greene is in Eastern Star Chapter No. 352 and Beauceant No. 210.

The Greens have two grandchildren and both are interested in gardening, hunting and fishing.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brown of Albuquerque, N.M., who witnessed the Greene's marriage, plan to attend the reception.

New labels on frankfurters, bologna and knockwurst tell customers at a glance exactly what they're paying for, says Frances Reasonover, foods and nutrition specialist, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System.

63rd Termed Progressive By Martin

"If I were to describe the 63rd session of the Legislature in a short phrase I would report it as being a progressive session," Representative Elmer Martin of Colorado City said.

Martin said this session was marked with an astonishing record of accomplishment in many areas as well as maintaining far better than average fiscal record."

Explaining his report of the 63rd Legislature, Martin quoted two major areas of emphasis in which he felt highlighted his first session as District 61 Representative of Fisher, Jones, Nolan, Mitchell and Taylor Counties. They were fiscal responsibility and the Public's right to know.

"The 63rd Legislature passed the first no new tax appropriations bill in over a decade and left approximately \$70 Million unspent in the State's coffers," Martin explained. "At the same time, in an effort to fulfill openness in our state government and gain support for the public's right to know, the Legislature enacted an ethics bill, a lobby control bill, an open meetings bill, a campaign disclosure bill, an access to public documents bill, a speaker campaign finance disclosure bill."

"These six measures speak well for Texas with only two other states coming close to matching this record of accomplishments. Those two are Colorado and Washington; and they progressed through personal initiative and referendum, and not by any legislative action."

"The 63rd Session had one major setback which merits some mention," Martin said. "That is the failure of the Legislature to pass the newsman's shield bill, or the right for the newsman to keep his source of information confidential. This bill died in the conference committee and was the one major stone thrown into the public's right to know in the 63rd session of Texas Legislature."

In addition to these areas of accomplishment, the 63rd Session of the Legislature addressed itself to and enacted a new penal code, a new family code and a competitive insurance law," Martin said. "This session reinstated capital punishment, reformed the State's rights of 18, 19, and 20 year olds."

"With a record such as that," Martin added, "I think we can look at the 63rd Session of the Texas Legislature and be pretty accurate in describing it as progressive."

Former Merkelite To Lead Holy Lands Tour

A special Autumn tour to the Holy Land and areas of Paul's Missionary Journeys, scheduled for October 10-22, will be directed by R. B. Hall, pastor of First Baptist Church, Anson, has been announced by Christian Travel, Inc., of Abilene, Texas.

Rev. Hall is a former minister of Music & Education, First Baptist Church, Merkel.

The 13 day tour is a combination jet air & sea cruise featuring a team made up of Dr. Jimmy Allen, pastor of First Baptist Church, San Antonio; Cynthia Clawson, gospel singer from Little Rock, Ark.; and Dr. Lory Hildreth, pastor of First Baptist Church, Texarkana. Persons of all denominational groups will be going together for this "Christian pilgrimage," Hall said.

Rev. Hall's experience as a tour director includes tours to some 33 foreign countries in the some 33 foreign countries in the Orient, South and Central America, Europe and the Middle East.

As a pastor, and music and education director, Mr. Hall has served as public relations director of Wyland College in Plainview and more recently as assistant vice-president of Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene. The up-coming tour from Dallas or San Antonio will include transportation, all meals and



R. B. HALL
... tour leader

sight seeing trips and the price tag is \$999.00.

Persons interested in joining this special tour at this opportunity are invited to write R. B. Hall, Christian Travel, Inc., Box 154 Abilene, Texas 79603, or First Baptist Church, 1331 S. Comm., Anson, Texas 79601.

Servicemen on active duty will be briefed on veterans benefits by military, rather than VA counselors, under a Veterans Administration Department of Defense agreement effective July 1.

Bailing Wire Shortage Could Lead To Feed Crisis

WACO — Texas Farm Bureau President J. T. (Red) Woodson said that a shortage of baling wire for hay could lead to a

livestock feeding crisis this winter.

The farm leader said there are also shortages of fencing wire and cotton bale ties.

Woodson said Farm Bureau is encouraging steel mills to give high priorities to production and distribution of steel products necessary in the production of food and fiber.

He said steel industry officials give the following reasons for shortages of baling wire, fencing wire and cotton bale ties:

(1) Imports of steel and steel products have been drastically reduced because the U. S. has asked foreign countries to limit their exports to the U.S. This was done in order to reduce the balance of payments deficits. Also, these nations agreed to such agreements because they are not as anxious to acquire U.S. dollars which are rapidly dropping in value abroad.

(2) Domestic mills cannot take up the slack because they simply do not have the capacity. Some blast furnaces have been shut down by regulations of the Environmental Protective Agency.

