

Four Merkelites Attend Rural Electric State Meet

More than 700 of the state's rural electric cooperative leaders met August 8-10 in Houston to discuss future problems and solutions to the shortages of energy in the state and nation.

The occasion was the 33rd annual membership meeting of the Association of Texas Electric Cooperatives — this year with the timely theme of "Achieve the Impossible... Again!"

Attending from Taylor Electric Cooperative was Don Hart, B. J. Gist, Tommy Cutler and Kent Satterwhite. Several directors also attended.

In a major convention speech, Jim Langdon, chairman of the Texas Railroad Commission, laid the blame for petroleum shortages squarely on the U.S. Congress.

Just as with farmers who recently had to kill baby chicks, the oil industry has been burdened with rising costs which exceeded the government-fixed prices nationwide that it can charge for its product, Langdon said.

But the most far-reaching implication of the fuel predicament, Langdon added, is that fuel consumers have reached the end of an era of low-cost power as our traditional energy sources dwindle in this country.

Charles Robinson, engineer with the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association in Washington, D. C., took issue with Langdon and put most of the fuel shortage blame on the oil industry itself.

"The oil companies are making more profit this year than earlier, so to demand a 10-cent

hike in gas prices shows little concern for the welfare of the public in general," Robinson said.

He agreed, however, with Langdon that low-cost energy is no more. The change from an energy based on use of petroleum products to one based on coal and nuclear power must come within the next 20-30 years, the engineer added. He cited fusion nuclear energy as the ultimate answer.

Another major speaker, Robert L. Armstrong, commissioner of the Texas General Land Office, pointed to another critical roadblock in the energy shortage problem, namely red tape from governmental regulatory bodies.

"The government has a vital role to play in assuring both adequate supplies of energy and protection of the environment, but it must do both with the utmost speed so neither side will be left hanging in mid air," Armstrong said.

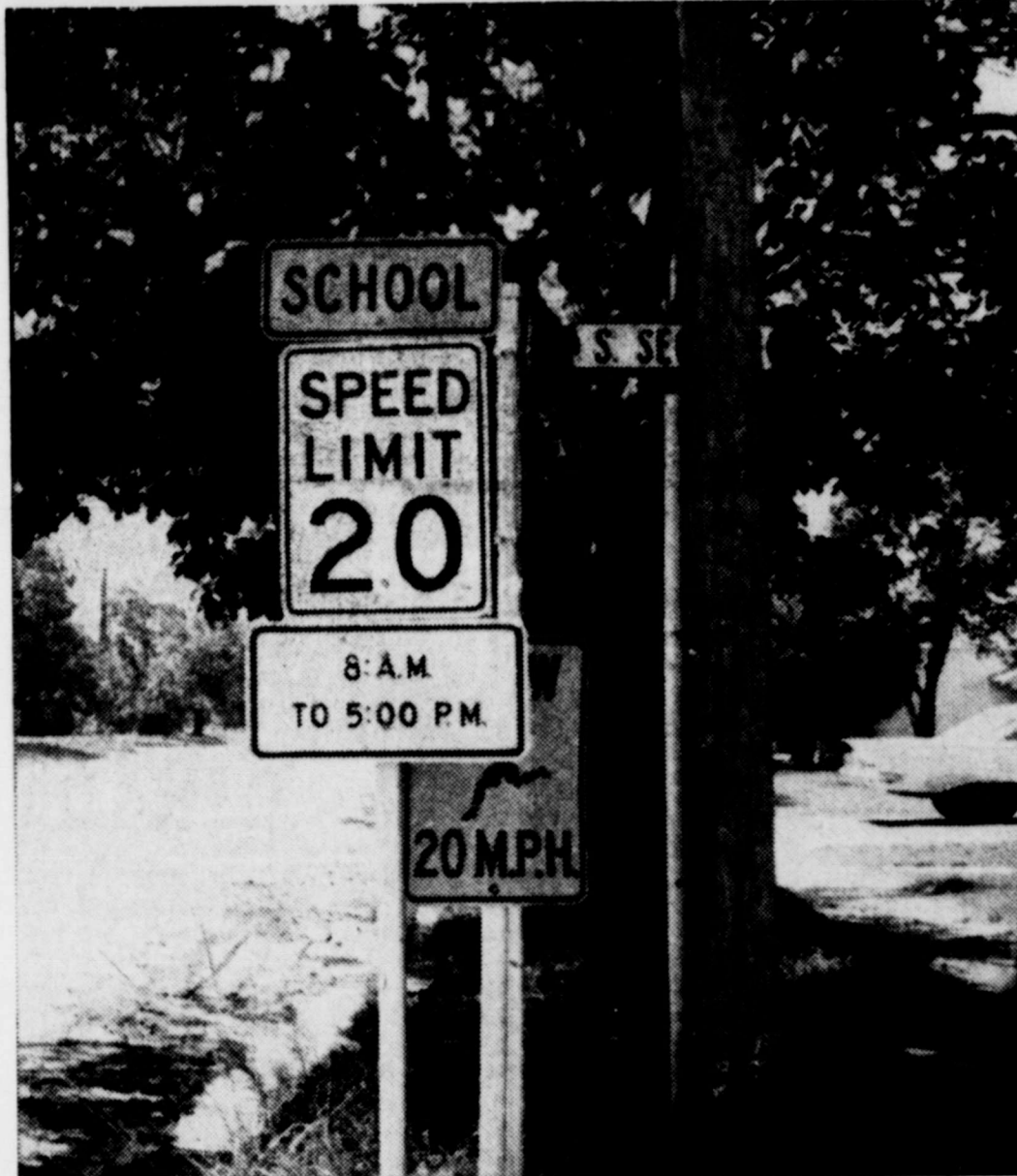
Voting delegates to the TEC annual meeting recommended several solutions to the energy crisis in a resolution calling for massive research and development of the fast breeder nuclear reactor. The resolution also called for prompt installation of the Alaskan gas and oil pipelines and for the open development of the nation's coal as electricity-producing resources.

In another resolution, delegates urged the expansion of Rural Water Supply Corporations in Texas to meet the water needs of rural residents. They also promised support for Amendment Number 1 on the November 6 special election which would raise salaries for state legislators.

At the gala annual Miss Texas Rural Electrification Pageant, Ginger Rodgers of Coleman was selected to receive the crown from present Miss TRE Susie Howard of Cuero.

Miss Rodgers is sponsored by Group 4, which Taylor Electric Cooperative is a part of.

Newly elected to the TEC board of directors are: Ray Raymond of Kaufman Electric Cooperative, Kaufman; L. E. (Red) Gross Jr. of Medina EC, Honda; and Ross Segrest of Brazos Electric Power Cooperative, Waco.



SCHOOL ZONE SIGNS — Motorist are urged to be on the look out for children riding bicycles, walking, or getting out of cars. Police Chief Boyd Baker said radar will be located around the school areas during school hours.

Chamber of Commerce Adds 13 New Members; Drive Ends Thursday

The Chamber of Commerce membership drive will end this Thursday, August 16th.

