Senior Citizens Reach **Building Fund Goal**

By MRS. L.J. RENFRO February President

The Senior Citizens reached and exceeded their building fund of \$3,000 this past Saturday. They did real

Ice Show **Tickets**

Tickets went on sale February 4th for the 28th edition of "Holiday on Ice", which opens Thursday, February 28, at the Taylor County Coliseum for a four day engagement. Show times are: Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 8:00 p.m.; and Saturday and Sunday, 2:00 p.m.

Contemporary sights and sounds are featured in the allnew 1974 production, which stars such favorites as Carol and Clive Phipson, Marc Le-Bel, Brigitte Voit, Doug Berndt and Barbara Brown, Little Lito, Patrice Leary and newcomer, Patrick McKilli-

Production numbers include a visit to a hobo community, a taste of soul, a look at people, and the observation that it's still a heautiful world.

Tickets may be purchased at the box office of the Taylor County Coliseum and Sears. All seat are reserved and prices are \$3.00, \$4.00; \$5.00. with a \$1.00 discount on children, student and military tickets.

good with their Chili Luncheon which was held Saturday and received donations that day also, which put them above their \$3,000 goal. There were several out-oftown checks received from

former Merkel residents. The Senior Citizens want to express their thanks and appreciation to all who donated funds and helped toward the purchase of the downtown building and to the Trustees who were willing

to head this project. We want to thank Brother McAnally for the leadership which we needed.

We are enjoying the fellowship that we have at our various meetings: First Monday Nite Singing; An all day meeting the 2nd Tuesday which is pot luck or a covered dish luncheon; and the 4th Monday night is game night as well as every Thursday evening.

We wish every Senior Citizen in this area would keep this calendar handy and telephone us at 928-6779 for transportation if needed.

Our Chili Bash was super and we apologize for those who missed out on the Chili. All we can say is "Thank You, Merkel, Thank You."

Riding Club To Have Meeting

The Merkel Riding Club will have a meeting Saturday, Feb. 9th at 7:30 in the Taylor Electric Coop Build-

ing. Members and anyone wishing to join are urged to attend this meeting.

I have really enjoyed being

one of your City Aldermen

for the past 4 years, and I

look forward to being able

to serve the people of Mer-

kel again. I will continue

to support good sound Gov-

ernment that represents all

Pete and his wife, Loretta

live at 815 Oak, Merkel. They

are members of The First

United Methodist Church, and

Pete is a member of Merkel

Masonic Lodge #710. He and

his wife are both members

of the Merkel Chamber of

Pete is one of three alder-

men whose terms expire. The

other two are Connie Mack

Seymore and Ted Smith. They

have not refiled at this time.

Jimmy Atkinson, Conti-nental Telephone of Texas

employee, has filed for one

of the three positions as al-

Commerce.

derman.

Pete Morgan Files For Re-Election As Alderman

Pete Morgan filed for reelection for a post for City Alderman for Merkel Monday afternoon. Morgan issued the follow-

Mrs. Bill Harris Multiple Scierosis the people. Chairman

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Heart of Texas Chapter met in Abilene last Thursday night. Theron Jenkins, of Abilene, president of the chapter, appointed Mrs. Bill Harris of Merkel to be chairman of the 1974 Multiple Sclerosis

Drive in Merkel. The 1974 house to house drive will be conducted during the week of March 18-22. Lila Robertson is executive director of the chapter

Jerry Murry, of the Junior Chamber of Commerce in Abilene will be chairman for the house to house drive which

will be held in Abilene. Multiple Sclerosis is a disease that kills the nervous

system and is a crippler of young adults. It usually strikes a person around the age of 30.

Mrs. Bill Harris, who lives at 408 Oak, is one of three that she knows of who has Multiple Sclerosis in Merkel. She has been appointed Patient Service Chairman of the Chapter and would like to know of anyone in the Merkel area who has Multiple Sclerosis so she might visit with them.

Filing deadline is March

DATEBOOK

THURSDAY, FEB. 7

The Band Boosters will meet tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 p.m. at the Band Hall.

FRIDAY. FER. 8

Big Country Rescue Corp will sponsor a First Aid Course at the Taylor Electric Co-op from 8-10 p.m. every Friday. The course will be a 20 hour course.