(3) There is a world-wide shortage of steel. Available supplies are being used in construction of high-priority items such as automobiles.

Veterans who were discharged as much as 18 years ago could still be eligible for G.I. education benefits. Veterans Administration can provide details on certain benefits that do not expire until August 30, 1975.

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cerned over the shortage of food
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Phas IV has caused a panic
among buyers and consumers
alike.

Bulk buying with home freez-
ing is on the rise, causing the
sudden shortage of freezers.

Local merchants are finding
it more difficult to get full or-
ders from wholesale dealers.
Bacon and pork, with the price
ceiling lifted, are unreal in pur-
chase price.

Dealers expect a continu-
ing trend on food costs, hitting
a peak after Sept. 12 when beef
ceilings are ended.

The term "broker," as in
"Wall Street broker," derives
from the French word once used
to describe a wine salesman,
who was called a "brokier," or
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ROUND-UP
By KAYE LANHAM

MRS. A. H. MURPHY visited
her son and his wife, Mr. and
Mrs. E. G. Cox, granddaughters
Wanda, Rhonda and Rita, of the

home, and Glenda Pryor and
Glenda's daughter, Anglie of
Fort Worth over the weekend.

Mrs. Barbara Patton of Abi-
lene, another granddaughter,
and her daughter Teresa, ac-
companied Mrs. Murphy to vis-
it her aunt and uncle also.

Mrs. Cox just recently
had surgery, but is doing okay
now.

Mrs. Patton and Murphy also
visited Mrs. Patton's sister and
family, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Davis
and daughter Wendy, who live
in Arlington.

MRS. H. R. CHANCEY cele-
brated her 81st birthday with a
dinner Sunday, July 29th in the
Community Center.

There were a total of 39 at-
tending the dinner honor-
ing Mrs. Chancey. Seven of her
eight children were able to at-
tend. Her daughter, Oma Reese
Dallas, could not attend. A
number of grandchildren and
great-grandchildren were pres-
ent.

**Riggan
Reunion
Is Aug. 12**

The annual Riggan family re-
union will be held at Abilene
State Park, Buffalo Gap, Aug.
12.

Activities will start Saturday
night, Aug. 11th with 42, music,
picking, washing, picture takng,
and trip to the zoo being on
the agenda for Sunday.

All relatives and friends are
invited.

**Homemakers
To Meet
Friday**

Taylor County Young Home-
makers will have a called meet-
ing Friday August 3 at 10 a.m.
in the home of Mrs. Mack Sey-
more.

This meeting will be to plan
the installation and to discuss
other business matters.

**Gaston Hobbs
Rites Held**

Gaston H. Hobbs, 57, of Fort
Worth, son of Mrs. J. H. Hobbs
of Merkel, died at 11 p.m. Mon-
day at Hendrick Memorial Hos-
pital in Abilene. Funeral will
be Thursday in Greenwood Fu-
neral Chapel in Fort Worth.

Burial will be in Mount Olivet
Cemetery in Fort Worth.

Mr. Hobbs, a retired air-
craft worker, was born March
3, 1916, in Merkel. He moved
from Merkel in 1946. He had
lived in Fort Worth the past 12
years.

Survivors are his wife, Edna;
two sons, Johnny of Fort Worth
and Victor of the home; a daugh-
ter, Mrs. Glenda Clements of
Cedar Hill; his mother; seven
grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs.
Ollie Fowler of Newport Beach,
Calif., and Mrs. Lyla Chancey
of Richardson.

He was visiting his mother in
Merkel when he apparently suf-
fered a heart attack.

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'Upstart' Newspaperman Promoted Original West Texas Fair Anyway

The original West Texas Fair was a renegade. It was promoted by an "upstart" newspaperman who thought West Central Texas should get into the farming business. C. E. Gilbert, founder of the Abilene Daily Reporter, was hounded by ranchers wanting the range land unfenced and unsettled by squatter farmers. They had settled Abilene as a ranching center and a major cattle shipping point on the T & P Railroad.

But in 1884 the Abilene Fair opened. It was held in the vacant Wylie building on South First. Gilbert and the exhibiting farmers wanted to show the ranchers what farming really was. There were no livestock displays, only farm produce, and the main attraction was a cotton stalk with six bolls on it. Corn, wheat, oats, millet, sorghum, melons, pumpkins, and cotton — all of these displays were viewed by skeptical ranchers. And they were impressed — harassment was stopped and farming increased.

The fair to reach a larger area was the 1888 District fair. The three-day event was billed as the "biggest in history" — the promoters, in their enthusi-

asm, failed to mention it was only the second fair. Livestock displays were added to the agricultural exhibits.