Last week, eight new members were added to the Chamber. At press time, five more new members had been received this week. They are Jack South Grain Co., Joe McDuff, Adcock Cleaners, Cook Washateria and Car Wash and the Merkel Country Club.

This is a total of 13 new members. The goal set by the Membership Drive Committee was 15.

Chairman of the Membership Drive is Herman Carson. Serving on the committee with Carson is Benny Melton, Bill Button and Don Hart.

The 85 member organization is striving for 100 members. The Chamber of Commerce is

a voluntary organization of citizens who are investing their time and money in the development of the Merkel area.

Any citizen who is interested

in business, more jobs and a better living for everyone is encouraged to become a member of the Chamber of Commerce.

Cotton, Milo Crops In Excellent Shape Now

By CONNIE HARRIS

Following one of the best wheat crops in history, prospects for a bumper milo and cotton crops are shaping up due to good rains at the right time.

Bobby Toliver, who has 870 acres planted to cotton, said "If everything holds I will make a bale per acre. That is good for

this part of the country. However, if the bugs leave it alone, it should make better than that this year."

Toliver planted his cotton May 17 with Landard 611 cotton seed in 2 and 1 rows. He also applied a 21 inch band of Caprol when he planted. He has cultivated the crop 4 times. Toliver plans to defoliate about September 20. He said the bugs are light at the present time.

The whole area has a good milo crop. Most of the feed in the area should produce between 2,000 and 2,500 lbs. to the acre.

Prices on both milo and cotton are good at this time. According to all forecasts the price should remain strong through harvest.

About 17 inches of rain has fallen on most of the crops this year since the crops have been planted.

Range conditions are good. Area cattle are in good shape with ample stock water available. Cattle prices remain strong.

Season Tickets On Sale Now

Season football tickets for last year ticket holders will go on sale Thursday, August 16, according to Mack Fisher, Superintendent. Tickets may be bought at the superintendents office.

Tickets for the 5 home games will be \$7.50 and will be held for last year ticket holders until September 4, at which time they will go on sale to the general public.

School Bell Will Ring Monday

The school bell will ring at 8:30 a.m. Monday morning, August 20, signaling the end of summer vacation for Merkel's school children. While Monday will be the first full day of classes for students, teachers and administrators have been working for about two weeks.

Tye School District will become a part of the Merkel system for the first time this year as voters approved a consolidation election: The elementary school building in Tye will be utilized for Tye elementary students. Merkel will also have some students from the Noodle-Horn School District. When the district was dissolved, the student body was divided between Merkel, Hawley and other schools.

Also new to the school system will be kindergarten for pre-school age children. Five year old children are eligible to

enroll in the new public school program.

The kindergarten program will be offered by all schools in Texas. There is no charge for students to enroll nor is it mandatory. Mrs. Sharon Alves will be the teacher for the approximately 40 students from Merkel and Tye. Mrs. Seymore will serve as aide to the kindergarten teacher. Kindergarten children from Tye will go to Merkel as there will be no kindergarten classes at the Tye elementary school building at this time. The students will attend kindergarten classes from 8:30 a. m. to 2:40 p.m.

School hours for the first and second grades will also be from 8:30 a.m. until 2:40 p.m.

"This year we are running a six period day, without study halls," said Travis Davis, High School Principal. Classes will begin each day at 8:30 a.m. and end at 3:30 p.m. with a 30 minute lunch break for students in the third grade and above.

Davis said the classroom phase of Driver Training will be taught before regular school hours begin and the driving phase will be taught during the summer.

"Student lunches in the school cafeteria have been increased this year because of the rising cost from our suppliers," Davis said. Lunches will be 50 cents for all students and 75 cents for adults according to the principal.

Merkel will participate in the free federal lunch program.

Supply List

Here is a list of school supplies for Kindergarten through the Sixth Grades:

Kindergarten

- 1 box kleenex
- 1 box crayons (8)
- 1 blunt pair scissors
- 1 Elmer's school glue
- 1 pkg. assorted construction paper
- Rest Mat or towel
- Box to put supplies in

First Grade

- 1 small box kleenex
- 2 No. 2 pencils
- 1 jar of paste or glue in plastic container
- 1 Big Chief tablet
- 1 pair scissors
- 1 pkg. assorted construction paper
- 1 writing tablet with two solid lines separated by a broken line
- A mat or large towel on which to rest
- 1 box crayons (8 only, please)

Second Grade

- Crayolas—24 to a box
- Scissors—blunt end
- Two pencils, soft lead No. 2
- Notebook binder (inexpensive)
- 2 rings — side opening
- Small bottle of Elmer's glue
- One small Pkg. of Manila paper (9x12)
- One small pkg. of construction paper—one color
- Mat or towel for rest period

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Trent School To Begin August 20th

The Trent Independent School District will begin classes on August 20, at 8:15 A.M. All morning buses will run as usual. During the first week of school only, kindergarten students will be dismissed at 12:30. Since the buses will not run at that time, parents of kindergarten students will be responsible for picking their children up.

First and second grade students will be dismissed at 2:50. Parents may either pick these children up or wait for the buses to bring them home at 3:35.

All other grades (three through twelve) will be dismissed at 3:35. All evening buses will run at this time.

Grades six through twelve will report to the gym Monday morning, August 20, for an assembly program. All parents are invited and urged to attend.

Former Principal Promoted

C. A. Farley, former Merkel Elementary School principal, has been recently selected as Director of Special Projects for the Lubbock Public Schools.

Farley, 57, a veteran of 35 years in public education throughout West Texas, went to work for the Lubbock schools in 1965 and was formerly principal of Posey Elementary.

Farley was principal here between 1943-1960 and Scoutmaster during this time.

He has been associated with the Lubbock school system since 1965 as a principal and Coordinator of Title I.

Farley will have charge of planning and organizing over one million dollar's worth of Federal education projects for 38 elementary schools in Lubbock.

His wife, Mary, teaches kindergarten at Lubbock Christian School. They have two married children, Mike of Waco and Patsy Jo of Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Homemakers To Hold Installation

The Taylor County Young Homemakers will meet Thursday, August 16, at 7:30 in the home of Mrs. Mack Seymore. This month's meeting will include the installation of the new officers for 1973-74. The Little Sisters who have been chosen through the past year will be the special guests, with one to be chosen as the Little Sister of the Year.

All members, as well as those who are interested in becoming a member of Young Homemakers, are invited to attend.



Rev. Tommie Beck
... guest evangelist

Rev. Beck Evangelist At Trent

Rev. Tommie Beck will be guest evangelist at the Trent United Methodist Church August 19-24.

Rev. Beck is pastor at Trinity Methodist Church in Plainview. He is former pastor at Trent.

He is married to the former Colleen Wrinkle of Childress. They have two children, Debbie of Abilene and Mark, a sophomore in Plainview High School.

Rev. Beck is a member of The Northwest Texas Annual Conference and Associate Evangelist for the Jack Gray Ministry of Evangelism in Dallas.

Services Sunday will be at 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday services will be at 10:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

There will be prayer groups before the evening service starting at 7 p.m.

Kenneth James is pastor of Trent United Methodist Church.