Doctor (Lt. Col.) Jack McAninch Preseonted Army Commendation

Presidio of San Francisco Dec. 14 -- Army doctor (lieutenant Colonel) Jack W. McAninch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Weldon McAninch, 1407 Herring Drive, Merkel, was presented the Army Commendation Medal at Letterman Army Medical Center, Presidio of San Francisco.

The medal was awarded for meriotrious service. Such service can be over an extended period of time or for outstanding achievement in a single situation. In either case, the recipient must have demonstrated skills and dedication far

above the average. Dr. McAninch earned the award while assigned as a staff urologist during his last assignment at the 2nd General Hospital, Land-

stuhl, Germany. He is assistant chief, urology section, Letterman Army Medical Center.



NO DEISEL SALES -- This was the scene Saturday at the Wylie Truck Terminal on 120 as independent truckers parked their trucks at most truck terminals in Texas. The truckers were protesting higher fuel costs and lower speed limits.

Merkel Truck Stops Shutdown **During Strike By Truckers**

The energy crisis has effected everyone in the United States in the past two or three months. The whole country has had the energy crisis come home in a real way--large increases for gasoline. One of the hardest hit segaments of our society has been the independent truckers.

Over the past weekend, a by the truckers strike spread to Texas and most of the nation. And Merkel was no exception. At Merkel's two truck stops, truckers had blocked the entrance to the gas pumps, stopping all sale of diesel fuel. The truck stops in Merkel and in most other points are cooperating with

the truckers. At the Standard truck stop in Merkel, about fivetruckers were setting out the strike. In an interview with the Merkel Mail, H. L. Ellis of Merkel said that there was no way for an independent trucker to make ends meet with the price of fuel skyrocketing. He went on to point out that everything the truckers buy has just about doubled in price. "Just a short time ago I was paying about \$75 for tires for my truck. Nov they are \$135," he said. He went on to explain that a tarp to cover the loads he hauls has gone up from \$175 to \$400. "As long as the freight rates don't keep pace with our rising cost, we simply can't keep our trucks on the road," he

said. Another trucker at the Standard truck stop was E. E. Herod of Abilene. Herod owns his own trucks. "We don't like to call this a protest. We had rather say that its purpose is to dramatize our plight. We would like to emphasize that we are against any violence. All we are asking for is a fair shake in this thing," Herod said.

Another trucker setting out the strike was George Beaux of Glendale, Ariz. Beaux owns a small fleet of trucks as well as a truck stop in Arizona, "One of the reasons that I am here is that I am afraid to get out on the road," he said, "There has been too much violence and I don't feel like taking a chance, Beaux said. "I think this is a pretty sad commentary when you are afraid to get out on the highway in this country," he continued. In talking about the cost to the truckers, he explained that last year he was paying an average of 26¢ a gallon for diesel. This year, the same fuel is costing him an average of 48¢. "There is just no way we can continue to operate unless someone gives us some relief -- either more money for the freight we haul or a roll back in fuel prices," he said. The truckers pointed

out that the trucks they drive are costing them more to purchase. "In 1968 the best rigs cost up about \$23,-000. In 1974 they are costing \$32,000," Beaux said.

Herod said that he and

the other truckers would

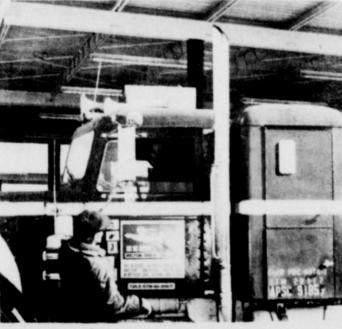
like to thank the owner of

the Standard truck stop,

Tommy McAlister of Abilene, for the support he is giving them. At the Wylie Truck Terminal, the story was much the same. Two trucks had completely blocked the entrance for other trucks. Fred Crenshaw, manager of the terminal, said that his firm was going along with the shut down in sympathy for

the plight of the truckers. Ray Rogers of Covena, an independent trucker was stranded at the Merkel stop. He said that he had came from Bonham. Texas and was trying to get home before the strike. He said that he was in agreement with the strike, but that

he would like to get home and set it out rather than on the road, "We are not making any mony, so I had just as soon be home setting it out," Rogers said. "My last trip from the West Coast to New York cost me an additional \$250. I just can't make any money that way. Why should I drive for nothing," he said. "I am afraid to drive at night now," Rogers said. "About 100 miles out of Bonham, someone threw a 2x4 off an overpass. It struck my truck about six inches below the window. Six inches higher and I might not be here today." Rogers said. Rogers said that he would like to get home, but that he would have to have fuel about 2 times, and that one stop would be in Arizona. He said that Arizona was pretty rough and he was afraid to chance getting fuel. Rogers showed the reporter the dent the 2x4 made in



his truck.