"Third time's the charm" as the old saying goes and the third attempt to produce an exhibition of the products of West Central Texas was staged in 1897. It was the West Texas Fair and Round-up. The site was moved to the edge of town and there were two huge tents, thirteen frame buildings and stalls. Contests and other displays were added, among which were the Carnival of Song Contest and the Grand Eloquutionary Contest. Entertainment became a regular feature at this fair with the addition of two melodrama comedies.

The pattern was set for an annual event and steadily over the years it has grown, adding new events, discarding old displays, and adding again. But basically the 1973 West Texas Fair is the same fair as it was then. The only known remaining catalog of the early fairs is from the 1899 fair, which lists this as the third annual event.

Rules and regulations governing entries and exhibits are much the same now as in 1899,

though there were fewer departments. Even the premium catalogs are similar — listing people in charge, events, rules, departments, and supplemented with advertising.

J. M. Radford was president and on the inside front page is the statement of the association: "The Directors take pleasure in presenting the attractions of the coming meeting to the public. The Association is not an organized for profit. Abilene pays the bills and only asks the cooperation of her neighbors in the development of Agricultural, Educational, Artistic, and Stock interests of West Texas."

The statement went on to encourage the ladies to participate in the Ladies' Department to make it a success, adding "it is our pride to have them with us."

On the last page of the 52-page catalog is a description of special awards and events. It promised the round-up spectators "This will be a sight long to be remembered. . . . Round-up attractions were to be the long-horn cattle and wild deer roping contests and "Broncho Busting."

Built on a strong heritage the 67th annual West Texas Fair and RCA approved Rodeo comes again providing now forum for farmers and ranchers, as well as their ladies, to display their produce and exhibit their livestock. FunFair '73 recalls the atmosphere of the early day entertainment and old fashioned contests. West Texas Fair and Rodeo is September 8-15 at the West Texas Fair grounds. . . on the edge of the town.



SHELTON CASADY
Navy apprentice

Casady Helps Clear Harbor Mines

USS EDSON — Navy Seaman Apprentice Shelton D. Casady, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Casady of Route 2, Merkel, is participating in clearing mines from North Vietnam's major harbors and coastal waterways as a crew member aboard this Long Beach, California-homeported destroyer.

The minesweeping, called Operation End Sweep, is being conducted by the U.S. 7th Fleet minesweeper ships and specially equipped helicopters operating from ships anchored off Hai-phong Harbor.

Missionette News

By SUSAN WHEELER
There were 17 attending Missionettes.

We are going to have a Bake Sale on Trades Day. Also plans were made to go to the Zoo in Abilene.

Attending the meeting were Pam, Marie, Susan and Bennie Allgäler, Leta and Ray Walters, Susan, Randy and Steve Davis, Debbie Glasscock and Vivian Arney. There were 2 visitors present.

Solving many of the problems of aging is the goal of an intensive medical research program being carried out by Veterans Administration scientists and physicians.

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Jo Lene R. Larsen, defendant, GREETING:
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 104 th District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 17th day of September A.D. 1973, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 31 day of July A.D. 1973, in this cause, numbered 8348 on the docket of said court and styled Jack Lester Larsen, Plaintiff, vs. Jo Lene R. Larsen, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows. to-wit: Petitioner & Respondent were married on or about Dec. 31, 1969; and separated on or about Jan. 15, 1970. The marriage became insupportable because of discord and conflict of personalities. There are no children born to this marriage & none are expected; no community property has been accumulated during this marriage as is 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 should 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 31 day of July A.D. 1973.
(Seal)
Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD
Domestic Court
Taylor County, Texas
By Sandra Van Cleave, Deputy.

Seven Good Reasons for Vacation Listed

COLLEGE STATION — Vacationers climb seven mountains no matter where they go "to get away from it all," according to one authority, who says time off the job each year is a must.

Dr. Jennie C. Kitching, family life education specialist, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, cited "seven good reasons why people should take a vacation."

Time away from work lets the person who knows how to pace himself retreat from work and given tense muscles and irritated nerves to settle down, the specialist said.

"His situation is much better than that of the person cut off before his time, whose final tribute is simply, 'He was working too hard.'"

"Vacations take time and enjoy the feel of sand on the beach and the pleasure of a leisurely chant with friends without the pressure to be clever," Dr. Kitching noted.

"This is a time for contemplation and self-renewal, because these are the good years—not next year when the house is paid for, or later, when the kids are through college."

"The tragedy is that some people reach the end of life never having lived at all," he added.

Vacations provide a change of pace, the specialist explained.

"For the person whose job requires mental activity, perhaps something physical is needed. If he ordinarily work with people,

some solitude is called for.

"If he works in isolation, he might welcome the stimulation of other people."