BOBBY TOLIVER IS SHOWN in one of his cotton fields where cotton stalks average about 23 inches high. As many as 10 bolls are found on most stalks. (Photo by Connie Harris)



'HELPS' MACHINE
... in at Stuckeys

Stuckeys Installs Computer Device to Aid Motorists

Question: What's the next best thing to having a private telephone on the family car?

Answer: "HELPS"
"HELPS" stands for Highway Emergency Locating Paging Service. It's a brand-new computerized communications system that soon will be installed at Stuckey's, located on Route I-20. Mr. James Torrence, manager said the telephone lines for the HELPS system have been connected. As soon as Western Union comes out and connects their part, it will be ready. HELPS should be completed throughout Texas by September 1.

Mr. and Mrs. James Torrence have been managers here at the Stuckey store for five years.

According to Torrence, the "HELPS" system enables the highway motorist to receive messages from home or office while traveling to and from his destination. There is

no charge for this service.

To reach the motorist, you need only call the "HELPS" Message Center in Eastman, Ga. The number is Area Code 912-374-5531. Give the operator your name and the motorist's phone number. This may be any number — usually the home phone — you and the motorist have pre-arranged before the trip. The Message Center operator also will ask for the number the motorist is to call when he receives the message. All this information is stored in a computer until the motorist retrieves it.

He can pick up his messages at any one of Stuckey's 350 stores coast to coast. There he will find a console terminal which features a television-like monitor and a 12-key numeric keyboard.

To get his messages he pushes the "Clear" button to free the TV screen. Then he taps out his identifying telephone number. If a message has been stored in the computer for him it will appear on the screen in a matter of seconds as follows:

"Please call 000-000-000. Thank you, Stuckey's"
If more than one message has been held for him, all phone numbers he is to call will appear on the screen. In the event that one of the numbers has already been relayed to him, it will be marked with an asterisk and the notation: "This message sent previously."

After the motorist has picked up his message at the Stuckey's "HELPS" console, it is his responsibility to call back the parties trying to reach him.

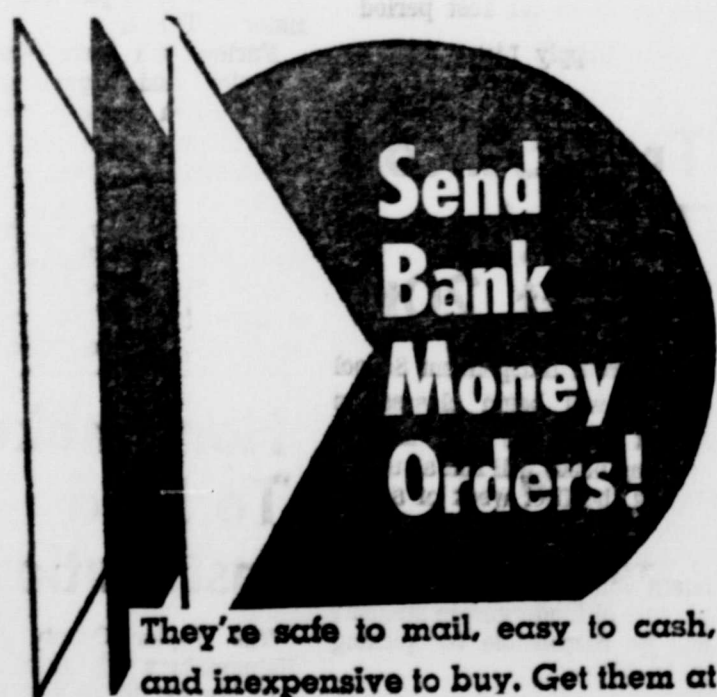
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Stamp Program Slated To Begin October 1

The new statewide food stamp program will start operation October 1, 1973, in Taylor County.

This was announced today by Mr. William E. McKinney, Food Stamp Program Director, State Department of Public Welfare.

"The statewide food stamp program will replace the commodity foods program currently operating in this county," explains McKinney. "The statewide program was made possible when the 1972 Texas Legislature appropriated \$7.7 million for a state-administered, state-financed statewide food stamp program."

The State Department of Public Welfare will administer the new program and the United States Department of Agriculture will provide the food stamps and bonus stamps.

Eligible households pay a set amount for food stamps and are then given bonus stamps based on size of household and their total net income. Bonus stamps make up the difference between what a household can pay for food and what is necessary for a nutritious diet.

Also, bonus stamps mean many dollars worth of new business for the community. Bonus stamps represent money that low-income households would not otherwise have to spend at local grocery stores.

A recent study of three rural food stamp communities showed that good stamps represented

from five to ten per cent of the total retail food sales.

Households are certified eligible for food stamps at the food stamp office at 317 Pecan, Abilene, Texas. Certified households will then receive Authorization To Purchase (ATP) cards in the mail which will tell them how many stamps they are eligible for and how much money, if any, they must pay for them.

The ATP card and the necessary cash are redeemable for food stamps at local post offices.

Participating grocers accept food stamps for the purchase of most foods and food products. Food stamps cannot be used to buy alcoholic beverages, tobacco and most imported items.

Participation in the food stamp program is voluntary and does not prevent the household from receiving any other benefits for which members might be eligible.

Food stamps increase the food purchasing power of low-income households. And food stamps are also good for the community's economy. Studies show that food stamps generate new economy and create new jobs.

Applications for eligibility will begin September 1, 1973. For further information about the food stamp program, contact the food stamp office at 317 Pecan, Abilene, Texas, telephone number 677-1386.

Abilene Meeting Set For Stamps

The United States Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service will conduct meetings with all retail and wholesale grocery firms in Taylor County, according to Carl Speegle, Officer-in-Charge, of the Abilene and Wichita Falls Field Offices. The purpose of the retail wholesale grocery meetings is to familiarize the business owner-managers with the procedures and public laws which they will be expected to abide by once they are authorized by the United States Department of Agriculture to accept USDA Food Stamps. Mr. Speegle encourages all retail grocers, bank representatives and Department of Texas Welfare personnel to attend one of these meetings.

Retail information kits have been mailed to retailers. All retailers who have received these kits are encouraged to bring them to the meeting.

Meetings will be held August 20 and August 21, County Court at Law Court Room, Abilene, at 7:30 p.m.

It is important that all retailers and wholesalers in Taylor County attend one of these meetings.



Stith News

By MRS. FRITZ HALE

Compere Cemetery Working Sat.

The regular August Compere Cemetery working and business meeting will be held on Saturday the 18th.

The work will begin around 9 o'clock and lunch will be served as usual.

W.D. Rousey is chairman of the association.

Rev. Ausia Watson, pastor of the Stith Baptist Church, conducted a service at the Starr Nursing home in Merkel Sunday. Several of the church members attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Truett Jones of Gatesville, Mrs. Alva Grace Potts and grandson, Damon Wallace, of Anson and Mr. and Mrs. Derrel Jones, Abilene visited Mrs. Fletcher Jones last weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley visited Holt Ford at Hendrick Hospital in Abilene Saturday.

Mr. Ford suffered a heart attack, and is in the intensive care unit.

Rev. and Mrs. Ausia Watson visited Mary Buntin Sunday evening. She is on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Clearly of Abilene visited Mr. and Mrs. John Browning Wednesday.