BLOCKING ENTRANCE -- W. L. Hayes of Albany is pictured in his truck which was one of the truck blocking the entrance to the Merkel Truck Stop Saturday.



WOULD LIKE TO GET HOME -- Ray Rogers of Corvina, California is pictured beside his truck at the Wylie Truck Terminal Saturday. Rogers was not driving his truck in support of the truckers strike.

Merkel C of C Banquet Set For March 12th

Tuesday night at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce for the annual Chamber of Commerce Ban-

quet to be held March 12. Mrs. Ray Wilson, chairman of the banquet committee, told the members present that her committee recommended that the annual affair be in the school cafeteria. Plans were also announced for a catering firm serve the meal. Mrs. Wilson and her committee are to work out plans with a catering firm to be announced at a later date.

The board set the price of tickets at \$3.00. Advanced tickets will be sold. Members of the Chamber were urged to push the advance sale of tickets this year in order for the Banquet Committee to be able to give the catering firm a firm number

MERKEL-JIM NED Beating back a fourthperiod rally by Jim Ned, Mer-kel held on here Friday night for a 75-65 victory in a District 8-A contest.

The accurate shooting of Merkel's Jeff Cox made the difference as Cox pushed through 25 points to win highpoint honors, Jim Ned's Larrey Sharp and Bd Darby scored 21 and 20, respec-

tively. the girls' squad beat Merkel 44-22.

New Arrival

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Don McWilliams of Singapore are the proud parents of a baby boy, Jeremy Kirk, born Feb. 1. He weighed in at 6 lbs. and 7 oz.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. D.B. Kirkland of Port Neeches, Texas.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Chester Mc-Williams of Merkel and paternal great-grandmother is Mrs. J. A. McWilliams, also of Merkel.

Former Merkel **Pastor Buried** In Lubbock

The Rev. Hugh Howard Hunt, 65, of Lubbock was dead on arrival at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock at 10 a.m. Sunday of an apparent heart attack.

Rev. Huntwas stricken while serving communion at his church, St. Luke's United Methodist Church. Funeral was held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at St. Luke's.

Dr. Ed Robb, pastor, the Rev. J. Wade Griffin, associate pastor of First United Methodist Church, Chaplain Frank Weir of Methodist Hospital officiated.

Burial was in Resthaven emorial Park under direction of Resthaven-Singleton-Wilson Funeral Home. Born in Greenville, he

moved to Lubbock in 1957 as executive secretary of Town and Country Commission of Northwest Texas Conference of United Methodist Churches. He was a 11951 graduate of McMurry College. He served as executive secretary until 1969 when he returned to the active ministry.

He served as pastor of two Lubbock Methodist churches until July, 1970, when he retired. He was a pastor of Northwest Texas Conference Methodist churches in Tuscola, Andrews, Rochester, Wheeler, Chillicothe, Merkel. Stanton and Amarillobefore moving to Lubbock.

Survivors include his wife, Jessie Raye; one son; Don of Lubbock; a daughter, Mrs. Don Dudley of Merkel; a brother J. T. of Lubbock a sister, Mrs. Harmon Hitt of Corpus Christi; five grand-



JIM MORRISS . . . banquet speaker

Beta Sigma Phi Sorority will again honor the outstanding woman of the year. Merkel's outstanding citizen will be announced at the banquet.

President Don Hart announced that the speaker for the banquet would be Jim Morris of Austin. Morriss is manager of the General Services Division of the Association of Texas Electric Cooperatives Inc. Jim Morriss recently re-

turned to Texas following five years service with the World Division, Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church, His field of work was Bolivia, South America, where he was coordinator of Methodist programs in the eastern tropical lowlands of that developing

The Bolivian Methodist Church administrates extensive projects in the fields of education, medicine and public health, agriculture and community development. CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

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ewis Millett Files For Jim Ned's junior varsity edged Merkel's, 38-36, and Justice of the Peace

Lewis L. Millett of Rt. 3 Merkel, has filed for office of Justice of the Peace for Precinct 2 which includes Merkel. Millett filed for the post Wednesday morning, January 30 with Taylor Coun-Democratic Chairman Larry Cunningham in Abi-

lene. Millett is a retired Army Colonel and a native of Massachusetts. His wife, Winona,

is a native of Wylie. Millett is seeking the post being vacated by Roy Buchanan. He will be unopposed in the May primary.