For the country dweller, Dr. Kitching recommended some big city living. For the city dweller the delights of the country or the mountains. And for those who usually live by the clock and calendar, she advised living without them for awhile.

"Plan rest, of course, but plan some activity, too."

A vacation's direct effect on the job is usually better work, the specialist said.

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Quarterly Report of Taylor County Treasurer

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FUNDS	Balance Received		Paid Out This Qtr.	Balance This Qtr.
	Last Qtr.	This Qtr.		
Jury	\$ 37,012.23	\$ 1,946.40	\$ 16,597.56	\$ 22,361.07
Precinct 1	96,191.15	3,671.22	26,467.46	72,394.91
Precinct 2	97,201.82	2,204.93	26,692.18	72,714.57
Precinct 3	71,021.69	2,843.92	25,018.14	48,847.47
Precinct 4	107,401.49	4,760.20	25,935.87	86,225.82
General Fund	424,906.25	87,549.96	279,616.19	232,840.02
Pauper Fund	2,870.49	60,542.24	57,396.26	6,016.47
Road Fund Ser '47	230.00	.00	.00	230.00
Road Fund Ser '53	5.20	.00	.00	5.20
Road Dist. 1 Skg. Ser '53	5,802.77	171.52	.00	5,974.29
Officers Salary	29,635.41	213,735.65	217,556.98	25,814.08
Lateral Fund	25,243.77	4,697.42	4,300.00	25,641.19
Road & Bridge R.O.W.	7,445.40	.00	.00	7,445.40
Perm. School Fund	3,494.77	72.19	72.19	3,494.77
Perm. Account	1,050.00	260,803.90	260,803.90	1,050.00
Perm. Improvement Skg. Ser '54	4,909.58	1,349.47	.00	6,259.05
Law Library	2,201.78	3,473.85	3,026.05	2,649.58
Perm. Improvement	6,932.85	.00	2,013.45	4,919.40
Road Bond Ser '55	686.40	.00	.00	686.40
F.I.C.A. Tax Fund	40,940.40	44,586.72	29,097.12	56,430.00
Ref'd. Bond Skg. Ser 557	1,415.79	.00	.00	1,415.79
Special R&B Fd.	500.00	.00	.00	500.00
State Commodity Food Plan	981.80	4,751.14	4,932.05	800.89
State Criminal Justice Plan	3,704.03	4,072.50	3,916.37	3,860.16
Coliseum Skg. Ser '67	40,333.84	1,663.30	.00	41,997.14
Federal Revenue Sharing Plan	249,772.00	103,340.59	29,349.72	323,762.87
Courthouse & Jail Skg. Ser '67	58,731.17	4,895.77	.00	63,626.94
	\$1,320,622.08	\$ 811,132.89	\$1,012,791.49	\$1,118,963.48

BANK BALANCES

Citizens National Bank	\$ 89,727.67
Bank of Commerce	45.54
Abilene National Bank	100,000.00
First National Bank	291,600.19
First State, Abilene	501,830.39
First State Bank in Tuscola	135,759.69
Total Bank Balances	\$1,118,963.48
Total Time Deposits	860,163.00
Total Checking Account	258,800.48

Securities Owned by Taylor County and by Permanent School Fund

Buffalo Gap School Bonds owned by the School Fund	\$ 5,700.00
Everman Independent School Bonds	8,000.00
State of Texas Veteran Land Bonds (face value \$2,000.00)	1,636.30
	\$15,336.30

TAYLOR COUNTY BOND INDEBTEDNESS

Issues	Original Issues	Bonds Redeemed	Bonds Outstanding
Bond Issue Series 1954	\$ 850,000.00	\$ 794,000.00	\$ 56,000.00
Courthouse & Jail Bond Series 1967	3,000,000.00	465,000.00	2,535,000.00
Coliseum Bond Series 1967	1,750,000.00	.00	1,750,000.00
	\$5,600,000.00	\$1,259,000.00	\$4,341,000.00

The Requirement of Art. No. 401 P.C. have been complied with, and a Tabular statement has been filed as required.

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STATE Capital NEWS

By BILL BOYKIN

AUSTIN, Tex — Texas may be better off under its present type of government than the so-called cabinet form being advanced in preparation for constitutional revision, according to Texas Research League.

League staff members in a new report to Constitutional Revision Commission point to advantages of the present system and offer these key observations:

—While there is room for improvement, Texas government is not the "administrative jungle" portrayed by critics. There are 174 legal entities which might qualify as state agencies, but fewer than 30 of them control 99 per cent of money and personnel in state government.

—Texas still has one of the most economical big state governments in the nation. Ohio and Missouri rate slightly lower, but Texas spends more in support of its schools than those two states. Major suggestion by the League for economic have been in the areas of education and welfare financing. Overhead administration and control functions cost 1.9 per cent of Texas' total budget, while the national average is 2.6 per cent.