Jo Ann Buchoffer of Graham is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Perry.

Sr. Citizens Shown Slides

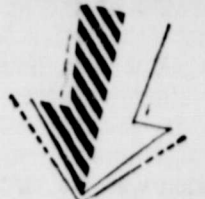
The Senior Citizens covered dish luncheon was held Tuesday with about 50 attending.

Rev. Kenneth Jones showed slides on his trip to Germany which he and a group from the First Baptist Church made in June.

Weekly game night will be at 7:30 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Building.

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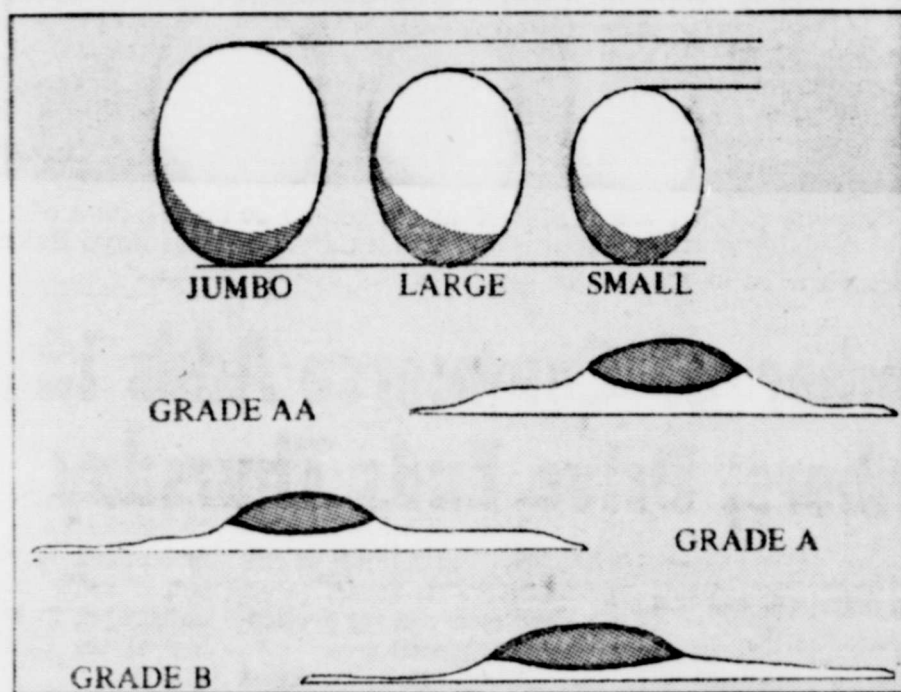
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WE ARE SINCERELY grateful to friends and neighbors for their many kind acts of sympathy during our sad bereavement. Our appreciation cannot be expressed.
We would like to thank everyone for the food, flowers, cards, babysitting and the coffee pot loaned by the Merkel Fire Dept. The Montgomery Family 25-1tp

CARD OF THANKS

WE WOULD LIKE to thank all of our many friends who helped us in our sorrow. For the beautiful flowers, the memorial gifts, the lovely cards, the food and the ladies of the First Methodist Church who prepared the noon meal, and for all the kindnesses extended to our family, we sincerely thank you.
Flora Patterson
Jerry Frank and Syra Patterson
Riley and Maxine Seymore 25-1tc

CARD OF THANKS

I WANT TO THANK everyone for their cards and visits during my stay in the hospital.
Mrs. Howard Laney 25-1tc

CARD OF THANKS

OUR HEARTFELT THANKS to all who extended comforting sympathy and help in our recent sorrow. For the beautiful service, floral offerings, and other kindnesses, we are deeply grateful.
Mrs. Wade Ensminger 25-1tp

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Accent On Health

Heavy rainfall throughout Texas is producing widespread mosquito production, and a lot of the problem may be occurring in your own back yard, says the Texas State Department of Health.
It only takes a little standing water and some adult mosquitoes to bring on the pain and discomfort — and sometimes disease from mosquitoes.

All mosquitoes need water in which to pass their early life stages. Adult flying mosquitoes frequently rest in grass, shrubbery or other foliage but they never develop there.
But give mosquitoes water and they'll multiply. Some mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water where they hatch in a day or two. Other mosquitoes lay their eggs in old tires, tin cans, or other water-holding containers in which they may

zation or treatment.

Q — Can you tell me how remain unhatched for weeks or months until they are covered with water.

With both types of mosquitoes, the wigglers or larvae grow quickly and turn into tumblers or pupae. Soon the skin of the tumbler splits open and out climbs another hungry mosquito.

The director of the State Health Department's Vector Control Division, Kenneth C. Lauderdale, says that in addition to being pests, mosquitoes can be dangerous. Such diseases as encephalitis, yellow fever, dengue fever and malaria are common diseases spread by the flying insect. They are big health problems in other parts of the world.
One of the last epidemics of mosquito-borne disease in Texas

was Venezuelan Equine Encephalitis (VEE), which entered the country through Mexico. It struck many people — mostly in the Rio Grande Valley — and made heavy inroads into the horse population.
While mosquitoes are a threat to health and bodily comfort, there is something that you as an individual can do to ease the situation, says Lauderdale.
Lauderdale calls this the Ten Commandments of Home Mosquito Control. They are:

1. Empty, remove, cover or turn upside down any receptacle that will hold water — particularly old bottles and tin cans.
2. Change water and scrub vases holding flowers or cuttings twice each week — or grow cuttings in sand.
3. Discard old tires or store them indoors.
4. Screen rain barrels and openings to water tanks or cisterns. Seal cisterns not in actual use.
5. Repair leaky plumbing and outside faucets. They may cause standing water.
6. Connect open wastewater drains to a sewage system, or construct separate sump or leach lines.
7. Clean clogged roof gutters and drain flat roofs.
8. Fill holes in trees with sand or mortar, or drain or spray them, as required.
9. Stock ornamental ponds with mosquito-eating fish.
10. Clean and drain evaporative coolers frequently.
And remember, says Lauderdale, that mosquitoes develop only in water. And, water standing just a few days can produce a crop of mosquitoes!

SUPPLY LIST

(Continued from page 1)

Third Grade

- Ink eraser
- Scissors
- Paste (Elmer's glue preferred)
- 2 hole note book paper
- Map colors and crayolas
- 12 inch ruler
- Protractor
- Compass
- Spiral composition book (large size)
- Two 2-hole folders
- Imaginary handwriting (no. 325) for students not in band.
- Shoes and shorts for gym wear in PE classes

Fourth Grade

- 2 1-ring notebook binder, side opening
- 2 No. 2 pencils
- 1 pair scissors
- 1 small tube Elmer's Paste
- 1 small pkg. manila paper (9x12)
- 1 small package assorted construction paper (9x12)
- 1 box of crayolas (16)
- 1 box map colors—
- 1 dust cloth and small box for desk supplies
- 1 ruler
- Pencils and eraser (no. 2)
- Ball-point pen

Fifth and Sixth Grade

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Vet Questions And Answers

Q — Will I be entitled to G. I. bill Benefits when I am discharged from the Coast Guard in October?