A holder of the nation's highest military decoration, the Medal of Honor, Col. Millett retired after 33 years of service in the United States Army, He won the Medal of Honor during the Korean War for leading his menina battle for Hill 180. After the battle, forty-seven of the enemy had been killed, and when a villag fell to the Allied forces the next day, native reported sixty enemy casualties had been evacuated from

battle. Millett, who holds a bachelor's degree in Political Science from Park College, Missouri, and an Honorary Doctorate of Human Letters from Boston's Emerson College has been awarded many other United States and foreign awards for valor and service.

Lewis Jr., Timothy, Elizabeth and John. **Victory Singers** "Millett's Hill" during the Meet Monday

The Victory Gospel Singers will meet Feb. II for their regular second Monday night singing at 7:00 p.m. at the Victory Baptist Church at 307 El Paso.

LEWIS MILLETT

... files for JP

reside on a farm north of

Merkel have four children.

Duets, trios and quartets are expected to attend .. Mr. F. E. Sipes is presi-Millett and his wife who dent.

Taxpayers Can Give \$1 To Federal Election

Abilene area taxpayers preparing their 1973 tax returns can take part in the 1976 Presidential Election Campaign Fund by checking a box on the front of their Form 1040 or 1040A, Arthur E. Fogle Jr. Administrative Officer of Internal Revenue for the Abilene area, said today.

"Under legislation enacted by Congress in 1971, 1973 may designate \$1 of his tax to the 1976 Campaign Fund if he wishes to do so, so," Fogle said. "And, if he has not already done so, he may also designate \$1 of his 1972 tax to the

same fund," The Campaign Fund question appears as line 8 on both the short Form 1040A and he 1040 Form. If a taxpayer did not earmark \$1 of his 1972 taxes for the

fund, he can do so by checking the box just above his signature on either form.

On a joint return, a husband and wife with aincome tax liability of \$2 or more may each designate \$1 for the fund, for a total of \$2. Fogle said, If a husband wishes to designate \$1 and his wife doe not, or vice versa, one should check the appropriate box and leave the other box blank.

"Participation by a taxpayer in the Campaign Fund will neither increase his tax nor reduce any refund die," Fogle said.

Taxpayers cannot specify a political party to receive the money they designate to the fund," Fogle said. "The fund will be distributed on a nonpartisan basis to all eligible candidates."

MERKEL-TYE SCHOOL MENU

THURSDAY, FEB. 7

Fried Fish portions. Tartar Sauce, Catsup, French Fries, Cabbage Pepper Re-Batter Bread, Lemon Pudding and Milk.

FRIDAY, FEB. 8

Sloppy Joe, Pork & Beans, Pickle Relish, Sliced Onion, Kitchen Made Buns, Peanut Butter Sticks, Orange Juice, and Milk.

MONDAY, FEB. 11

Spaghetti & Meat Sauce, Lettuce & Tomato Wedges, choice of dressing-Thousand Island or French, French Bread, Garlie Butter, Chocolate Pudding and Milk.

CLASSIFIED GETS RESULTS plesauce, and Milk.

TUESDAY, FEB. 12 Chicken Fried Steak, Cream Gravy, Whipped Potatoes, Seasoned Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Butter, Apple Cheese Crisp and

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 13 Green Enchilada Casserole, Pinto Beans, Taco Sauce, Cole Slaw, sweet and sour dressing, Milk, and Cinnamon Rolls.

THURSDAY, FEB. 14

Corn Dogs in Mustard, Macaroni and Cheese, Blackeye Peas, Batter Bread, Milk, and Fruit Cobbler.

FRIDAY, FEB. 15

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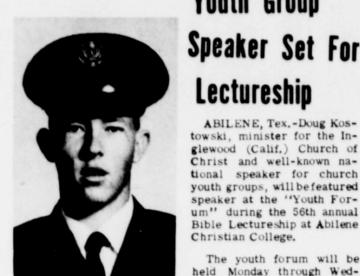
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DAVID D. DICKERSON . . . promoted to 1.C

David Dickerson Is Promoted By Air Force

DEL RIO, Tex .-- David D. Dickerson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Odell Dickerson of Trent, Tex., has been promoted to airman first class

in the U.S. Air Force. Airman Dickerson, a nondestruction inspection specialist at Laughlin AFB, Tex., is assigned to a unit of the Air Training Com-

Airman Dickerson is a 1972 graduate of Trent High School.