—Major Texas agencies such as Highway Department, Education Agency, Department of

Corrections and Department of Public Safety rate high nationally. The League found few agencies in other states "clearly superior" to Texas counterparts.

—While advocates of the cabinet theory claim it provides for holding the governor accountable for all aspects of government administration, political realities dictate that he can be held accountable at the polls only once or twice. Further, it is difficult for voters to assess thousands of acts by the chief executive during any four years.

—Whether authority to appoint 20 cabinet officials but no sub-cabinet-level personnel would strengthen the governor in policy-making is debatable. Merit system employment to insulate state employees from the spoils system is considered part of the cabinet theory. This means echelons below the cabinet level are beyond the governor's control.

The present pattern of part-time boards, according to the League, provides opportunity for participation in government by many key citizens, who, in turn, provide a powerful reservoir of support for a governor's policies. The League suggests more fiscal power for the governor and authority to order governmental reorganization subject to legislative veto.

TOP 100 PRESCRIPTIONS STUDIED — Computers are being used by the Texas Pharmacy Board to determine the top 100 prescription drugs being sold in this state.

Under new state law, H. B. 759, druggists must post the prices of the 100 most prescribed drugs at their counters this fall.

The new law will also prohibit advertising about "wholesale" "cut rates" prices, and limit drug stores to advertising about services, keeping "family records" and dangers of mixing certain types of drugs.

Consumers will be able to

check the prices of the top 100 most common drugs at each prescription counter, states Joe Arnette, Texas Pharmacy Board, who is using the computer method to make the statewide survey.

AUTO RATES CUT — True to its promise, the State Board of Insurance ordered an average statewide reduction of 4.3 per cent in private auto coverage premiums, estimating 90 per cent of motorists will save at least \$25 million. New rates are effective August 27.

Further, according to Board Chairman Joe Christie, the competitive rating law September 1 will mean further savings for many. Christie said one company has indicated it will ask authority to cut its rates 15 per cent across the board when the competitive rating law takes effect.

Another law passed by the legislature this year, however, may cancel out the savings for some and actually bring a slight increase. The personal injury protection coverage of at least \$2500 for medical expenses and lost earnings or services due to accident, regardless of who was at fault, will be added to all policies automatically unless motorists reject it in writing.

Christie said even rejections written on "brown paper sacks" will be considered valid. P. I. P. coverage costs \$22 to \$44, but many will substitute it for medical coverage which already costs \$15 to \$22 a year.

WATER QUALITY STANDARDS APPROVED — Texas Water Quality Board agreed on compromise standards hopefully tailored to meet federal Environmental Protection Agency approval.

If the EPA rejects the state standards, presumably it would take over issuing waste discharge permits, leaving the state agency little to do but take samples and offer recommendations.

A main point at issue is whether the state's fines for violators are high enough to amount to a "substantial economic deterrent." The Texas maximum civil penalty is \$1,000 a day, and the federal agency wants civil penalty fines up to \$25,000 a day and maximum criminal penalties of \$10,000 a day.

The state Air Control Board's proposed standards have been rejected by EPA.

COURTS SPEAK — A Palestine packing plant worker who was fired from light work as a supervisor after he was injured in his earlier job cannot force his employer to keep him on, the Supreme Court held. The worker accepted the supervisory

job as part of an agreement not to seek workmen's compensation.

In other actions, the high court held:

—A cigarette distributor whose stock was stolen from his warehouse is entitled to review of his case for state tax forgiveness.

—Grown sons and daughters of a Dallas woman are entitled to \$10,000 damages each from an undertaker whose work embalming her body "shocked and revolted" them.

AG OPINIONS — Occupants of a boat floating in tidal water, even though over submerged private property, are not trespassing, Attorney General John Hill stated.

Hill's opinion held private property submerged by lake or waterway construction, in absence of some special provision affecting title, remains private property, however.

In another recent opinion, Hill concluded a bill abolishing the office of Culberson County auditor is an unconstitutional special or local act "attempting to achieve what must be achieved by general legislation."

PRICES SOARING — Disruption of normal buying habits is pushing poultry prices up to the level of some cuts of beef, Texas Department of Agriculture's market news analysts reported.

Broiler prices are expected to reach the 80-cent bracket this week, according to the department's reports.

"Hoarding" and "panic buying" are contributing to runaway prices, commented Mike Walton, Agriculture Department market news chief. Walton said a return to normal buying habits will help return prices to more-normal levels.

CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION RECOMMENDATIONS EYED — All seven sub-committees of the Texas Constitutional Revision Commission reported their tentative recommendations at a three-day meeting near here last weekend.