A — Congress has not voted an end to the current G. I. Bill. Presuming that you receive an honorable discharge, you would be eligible.



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Deaths and Funerals

W. Ensminger Santos Pena

Wade H. Ensminger Sr., 73, retired stock farmer, died at 3 p.m. Saturday in the Starr Nursing Home after a long illness. Funeral was held at 4 p.m. Sunday in the United Methodist Church in Merkel.

The Rev. N. S. Daniel, associate pastor, and the Rev. Kenneth Jones, pastor of the First Baptist Church, officiated with burial in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Born June 11, 1900, in Merkel, he was raised in Mulberry Canyon south of Merkel on a stock ranch. He graduated from Merkel High School in 1918.

He married Viola Turner of Mulberry Canyon April 9, 1920, in the wedding chapel of the Palace Hotel in Abilene.

He is the son of the late John Henry and Mary Evelyn Ensminger.

Survivors are his wife and his step-mother, Mrs. Bertha Ensminger of Merkel.

A son, Wade Jr., was killed in World War II. A sister, Mrs. Ruth Sapp, also preceded him in death.

Pallbearers were Ernest Meeks, Neely Tittle, Wallace Doan, S. B. Curb, Fred Johnson and Jiggs Van Etten.

Santos E. Pena, 31, died at 9:15 Tuesday in Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene following a three-week illness. Funeral was held at 2 p.m. Thursday in Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church.

Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

He was born March 5, 1942 in Zapata, Tex., and married Geneva Duke on March 9, 1960 in Zapata.

Survivors include his wife; four sons, Santos Jr., Dario, Rickey and Toney, all of the home; two brothers, Mike Pena of Duncanville and Juan of Seguin; his mother, Mrs. Cecilia Pena of Seguin.

Mrs. Ellis

Mrs. H. L. Ellis, 50, of Merkel was dead on arrival at 10 a.m. Monday at Warren Clinic after suffering an apparent heart attack. Funeral was held at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Starbuck Chapel.

The Rev. N.S. Daniels associate pastor of the United Methodist Church officiated. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Born Oct. 23, 1922, in Woodland, Calif., she married H. L. Ellis in 1934 in California.

They moved to Lubbock in 1960 and to Merkel six years later. She had previously been employed at the Merkel Restaurant.

Survivors are her husband; a son, Robert of Merkel; a brother, Garland Maye of Penn Grove, Calif.; a sister, Mrs. Dixie Richardson of Roanoke Park, Calif.; three grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

Missionette News

By SUSAN WHEELER

July 31, a birthday party was given to Susan Wheeler by the Missionettes.

On August 7, we all went to Abilene Zoo and the amusement park in Abilene. The Missionettes took sack lunches and ate at Nelson Park. We all had a lot of fun.

We want to thank Mr. Allgier, Mrs. Wade and Esther Wheeler for driving the Missionettes to Abilene.

The Missionettes held a bake sale Trades Day and made \$36.85. We all think we did good.

Vet Questions And Answers

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 — As a veteran is it possible for me to get a physical examination at a VA hospital?

A — Under regulations, VA hospitals are not permitted to conduct such examinations for that purpose only. If you can meet eligibility requirements, you could receive a physical to determine the need for hospitalization.



Office Staff

Mrs. R. L. Bland, far left, stops to chat with Brenda Jackson and Mickey Winter. Four other girls complete the office staff of the huge cattle feeding operation at Trent.



Beef Shortage?

Fat cattle eat continually from special formulas prepared at Cal-Tex Feed yards at Trent. Most of the feed rations are purchased from area farmers and mixed in the mill seen in the background.

'World Gateways' Theme Of October 6-21 State Fair

The world of transportation, the world of tomorrow and the world of imagination will be superimposed over an outline of Fair Park when the State Fair of Texas presents "World Gateways Exposition" from October 6-21 in Dallas.

Sparkling international exhibits, reflecting worldwide progress and products, will highlight this salute to Texas as an emerging commercial center in the global community. Japan, Romania, Denmark, Mexico,

Auxiliary Met Aug. 6th

The Ladies Auxiliary to the Merkel Fire Dept. held its monthly meeting Monday, August 6 at the fire station.

The Trades Day dinner was discussed with details of the event given to members present. A hearty "Thank You" was given to all those who enjoyed the ham dinner with us.

In the childrens watermelon eating contest, Taresa English won first place, Danny Riggan, second, and Bubba Atkinson, third. In the adults division Alan Glascock won first place, Don Glascock, second and Boyd Baker, third.

It was decided to hold another social Monday, August 20. It will start at 6:30 at the fire station with a buffet supper of cold cuts to be served. There will be team races between the men and women to begin practice for the district conventions at Snyder in October.

Members present were Mmes. David Seymore, Roy Schultz, George Starbuck, Waymon Adcock, Walter Harris, Robert Harris, Danny West and Jerry Horton. Also attending was Mary Cochren.

South Africa and the Philippines are among the countries to be represented in the spacious World Exhibits Center.

A continental flavor will characterize the State Fair Musical production of Sigmund Romberg's ever-popular "The Student Prince." Old Heidelberg will come alive in the New Music Hall for 20 performances.

Musical groups from the earth's four corners, including the acclaimed Trinidad Cavaliers Steel Orchestra and Variety Show, will provide daily entertainment throughout the park. Each of the 16 fair dates will also feature multiple circus performances and a colorful parade of theme-designed floats, bands and marching units.

The Pan-American Livestock Exposition, October 6-14, spotlights a National Hereford Show along with judging of champion beef and dairy cattle, breeding swine, sheep and goats. The State Fair of Texas Horse Shows will present winners from the national show circuit against a background of music in the modern, air-conditioned Coliseum.

The lure of the 1974 models will attract many of the three million fair visitors to the Automobile Show for a panoramic preview of next year's cars. Fashion shows, food demonstrations and displays of winning entries in more than 900 competitive classes will be presented in the Women's Building. Corny dogs, carny barkers and a collection of amusements rides unsurpassed in variety and thrills make up the mile-long Midway.

New Worlds of entertainment experience plus all the old-fashioned fun associated with the nation's largest annual exposition are offered for the \$1.50 gate admission. Children under 12 are admitted for 75 cents.

Veterans Get Burial Benefit

Two new veterans benefits part of the National Cemetery Act approved by the President in August and September, according to Jack Coker, Waco VA Regional Office Director.

For veterans who die on or after August 1, 1973, the Veterans Administration can pay a plot or interment allowance of \$150 in addition to the \$250 maximum already authorized.

Starting September 1, payment of funeral expenses up to \$800 is authorized for veterans who die of service-connected causes.

Coker pointed out that VA has for some time paid allowances to funeral directors or other persons who bore veterans' burial expenses, provided claims were filed within two years of permanent burial or cremation.

The agency also pays transportation costs of veterans whose deaths occur in its hospitals or domiciliarys, or who die while hospitalized or being treated at the agency's expense.

Coker said the current maximum \$250 burial allowance has been in effective since 1958, and traced this history of burial allowances:

—War Risk Insurance Act of 1917 provided up to \$100 toward burial expenses of certain persons whose deaths occurred before discharge from military service.