Ladies Golf News

The members of the Merkel Ladies Golf Association are asked to attend the first meeting of the year, which will be held February 12 at 7:00 p.m. at the Merkel Coun-

There will be a covered dish supper and a business meeting held afterwards. Those wishing to do so can play a round of golf before. Everyone is asked to come

ABILENE, Tex.-Doug Kostowski, minister for the Inglewood (Calif.) Church of Christ and well-known national speaker for church youth groups, will be featured speaker at the "Youth Forum" during the 56th annual Bible Lectureship at Abilene Christian College.

Youth Group

Lectureship

The youth forum will be held Monday through Wednesday (Feb. 18-20) at 4:30 p.m. in the Hillcrest Church of Christ Auditorium. Ben Zickefoose, ACC assistant professor of health, physical education and recreation and youth director for the College Church of Christ, is the forum coordinator.

Kostowski attended Freed-Hardeman College and graduated from Harding (Ark.) College. He also studied at Harding Graduate School of Religion in Memphis, Tenn. and Wayne State University in Detroit, Mich.

Lambda Beta Met Jan. 15

Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met January 15 in the Asteroid Restaurant with Mrs. Larry Justice hostess.

Mrs. Billy Bob Neff, president, presided over the business meeting.

Program was presented by Larry Teaff, captain and Mrs. Pat Neff, Cocaptain.

Members attending were Mmes. Neff, Lee Yaddow, Billy Lucas, Robert Harris, Obie Coker, Jim Alday, White, Teaff, Harold Hohhertz, Paul Moore, Craig Jones, Junior Clark, Mike Welch, Rosey Castille, Gary Douglas, Phil Seymore, Juan out and enjoy the evening. Ybarra, and Darla Mawson.

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9,000.00

Things were a little different around school last Friday. The Student Council

Fortnightly Has Ranching Program

The Fortnightly Study Club met Tuesday, January 8th in the home of Mrs. Bryan Dun-

After refreshments, Mrs. Don Dudley, president, presided over the business meet-

The Fortnightly Study Club will have a guest day meeting in the home of Christine Collins Tuesday, Feb. 12 with Mrs. L. A. Dudley cohostess. Mrs. David Gamble will revue "The Edge of Time" by Loula Grace Erd-

Following the business meeting, the program was given emphasizing ranching in Texas. Members answered roll call with the name of a famous Texas Ranch, Mrs. Stanley Toombs gave a most interesting review of Ranch in Texas, Then and Now.

TUESDAY, JAN. 22 Mrs. N.S. Daniel was hostess to members of the Fortnightly Study Club on Tuesday, January 22. Mrs. Don Dudley gave the program for the afternoon on "Fine Arts in Texas," She quoted Tyler's 'Why Should Our Thoughts to distant countries roam, when each refinement may be found at home." Roll call was answered with Texas artists by members, Mrs. Dudley said that Texas means many things to many people, She listed artists in the Theater, Musicians, Writers and

Ball." Those present were Mmes. Wilson, and Christine Col-

with the winners getting stuff free at the ballgame that night. The worst in the boys were: 1st, Jeff Cox; 2nd, Buddy Bowen; and 3rd, David Copeland. In the girls' competition it was: 1st, Susie Toombs; 2nd, Kathy Cypert, and a tie for third, Cindy Whisenhunt and Kathy Thomas. It was a lot of fun and went over well so we might do it again next year.

The last ballgame was this Tuesday with a win to make us third in the district, This is pretty good but next year everybody better watch out because Merkel is going to be "hot." They're not only going to be first in district with the boys, but also the girls.

The last of the pictures are being taken this Wednesday so the annuals will be completed and sent off with a return dat of late April or early May.

This is about it this week so be back here next week and I'll have more news from "ole M. H S "

Girl Scout

Troop 313 met at the scout hut Monday, February 4, 1974. The Road Runner patrol cooked a plain cake, made cheese pizzas and french fried potatoes and served the Girl Power patrol in order to

earn their cooking badges. While the Road Runners were busy cocking the Girl Power patrol fixed invitations to the Valentine Father and Daughter Banquet which will closed with Larry Chitten- be held in the school cafedons "Cowboys Christmas teria on February 17th.