Proposal were taken under advisement along with suggestions of 3,000 advisory committee members in 19 areas. Actual voting by the full, 37-member commission on matters for inclusion in its reports to the legislature will begin next month. Meanwhile, House and Senate planning committee members held their first joint meeting in preparation for the 1974 constitutional convention.

JOB AID PROMISED — Disaster unemployment assistance will be paid to those unemployed as a result of storms and flooding in Jefferson, Orange, Red River and Upshur counties last March 23-April 30.

Governor Dolph Briscoe advised those who think they are eligible to apply to their nearest Texas Employment Commission office. Applications must be filed within 30 days of July 24 when Briscoe made his announcement of the assistance offer.

SHORT SNORTS Mills Cox of Houston has been named special supervisor-manager for Lo-Vaca Gathering Company in new court action. His job is to try and get additional gas supplies for 400 big customers.

President Nixon recently declared flooded Matagorda and Newton counties as major disaster areas. Nixon earlier declared Jefferson, Orange, Upshur, Red River, Brazoria, Galveston, Hardin, Harris, Jasper, Liberty, Montgomery, Polk, Tyler and San Jacinto counties in that category. Briscoe has asked Nixon to add San Patricio county to the list.

Texas Water Rights Commission approved annexation of Richardson by the North Texas Municipal Water District.

The second annual Texas Folklife Festival will be held at the Institute of Texan Cultures in San Antonio September 6-9.

A runoff election for the 14th state senate district vacancy in Travis, Blanco, Burnet, Caldwell and Hays counties has been set for August 14.

The State Health Department warned of possible eye burns from a "space laser game" found in bus stations, bowling alleys and coin-operated amusement places.



Stith News

By MRS. FRITZ HALE

The community received 6 inches of rain Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley and Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McDonald attended the revival at the Prairie View Baptist Church in Anson several nights last week. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Perry attended the services Monday night.

Visiting Ruby Reddin last week were Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Burns of Clyde; Mrs. Willie May Winters, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Doug Reddin and Mrs. Bob Dye, Merkel; Sonny Dye, Midland; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Casper, Mrs. Oleta James and Mrs. Pearl Cartney, Tye; Mrs. Billy Harris and Kathy, Midland; Mamie Hardin and Mrs. Jim Burns of Stith.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McDonald and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley attended funeral services for Mrs. Ida King, Friday at 3 p.m. at the South Side Baptist Church in Abilene.

Mrs. King was Mr. McDonald's aunt.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hudson of Rising Star spent the weekend with his sister, Louise Hudson.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Riney of Slaton and Mrs. Vernon Hudson of Merkel were Mrs. Odie Fikes' guests for dinner Sunday.

Mrs. Fikes is visiting in Odessa this week with Mr. and Mrs. Vertie Hudson and children and the H. E. Powell family.

The monthly singing will be held at the Hodges Baptist Church, Friday night beginning at 7:30. Everyone is invited.

Refreshments will be served. Pete Tanner is the manager.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Shaw of Gainesville visited a few days this week with his mother, Mrs. Mattie Shaw and the Roy Mashburns.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Harris and Kathy of Midland spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Burns and Mamie Hardin.

DPS Taking Patrolman Applications

AUSTIN — Colonel Wilson E. Speir, director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, announced today the DPS is accepting applications for the post of patrolman.

Applicants selected as cadets will enter 18-weeks of training at the DPS Law Enforcement Academy in Austin in a class tentatively scheduled to begin September 25.

Speir said general qualifications for DPS patrolmen are: Applicants must be 20 through 35 years of age (inclusive); good moral character; excellent physical condition; height not less than 68 inches nor more than 76 inches; weight not less than two pounds nor more than 3½ pounds per inch of height; visual acuity no worse than 20-40 correctable to 20-20; and a citizen of the United States. Educational qualifications, which are now a minimum of 30 semester hours of college, will increase to 45 semester hours on September 1.

He pointed out that qualified female applicants are now being accepted for the uniformed services of the DPS, and that the department has been increasingly successful in recruiting persons from minority groups.

After graduation, cadets will be commissioned as probationary patrolman I at a salary of \$719 monthly and assigned to the Highway Patrol, License & Weight Service, Motor Vehicle Inspection Service or Driver License Service according to the needs of DPS and consideration of personal preference.

LEGAL NOTICE

SCHOOL BUDGET HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing of the Merkel Independent School District for 1973-74 will be held at 8 p.m. on August 6, in the Merkel High School, Merkel, Texas. All interested persons are invited to be present.