—In 1923, allowance extended to veterans with insufficient funds to cover burial expenses.

—Economy Acts of 1933 reduced \$100 by executive order in 1934.

—Assets limitation on allowances removed in 1936.

—Maximum allowance increased from \$100 to \$150 under Public Law 79-529 in 1946.

Public Law 85-674 increased allowance to current \$250 maximum in 1958.

Edith Kennedy To Have Open House Sunday

Open House will be held in the home of Edith Kennedy Sunday Aug. 19 from 2 to 5 p.m.

The total electric home is located on Farm Road 1235 within city limits.

It has Birch paneling with long tri-color shag carpet in green and gold.

Cabinet features in the kitchen are the table top stove and built-in oven. Appliances are avocado color. Edith has black Spanish Style furniture in the living room and dining room.

There are arched doorways

from the living room to dining and kitchen area.

Central heating and refrigerated air units are a feature throughout the 2 bedroom and 2 bath home.

One bedroom has been converted to a den with a sliding glass door leading to patio.

Contractor and builder was O. J. Bagby.

Edith is a Medical Technologist and is employed at West Texas Medical Center in Abilene. She has a daughter, Kristen Leigh, who is 4 years old.

Ladies Golf Assn. Holds First Play Day Tuesday

The Merkel Ladies Golf Association held their first weekly golf day at the Merkel Country Club Tuesday afternoon. Twenty-four ladies turned out to participate.

Debbie Doan captured two prizes in the afternoon affair. She won a golf ball for having hit the ball out of the rough more than anyone and a surprise for having the highest score. Bobbie Tarpley came in next winning a golf ball.

Connie Harris won the prize for having the least shots in the rough while finishing second

was Fannell Boney, Sherry Alldridge and Jeanette Carpenter. Ladies Day at the club was concluded with a Salad Supper with twenty-nine attending.

Tuesday of each week is Ladies Day at the country club. The ladies will be welcomed to participate in the golf activities from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. with a monthly supper on the second Tuesday of each month.

Ladies interested in joining the Ladies Golf Association should contact Betty Jane Tittle, Fannelle Boney or Gerald McGehee at the Merkel Country Club.

Famous Opera Star To Appear at Hardin-Simmons

A solo concert by a world-famous opera star will replace the traditional commencement address next month at Hardin-Simmons University's summer graduation exercises.

Mary Costa, star of the Metropolitan Opera, the concert stage, television and movies, will sing for the graduates and will receive an honorary Doctor of Music Degree.

Sharing the honorary degree billing will be Otho Polk, veteran H-SU professor and longtime head of the Department of Physical Education. Polk will receive a Doctor of Science Degree.

Commencement will be 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 17, in Behrens Chapel.

Miss Costa has appeared on the H-SU stage twice in recent

years. Her latest appearance was in November, 1972.

She is a native of Knoxville, Tenn., and while in public schools there sang in a choir directed by Ed Hamilton, who later was on the H-SU School of Music faculty before retiring in 1968.

Miss Costa's first professional singing was in television commercials for the Chrysler Corp. She later became the speaking and singing voice of "Sleeping Beauty" in the Walt Disney production, then studied music seriously at the University of Southern California. She signed with the San Francisco Opera in 1959, and later was signed by the noted impresario, Sol Hurok, and appeared in solo recitals and with almost every major opera company in America, as well as England and Russia.

Last year she played a leading role in the new version of the movie, "The Great Waltz," filmed in Vienna. Recently she has appeared with the Boston Civic Opera, at a command performance at the White House Dinner for Prime Minister Helth of Great Britain, and for a celebration of Mr. Hurok's 85th birthday at the Metropolitan Opera.

This past June, Miss Costa sang a solo concert for the Southern Baptist Church Music Conference in Portland, Ore., and appeared as a soloist with the youth choir from the First Baptist Church of Abilene. While in Abilene last fall, she sang at a Sunday night service of the First Baptist Church.

Polk, a native of Santa Anna, earned a BA degree from H-SU in 1930 and an MA from George Peabody College in Nashville, Tenn., in 1935. He has done advanced study and taught at Louisiana State University.

When Polk entered H-SU in 1926 the school did not offer major in physical education. During his senior year, Polk was an assistant instructor in PE. The late Dr. Oscar H. Cooper, a faculty member who had served earlier as president of the college, suggested to Polk that he attend Peabody and earn a master's degree.

A PE major was developed under Polk's leadership after he became chairman of the department in 1930. He served as chairman until 1971, and has continued on the faculty as a professor in health and physical education.

Polk has been active in numerous professional and education organizations, and has served as president of the Texas Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation.

He and his wife are members of the First Baptist Church. They have a son and a daughter, and one son is deceased.

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1973 Agricultural Act To Be Discussed At District Meetings By FU Members

Farmers Union members will be given a briefing on the details of the 1973 Agricultural Act passed by Congress at a series of district meetings beginning August 20. The farm program briefings will be part of a series of district meetings coordinated by the Texas Farmers Union to alert the grassroots membership of the bill's provisions and

shortcomings. TFU President Jay Neman of Waco had this to say regarding the farm bill, "I know that our members will take advantage of the opportunity they have to study our new farm legislation at the planned district meetings. In fact, I feel confident that following discussion of the bill they will wish to visit with their in-

dividual Congressman, while home on recess, as to the reasons behind the bill's many shortcomings. These shortcomings are the reason that the Texas Farmers Union has called upon the President to veto this inadequate piece of farm legislation."

Both state President Jay Neman of Waco and state Vice President Joe Rankin of Falls will attend the district meetings and discuss late developing national and state issues. Emphasis will be given during these informal discussions on the local fuel situation.

At a recent leadership conference sponsored by Texas Farmers Union on the campus of Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos, three task forces involving approximately fifty Farmers Union members were launched. These task forces have developed action programs to deal with problems arising in three areas. The task force areas of concern are environment, international trade, and economics (primarily farm program development and cooperative relations). Members of the task forces will be present at each of the district meetings to acquaint the membership with the goals and action programs of the various task forces.

Neman outlined the district meeting itinerary as follows: District I, Monday, August 20, Noon, Pampa, Furr's Cafeteria, Coronado Shopping Center; District II, Monday, August 20, 7:00 p.m., Lubbock, Furr's Cafeteria, Town and County Shopping Center; District III, Tuesday, August 21, Noon, Anson, Sirlin 66 Cafe; District VIII Tuesday August 21, 7:00 p.m., Colorado City, Villa Inn Restaurant; District VI, Thursday, August 23, 7:00 p.m., Denton, Underwood's Cafeteria, 2409 University Drive. All district meetings are being planned in conjunction with a Dutch Treat meal.

In referring to the district meetings, Neman stated, "We are expecting a large turnout at each district meeting, because we have discovered that most farmers are very unsure of the provisions in the new farm bill and have indicated an interest in securing reliable data as quickly as possible."

WAVETS INVITED TO MELON FEAST

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Poland, who live 13 miles north of Merkel, have invited The World War I veterans and Ladies Auxiliary to their ranch home for a watermelon cutting August 21 at 6 p.m.