The girls are still busy selling cookies. A number Johnny Cox, N.S. Daniel, Don of the girls have already Dudley, Charles Eager, Mack earned their cookie patch Fisher, Comer Haynes, Carl and several have earned Hughes, Andy Shouse, Ray part of their campship fee. The cookie sale will Feb. 9th.

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MR. AND MRS. GORDON PURSLEY . . . enjoying fishing in Colorado

Mr., Mrs. Gordon Pursley Celebrate 40th Anniversary

They were honored with a party Saturday night in the home of the Philip Pursley's. Hosting the party were their children, Mr. and Mrs. George Fatheree of Garland,

The program will be on Gap. photography presented by Mr. Earl Carmack of Creative Stanley Home Products deal-Enterprises.

Members and visitors are urged to attend and bring in dominoes and fishing. taking ability.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Purs- Mr. and Mrs. David Pursley ley celebrated their 40th of Buffalo Gap, Mr. and Mrs. Wedding Anniversary Feb. 3. Philip Pursley of Merkel and friends, Mr. and Mrs. Bill

The Pursley's were married in Abilene Feb. 3, 1934. Mrs. Pursley is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jess Anderson of Merkel. Tom Humphrey, Mrs. Pursley's granter, settled in Merkel in 1908. She was raised south of Merkel at Mt. Pleasant. and graduated from Merkel meet Thursday Feb. 7 at High in 1933. Mr. Pursley 7:30 p.m. at Taylor Electric is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Newt Pursley of Buffalo

> Mrs. Pursley has been a er for 21 years.

The Pursley's enjoy playtheir cameras in order to Mr. and Mrs. Pursley have learn many useful ways to seven grandchildren. They improve their own picture attend the First Baptist Church.

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Overdrafts.....

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RESOURCES

Loans \$1,538,155.43

Banking House	50,000.00
ruiniture & rixtures	10,000.00
AVAILABLE CASH:	
U.S. Government Bonds1	,787,325.00
Municipal Bonds and Warrants	,200,855,77
Federal Funds Sold1	+ 00.000,000 +
Obligation of Other U. S.	
Gov't . Agencies	174,861.52
Cash and Due from Banks	,316,660.53
Total Available Cash	\$5,479,702.82
TOTAL	\$7,086,986.47

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	LIMBILITIES	
Capital StockSurplus		\$150,000.00 \$150,000.00
	Profits & Reserves	508,725.01
DEPOSITS		+6,278,261.46
TOTAL		\$7,086,986.47

Condensed Statement Jan. 30, 1974 **RESOURCES**

Loans	\$1,372,193.70
Overdrafts	54.95
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	9,000.00
Banking House	
Furniture & Fixtures	
AVAILABLE CASH:	
U.S. Government Bonds	1,973,275.00
Municipal Bonds and Warrants	
Federal Funds Sold	2,000,000,00 +
Obligation of Other U. S.	
Gov't. Agencies	172.714.52
Cash and Due from Banks	1.850.775.81
Total Available Cash	
TOTAL	\$8,645,631.26
LIABILITIES	
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Surplus	150,000.00

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AUSTIN, Tex. - A total of Feb. 6--Wild Engine (Hoot 332 separate proposals have been submitted to the Con-Feb. 13 -- Teddy at the stitutional Convention.

Throttle (Gloria Swanson); Last day for filing the re-Soviet Union; A Living Earth commendations for individual or wholesale revisions of the Feb. 20--Silent Partner constitution brought the ex-(Zosa Pitts, Buster Keaton); pected outpouring.

Each has been referred to Feb. 27 -- Rabbit Hill; an appropriate committee for Keeping in Shape (Robert study and processing before March 6--Western Movie consideration on the conven-Mosaic; Mauriors Maori tion floor.

> Delegates who wish to submit proposals in the future must get permission of twothirds of their colleagues.

Meanwhile, the convention has progressed through preliminary approval of the preamble and Bill of Rights as; Champs of the Chase with no changes over the old (Abbott & Costello); Fun Facconstitution.

Next article to get floor consideration this week will be rights and suffrage.

At least two controversial items in that article are a provision allowing a property ownership requirement for voting in bond elections and denial of voting rights to felons.