Signed,
Board of Trustees of the
Merkel ISD
Taylor and Jones Counties
Merkel, Texas

Merkel Native's Picture To Appear in Magazine

Guyn M. Pannell, of the Guyn M. Pannell Insurance Agency, Abilene, Texas for Republic National Life, was notified this week by Clarence J. Skelton, president of Republic National Life, that his picture, in color, would be run in the national publication of the "Newsweek" magazine for his exceeding one million dollars of personal insurance production in June (one month). This magazine is a national magazine read by some 15 million readers.

Guyn alone, with nine other Republic National Life representatives out of some 4,000 Republic National Life agents throughout the nation will be honored with this article in recognition of his outstanding achievement of personal production in excess of one million dollars of new business in one month.

Guyn has achieved this production goal on five different occasions in the past seven years, plus, he has been one of the company's leaders in persistency presently maintaining a 99.7 per cent persistency.

Guyn has won many honors in the past 27 years he has been with Republic National Life, including being a winner of the nation-wide "Start Your Engines" Contest in which he and his agency have won nine automobiles including two Cadillacs, over the past nine years, plus he has been very outstanding in bringing some of the top men into the company and into the insurance industry. One of these being, Carter H. Compton, a graduate of Abilene Christian College, now serving as Senior Vice-President and Director of Agencies with Republic National Life in Dallas, Texas.

Guyn is the only RNL man who has qualified for all of the National Sales Conventions dating back to the first one every held in 1947.

Guyn is a member of the Abilene G.A.M.A., Abilene Assn. of Life Underwriters, Charter Builder of the National Assn. of Life Underwriters, Home Office Building in Washington, D.C. He is a 32 mason, and a member of the One Hundred Million Dollar Club, Shriners Hospital for Cripple Children Suez Temple, San Angelo, Texas. Guyn was a charter member of the Key-City Kiwanis Club, Trustee of the Dads Assn. Texas Tech University, and a member of the Westwood Club.



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Guyn and his wife, Peggy, have two children; Ronald L. Pannell of Dallas, Texas and Karla A. Butler, married to Second Lt. Robert K. Butler, Jr. U.S. Air Force. The Butlers reside in Sacramento, California.

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: John H. Bleth, Defendant. GREETINGS:

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 20th day of August A.D. 1973, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 28th

day of June A.D. 1973, in this cause, numbered 8250 on the docket of said court and styled In. Re.: Janice Lee Bleth and Jerry Lamuel Bleth, minors.

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 5th day of July A.D. 1973.

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THE PURSLEYS — Mrs. Philip Pursley has 3 good reasons for climbing a tree, sons Brad, Bart and Britt. The steps have not been finished on their new tree house and Britt, sitting on fence, still finds the way up difficult.



LADIES OF THE 'HOUSE' — Jody and Judy Jinkins find tree dwelling can be fun for girls. Adding to the Lib Bit is a mother cat and her kittens who have set up housekeeping in the 'apartment'. (Staff photos by LaVonne Bunch)



THE BUNCH TREE HOUSE—Mark Bunch is shown in a tree house built by his older brother and sister—he adds a board or two once in a while for a modern touch

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Tree Houses Are Fun, Adventure For Children

By LaVonne Bunch

Hours of fun, adventure and serious conversation take place in the most unlikely places, such as a spindly tree house, in your own back yard.

Gypsy Tree

Once upon a summer day,
I bade her come and see
The view of the world below
From atop my magical tree.

Up, up we climbed,
I showed her the secret stairs
To my green leafed castle
Amid branches in the air.

Aboard we stepped, transpired
twosome
Filled with wanderlust.
We became astronauts gathering
Glitter and elusive orbit dust.

Our narrow gage train descend-
ed
Into a tiny mining town,

To become a prairie schooner
Upon pioneer ground.

Then on to balny Egypt,
Our ship floats down the Nile,
And out to a billowing sea
To chase pirates for awhile.

Over a rugged mountain
In our lofty ski lift ride.
We gracefully skim the snow
Toward the other side.

We pass by dashing soldiers
Marching on desert sands,
While our camel caravan
Travels to distant lands.

Our raft is on a lazy lagoon,
South sea breezes blow.
Sullen clouds rise in mid-day,
Time has come to go...

She oft comes; and comes
again,
Bringing cookies or honeyed tea,
Then, we are mystical magical
adventurers,
Mom and me, in our Gypsy
Tree.

Lebanese Student Gives Recipe

George Abou-shadid, recent visitor in Merkel, shares his recipe for a different dish, using squash, the abundant crop of the year.

George, past president of the Foreign Student Club at McMurry College is a native of Beirut, Lebanon, enjoys most American foods which he has tired, a new one being fried okra.

LEBANESE SQUASH
1 lb. ground beef
½ cup uncooked rice
Salt and pepper to taste
Dash of Cinnamon

Mix ingredients and fill hollowed squash (remove seeds only). Place stuffed squash in pan, cover with tomato sauce and simmer for 45-55 minutes.