"All members are urged to come and enjoy the fellowship and some good ole Jones County watermelons," said Lucye Bonneau.

A short business meeting will follow.

AUSTIN, Tex. — The biggest oil and gas lease sale on Texas public lands in a quarter century is scheduled October 2.

Land Commissioner Robert L. Armstrong said 1,348,610 acres in 1,712 tracts will be offered for lease consideration.

Most of the state tracts are submerged acreage in the Gulf of Mexico. Nine hundred and 40 Gulf tracts totalling 998,610 acres have been nominated, plus 563 tracts in Texas bays and inlets including 267,678 acres.

Oil and gas firms and individual bidders offer bonus payments via sealed bids on leasing of the state-owned tracts for a period of five years to explore and develop minerals. Armstrong said a record high interest is indicated in potential oil and gas production on state lands.

"This will be the largest sale in more than 25 years," said Armstrong.

A sale involving nearly one million acres of land in 1965 brought more than \$39 million in bonus payments to the permanent school fund.

Armstrong said the current sale is doubly significant because leases will enable the state to take its one-sixth royalty payment in gas or oil instead of cash.

A court case is now pending to determine if this can be done on existing leases. The "in kind" provision, specifically allowing the state to take oil and gas as well as cash, will be written into the October bid propositions.

Armstrong said this will permit the state to offer cities the option of buying some of their natural gas directly from the sale at fair market value.

POLLUTION STANDARDS WEIGHED — Differing state and federal penalties for water pollution control violations have stalled designation of Texas Water Quality Board as the agency to issue federal waste discharge permits in the state.

The federal government will study further authorizing the Board to issue "national pollution discharge elimination system" waste discharge permits during 1972 water quality amendments.

State penalties which apply to both municipalities and industries set a maximum of \$1,000 per violation daily. Federal penalties call for a maximum of \$25,000 a day per violation.

TAOB Executive director Hugh Yantis said the requirement that states have authority to impose \$25,000 daily fines was received after the 64rd Legislature adjourned, and he did not feel a special session was in order on the question.

Yantis argued that the Texas penalties do represent a substantial deterrent. He said it is

"inconceivable that approval will not be given eventually to our state program." Yantis noted a \$125,000 fine levied against Armo Steel was "possibly the largest ever collected under any state water pollution law."

SINGLE-MEMBER LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS PUSHED — First legal move in an effort to have eight more counties divided into single-member legislative districts was launched last week.

David Richards, Austin attorney retained by the State AFL-CIO, seeks authority for 10 individuals to intervene in a Tarrant County House redistricting case.

If the motion is approved by the three-judge federal court, judges will be asked to split Travis, Lubbock, McLennan, Jefferson, Nueces, El Paso, Hidalgo and Galveston into single-member House districts. Each of the counties now has two or more representatives elected countywide. Richards claims this "unconstitutionally dilutes voting strength of racial and political elements."

AG OPINIONS — A county commissioners court may employ experts to re-evaluate property in the county for tax purposes, but a tax assessor has no such power, Atty. Gen. John Hill held.

In other recent opinions, Hill concluded: Salary checks cannot be withheld from a state employee to repay an overpayment which was not his fault under an improper order.

A person cannot serve simultaneously on the State Board of Mental Health and Mental Retardation and the State Board of Education.

Parks and Wildlife Department personnel need no special permits to take, transport, regulate and scientific purposes.

The State Textbook Committee may not recommend for public school adoption textbooks on which the state is to realize royalties from private publishers. Where there is no such arrangement, textbooks can be adopted containing materials cooperatively developed with independent laboratories financed in part from state Central Education Agency funds.

An out-of-state certified public accountant is entitled to reciprocal certification in Texas if he

lives in the U.S. **APPOINTMENTS** — Brig. Gen. James M. Rose was named to head Gov. Dolph Briscoe's Division of Planning Coordination.

Land Commissioner Robert L. Armstrong was selected vice president of the Western States Land Commissioners Association.

Briscoe appointed Melvin D. Whiteaker of Palestine District attorney for the 173rd judicial district — Anderson, Henderson and Houston counties.

He picked O. S. Andras of Houston to serve on the Governor's Energy Advisory Council.

Briscoe placed on the Advisory Council on Community Affairs, Mayor Jake Strahan of Temple, Rudy Day of Dallas and Albert D. Brown Jr. of San Antonio.

Former State Rep. Ralph Wayne, who represented the Plainview area, is new executive vice president of the Herman Bennett Company in Brownwood, serving with former Lt. Gov. Ben Barnes whose campaign he managed in 1968, 1970 and 1972.

John A. Burke of Spring joined the Texas Water Rights Commission staff in Houston as an engineering technician.

DECEPTIVE PRACTICES AIRED — State Insurance Board will follow a practice of publicizing names of insurance companies and individuals cited for unfair competition and unfair or deceptive practices.

Board Chairman Joe Christie, meanwhile, announced eight cease and desist orders issued against firms or individuals in

San Antonio, Dallas, Fort Worth, Abilene, Austin, Denton and Atlanta, Ga. for misleading advertisements or sales presentations.

The Board also announced plans to hire a consultant to examine its operations and help make them more effective and efficient. It plans to issue guidelines next month on establishment of Health Maintenance Organizations which provide medical service coverage at fixed fees.

DESEGREGATION GRANTS APPROVED — More than \$13.1 million in federal grants have been approved to aid 54 Texas school districts support special programs to advance classroom desegregation this school year.

Texas grants will go to 31 basic education projects, 18 bilingual programs, nine compensatory programs, three special reading projects and two metropolitan area programs to help reduce minority isolation in large cities which have more than one school district.

SHORT SNORTS — Governor Briscoe will head a Texas trade mission to Japan next month.

A Railroad Commission hearing is examining proposals to restore declining pressure in the West Texas oilfield.

The Veterans Administration will open an outpatient clinic early next year in El Paso.

Small business loans were made to Schertz due to storm damage.

Texas college teachers claim lagging below the average for erage and their raises have been lagging below the average for five years.

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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 26th day of September A.D. 1973, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 13th day of August A.D. 1973, in this cause, numbered 873 on the docket of said court and styled Patrick Walter Banach, Plaintiff, vs. Mary Dinning Banach, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: The parties were married on or about Oct. 21, 1967; and separated on or about March 31, 1971, they separated. There was born to this marriage a child, Mark Anthony Banach, a male, born April 6, 1967. No community property has been accumulated during this marriage and there is in good cause for waiving the prohibition of remarriage as contained in Sec. 3.06 of the Family Code, 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 13 day of August A.D. 1973.

Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD Clerk, Domestic Relations Court, Taylor County, Texas By Sandra Van Cleave, Deputy.

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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.

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TO: Joyce Ray Neman, 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 26th day of September A.D. 1973, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 6th day of July A.D. 1973, in this cause, numbered 873 on the docket of said court and styled In Re: Adoption of Tamara Lynne Spomer, A Minor.

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.

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Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 23 day of August A.D. 1973.

Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD Clerk, Domestic Relations Court, Taylor County, Texas By Myra Lawrence, Deputy.