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1. Begin early and give the child everything he or she wants. Then he will believe the world owes him a living, including God.
2. Start early in the child's life and do everything for him. Never permit him to do the things he is capable of doing for himself, so he will be experienced in throwing his burdens on others.
3. Make him thoroughly dependent on you by waiting on him hand and foot until the habit is well established.
4. Praise him lavishly in his presence. Show him how much smarter he is than other children.
5. Permit the child to do as he pleases. He will want to continue this all through life.
6. Tell religious jokes in his presence and have a good laugh at the expense of the "Holy Joes". Be sure to neglect his religious teaching so he can make his own choice about religion.
7. Loose your patience easily. Blow up and bluster and blast the air about your child. Unnerve him and prepare him for tension, headaches and ulcers.
8. Tell people, especially in his presence, that your child never does anything wrong.
9. Ride him all the time, and tell him frequently that he is clumsy and can't do anything right. That way he will have lots of fear and no trust.
10. Always find fault with him and never compliment him on things he does well. Nag him constantly.
11. Run down the government in his presence. Cynically let him hear you say that all politicians are rotten and corrupt and that young people are going to the dogs anyway.

(Continued)

BILLY PATTON

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Farmcast

Compiled From Sources Of The Texas Department of Agriculture
John C. White, Commissioner

Milk Production in Texas as well as the nation is following a year-long pattern of declines, which has been predicted by dairy group spokesmen. Texas milk production for June is 5 per cent below the previous month's production, although it is slightly above June of a year ago.

Nationwide, milk producing is 2.5 per cent less than a year earlier. Production during the first half of this year is running 2 per cent under 1972. The number of milk cows, nationwide, also has declined by 2 per cent.

The cost price squeeze in the dairy industry is also dramatized in the milk-feed price ratio. That ratio is down 27 per cent from a year ago. It is also the lowest June ratio since 1955.

EGG production in Texas during June is down 4 per cent from a year ago and 5 per cent under last month. Nationwide, a decrease of 5 per cent is noted from the same month a year ago.

Broiler chick hatch in Texas during June is down 7 per cent from a year ago and 10 per cent under the preceding month.

The turkey poult hatch for Texas during June is up 19 per cent from a year ago, but is 9 per cent under a month ago.

The June hatch of egg-type chicks in Texas is up 34 per cent from a month ago and 3 per cent above a month earlier.

CITRUS tree plantings are on the increase in the Lower Rio Grande Valley. Licensed citrus nurserymen and private citrus nurserymen in the Valley reported 230,000 citrus moved from nurseries to groves during the period July 1, 1972 to June 30, 1973.

This is 12 per cent above the previous year when 206,000 trees were set out; these totals reflect

new plantings in commercial groves.

Of the total, about 98 per cent are grapefruit; about 2 per cent oranges; less than 1 per cent lemons, limes, tangerines and tangelos.

The number of grapefruit trees planted was up 15 per cent from the previous year. More than half of the 1972-73 plantings were of the Star Ruby variety.

Movement of orange trees to groves continues to decline. Plantings at 4,000 trees were down 50 per cent from the previous season and far below the planting rate of prior years.

CATTLE on feed in Texas and the nation continues to increase. As of July 1, a total of 2,335,000 head of cattle and calves were on feed in Texas. This is 10 per cent above June 1, and 3 per cent above April 1.

Large feedlots — those with 1,000 plus capacity — numbered 234. Steers accounted for 1,513,000 head of the cattle on feed.

Cattle placements on feed in Texas feedlots from April 1 to July 1 were down 11 per cent compared to a year ago. Cattle marketed out of Texas feedlots is 4 per cent above marketings compared to the same period of a year ago.

Feedlot operators intend to market 1,238,000 cattle between now and September 30. This would be 6 per cent more than marketed during the same quarter last year.

Nationwide, cattle and calves on feed is up 2 per cent from year ago. Cattle feeders plan to market about 1 per cent more than those actually sold during the July to September period of year ago.



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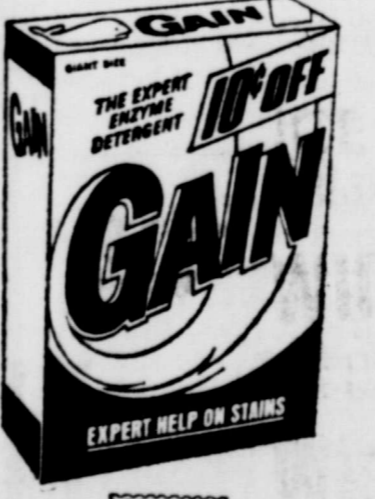
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