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TO: Jo Lene R. Larsen, defendant, GREETING:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 104th 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. 21, 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.

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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 31 day of July A.D. 1973.

Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD Domestic Court Taylor County, Texas By Sandra Van Cleave, Deputy.

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1973 Has Been Good Year For Merkelite Gardeners

By LaVonne Eunch
Merkel could be called Garden Town. 1973 has been an excellent year for raising squash, corn, okra, peas and other vegetables. Beans were not so plentiful and a large portion of fruit was ruined by the late freeze. Many Merkelites have taken advantage of even thumbnail sized spaces to plant gardens. Unused alleys are cultivated in some cases. "No one has complained yet," said a housewife, while gathering her bountiful crop of alley peas.

For the most part, local gardening is done without the aid of insecticides and chemical nutrients. "Our patch is natural foods. The birds and bugs eat their share and we get the rest," said a peach picker. Pantries are laden with home canned items; freezers bulge with packs and cartons filled with goodies against the lean, winter months. A word to the wise: If YOU don't have a green thumb, get cordially acquainted with a neighbor who has an overflowing garden!



OKRA PATCH—The George West's garden has provided home grown palate pleasures for children, grandchildren, friends and neighbors. Mrs. West looks over the okra patch. (Staff photos by LaVonne Bunch)



CUTTING FOOD COSTS—Mrs. Billy Neff and Pam are seen in their corn patch. After filling the family freezers with garden goods, Mrs. Neff rented commercial boxes to hold the abundant crop.



ALWAYS FARMERS — Mrs. Lenard Casady is shown with her pear trees. "We've always been farmers and when we moved to town, it was just natural for us to plant and till."

Dickerson Is AF Graduate

RANTOUL, Ill. — Airman David D. Dickerson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Odell Dickerson, Trent, Tex., has graduated at Chanute AFB, Ill., from the U. S. Air Force non-destructive inspection specialist course con-

ducted by the Air Training Command. Airman Dickerson is being assigned to Laughlin AFB, Tex., for duty with a unit of the Air Training Command. The Airman is a 1972 graduate of Trent High School.

Farmcast

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

Both in Texas and throughout the nation, the numbers of cattle, beef cows, and calves show significant increases. Thus, cattlemen are increasing production in order to meet increasing demands for the product. The number of all cattle and calves on Texas farms and ranches as of July totals 16,409,000. This compares with 15,350,000 as of January 1. The 1973 Texas' calf crop is estimated at 6,250,000 head; this is an increase of 15 per cent over 1972. This is the largest calf crop for Texas since estimates began in 1924. Nationwide, the figures also show increases. As of July 1, the number of cattle and calves totaled 131,000,000 head. This compares with the January 1 inventory number of 122,000,000 head. As important, if not more so than total cattle and calves numbers, are tools of cows and heifers — the beef factory. As of July 1, a total of 53,800,000 cows

and heifers have calved; this is up four per cent from July 1 last year. Beef cows at 42,400,000 head are up six per cent nationally. Milk cows, however, are down two per cent (as had been predicted earlier by dairy associations due to the cost-price squeeze) to total 11,400,000 head. Texas, naturally, is number one in the row inventory; the state showed an increase of 15 per cent; Missouri, in second place, had an increase of eight per cent in cow inventory, and Oklahoma, third place in the nation, had an increase of four per cent from a year ago. The real clincher to the increasing number of livestock in the nation lies in the preliminary estimates of calf numbers. The Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service and U.S. Department of Agriculture predict that 50,000,000 calves are expected to be born during this calendar year. This again sets a new high, being four per cent over 1972.

Air Force Jet Trainer On Display

The U.S. Air Force Cessna T-37, jet pilot trainer, is on public display at Westgate Shopping Center, in Abilene, from August 15-21 from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. The T-37 was the first jet aircraft specifically designed for training purposes. It was also the first trainer to feature side-by-side seating for the instructor and student. Student pilot receive 90 hours of flying instruction in the T-37 during the second phase of Air Force Undergraduate Pilot Training. During training flights, students learn emergency procedures, takeoff and landing techniques and aerobatics as well as night, instrument and formation flying. They also gain experience in navigation and cross-country flying. The aircraft is powered by two-turbojet-engines which each produce 1,025 pounds of thrust. The T-37 is nicknamed "Tweety Bird" because of the unusual whine of its engines. The T-37 is 29 feet 3 inches long with a wing span of 33 feet 8 inches and has a maximum level speed of 380 miles per hour. The Air Force has used the aircraft to train over 40,000 pilots since 1957. Twelve other nations use modified versions of the T-37. The exhibit is sponsored by Westgate Shopping Center in cooperation with the Air Force. Air Force personnel will be present to assist visitors and answer questions.

The Statue of Liberty faces away from shore because she is supposed to be enlightening the world.

Texas, again, is first in this category, followed by Missouri, Oklahoma, Kansas and Nebraska. FARM price percentages continue to increase in Texas. As of July 15, the all-farm products index for Texas farmers was three per cent above the previous month and 32 per cent above a year ago. The livestock price index is up 34 per cent above a year ago. Beef cattle at an average of \$46.40 per 100 pounds were up \$1.10 from a month ago and \$9 above a year ago. Hogs at \$39.40 were \$2.90 above a month ago and \$17.40 above a year ago. COMMERCIAL slaughtering plants in Texas during June produced a total of 183,800,000 pounds of red meat. This is down seven per cent from the 198,200,000 pounds produced a month ago and one per cent below a year ago. Nationwide, commercial production of red meat is down nine per cent from a year ago. Beef production is down nine per cent; veal production is down 29 per cent; and pork production is nine per cent under a year earlier. In Texas, during June the number of cattle slaughtered was 25,000 below a month ago, was 25,000 below a year ago. Calf slaughter was 900 less than last month. Hog production was 16,000 below a month ago. DRYLOT sheep feeders with a lot capacity of 2,000 head or more had 126,000 sheep and lambs on feed for slaughter as of August 1. This is 15 per cent below the number on feed a month ago and 12 per cent below the number on feed a year ago. Intentions to market are: August, 71,000; September, 36,000; October, 19,000. September and October intentions are incomplete.



OLD-TIMEY ALBERTA PEACHES — W. A. Lyday, who lives on old Highway 80, is shown here with two softball size Alberta peaches he picked from a tree in his yard. The freeze got most of his peaches this year as it did most everyone's. (Photo by Kaye Lanham)

ROUND-UP

By KAYE LANHAM
MR. AND MRS. CLEMO Jones returned Friday from a two month visit in Alaska with their daughter, Mrs. Milton Squires and family. Sgt. Squires is stationed at Fairbanks. After viewing quake torn Valdez and Anchorage, they toured Mt. McKinley Park, the Chugach Forest with its Portage Glacier and the Alutian Islands. They planned for gold and attended the boat festival on the Cheno River. "Fish and game animals are plentiful," said Mr. Jones. "The scenery is beautiful but the mosquitos are Alaskan sized. We're happy to be back in little ole Texas." DANNY RAY HOBBS of Alaska, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Lyday, is living with his grandparents at the present time. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hobbs will move back here as soon as they can sell their house. Danny Ray plans to play football.

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