Another recommendation of the rights and suffrage

committee would provide a constitutional requirement for a secret ballot. There is now no such requirement in Texas although courts have held sec-

TAX FORMULA APPROVED The Legislative Property Tax Committee approved a modified version of the Texas Research League's proposal to gather data for a new school finance formula.

House Speaker Price Daniel Abilene, Texas and levied Jr. had urged rejection of the plan, which El Paso Rep. Luther Jones charged was slanted in favor of big business.

He objected to state reliance on the privately-financed League for assistance in tax studies. Seven such studies have been done by the organization since 1964.

hired on a \$55,000 contract to help reorganize and streamline the 600-employee State Board of Insurance.

recy must be maintained.

Jones later asked Daniel to order an investigation of the Research League.

SHORT SNORTS

A consulting firm has been



WINNERS in the boys division were from left to right, David Copeland, Buddy Bowen and Jeff Cox.



TACKY DAY at Merkel High was termed a success and from these winners you can see why. Winners in the girls divisions were left to right, Kathy Thomas, Cindy Whisenhunt, Suzie Toombs and Kathy Cypert. (Photos by Connie Harris)

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of

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to cause to be published once each week for four consecutive weeks, the first publication to be at least twentyeight days before the return day thereof, in a newspaper printed in Taylor County, Texas, the accompanying citation, of which the herein below following is a true copy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Peter Joseph Noone, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COM-MANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd Judicial 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 4th day of March A.D. 1974, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 21st day of January A.D. 1974, in this cause, numbered 25,020-A on the docket of said court and styled Fordia Noone Waldron Wood and husband, Tommy Wood, Plaintiff, vs. Peter Joseph Noone, Ronald Gordon

Waldron, and Archie Byron Shults, and wife, Tony Jeanne Shults, Defendant. A brief statement of the

nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: That on or about the 13th day of July, 1962, Archie B. Shults and wife were granted the temporary care of Quana Noone; Quana Noone (Waldron); petitioners herein would show to this Court that said Archie B. Shults and wife Tony do not have permanent custody of said child but have assumed the physical control of said minor and refuse to release this child to natural mother petitioner herein, as is more fully shown by Plain-

suit. If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

tiff's Petition on file in this

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 21st day of January A.D. 1974.

Attest: IRENECRAWFORD Clerk, Domestic Relations Court, Taylor County, Texas By Sandra Van Cleave, De-

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Taylor

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That by virtue of a certain Execution issued out of the Honorable District Court of Taylor County, of the 21st day of December 1973, by Irene Crawford of said Taylor County for the sum of One thousand seven hundred twenty six & No/100 Dollars and costs of suit, under an Execution, in favor of Joe Hester in a certain cause in said Court, No 12,374-B and styled Joe Hester vs. W. R. Sibley Jr., placed in my hands for service, I, Jack Landrum, as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did, on the 30th day of January 1974, levy on certain Real Estate. situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows to-wit: Lots 1, 2 & 3 Block 13 Sears Park Addition of

upon as the property of W.R. Sibley, Jr. and that on the first Tuesday in March 1974, the same being the 5th day of said month at the Court House door, of Taylor County, in the City of Abilene, Texas, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. by virtue of said levy and said Execution I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for each, to the highest bidder, as the property of said W.R. Sibley Jr.

And in compliance with law, give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceeding said day of sale, in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper published in Taylor County, Texas.

Witness my hand, this 30th day of January 1974.

Jack Landrum, Sheriff Taylor County, Texas

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TO: All whom it may concern, Defendant, Greet-

YOU ARE HEREBY COM-MANDED 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 twenty days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 18th day of February A.D. 1974, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said

court, on the 29th day of January A.D. 1974, in this cause, numbered 8918 on the docket of said court and styled In the Interest of Ignacio Cantu Gallegos Sepulveda, A Child.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: The Nature of which suit is a request to Terminate the parent-child relationship. Said child was born the 27th day of September, 1973 in Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, 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.

Issed and Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 29th day of January A.D. 1974.

(SEAL) Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD Clerk, Domestic Relations Court, Taylor County, Texas By Myrna Lawrence, Deputy.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

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copy.

THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: Adam Flores Luna,

DEFENDANT, Greeting:

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Elida Pichardo Luna, Plaintiff, vs. Adam Flores Luna,

Defendant. A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Divorce: Parties married on or about

August 3, 1963; on or about November 12, 1973, separated and ceased to live together. There were born to or adopted by the parties the following Children: Adam Luna, Jr. and Eva Luna, Petitioner prays to be awarded the custody of the above named children; and requests the Court to divide community property, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Pe-

tition on file in this suit. If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall

be returned unserved. The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs. Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said

court at Abilene, Texas, this the 30th day of January A.D. 1974 (SEAL) Attest: IRENECRAWFORD Clerk, Domestic Relations

Court, Taylor County, Texas . By Myrna Lawrence, Deputy.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: Melvin Taylor, DE- be returned unserved.

FENDANT, Greeting:

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Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock hand and the seal of said court
A.M. of the first Monday next at Abliene, Texas, this the 8th
after the expiration of forty-day of January A.D. 1974. two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 25th day of February A.D. 1974, to Plain-

tiff's First Amended Original Petition filed in said court, on the 8th day of January A.D. 1974, in this cause, numbered 8575 on the docket of said court and styled Ivy Ann Taylor, Plaintiff, vs. Melvin Taylor, Defendant, A brief statement of the na-

ture of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Divorce; Married October 8, 1971, separated Sept. 28, 1973. No children and no community property as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's First Amended Original Petition on file in this suit.

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Cattle Feeding Turns Down . . . Some Up, Some

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

Down . . . Texas Poultry Value Increases. It came as no surprise when the Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service noted that cattle being fed for

slaughter as of January 1 is down in both Texas and the The number of cattle on feed in Texas totaled 2,205,000, down two per cent below a year earlier, three

per cent below December 1 and five per cent below October 1. Nationwide, cattle on feed were down six per cent

Placements are down 21 per cent from a year ago in Texas. Feedlot operators reported intentions to market 1.150,000 cattle between now and March 31. This would be 52 per cent of the number on feed as of January 1 and would be six per cent more than the total marketed during

this period a year ago. In the state, large feedlots-those with 1,000 plus capacity--numbered 233 and held 2,158,000 cattle on feed for slaughter. Of that number, 81 per cent reported cattle on feed, while the remainder reported their feedlots empty as of January 1. Capacity for all 233 feedlots showed a 71 per cent occupancy.

'Small' feedlots--those with less than 1,000 head--held

Nationwide, there was a decrease of 15 per cent in the number of cattle and calves placed on feed October through December of last year. Anticipated marketings now through March are one per cent below those actually sold during the same period a year ago.

INVENTORY of the Texas chicken flock shows a value of \$22,120,000. Value per head is set at \$1.40, which is up 15 cents from 1972.

The December hatch of egg-type chickens in Texas is down 10 per cent from a year ago. The December hatch of broiler chicks increased five per cent from a year ago. The total poult turkey hatch for December increased seven per cent from a year ago.

Egg production in the state was six per cent above a year ago. The number of chickens on Texas farms as of December 1 (excluding commercial broilers) was 15,800,000. This is three per cent above the 1972 total. There were 3,630,000 hens and pullets of laying age, 11 per cent under the 1972 total.

TEXAS planting intentions show increases in major crops including corn, grain sorghum, cotton, and soybeans. Decreases in acreage are indicated for oats, barley, rice, and

An indicated corn acreage of 800,000 is up 50,000 from 1973 planting of that crop. Grain sorghum indications are that 8,500,000 acres will be planted in 1974. This compares with 8,100,000 in 1973.

Cotton acre indication for 1974 in Texas is 5,800,000; this compares with 5,400,000 acres in 1973. Soybean acreage indications show an increase over

1973 plantings for Texas. Indications are that 500,000 acres of soybeans will be planted in the state this year.

Oat acreage in Texas in 1974 shows that the crop will be less than in 1973; barley will also be down as will rice.

A huge increase in flaxseed acreage in Texas is indicated for 1974. Acreage this year is indicated at 40,000 acres compared with only 9,000 acres in 1973.



MEMBERS of Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church Parish Council are pictured ine of the six classrooms in the new Education Building. From Left to right, front row are Mrs. Joe Arney, Mrs. John Brady and Mrs. Gene Amerine and Sister Elene. Back row are John Brady and Juan Ybarra. Not pictured, but on the council are Gene Amerine, Joe Arney, Mrs. Juan Ybarra, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Duran and Dr. and Mrs. Don Warren.



DISCUSSING the New Education Building Hall are from left to right, Mrs. Robert Rodriquez, Father Diab of Sacred Heart in Abilene, Mr. and Mrs.Joe Arney, Frank Duran and Mrs. George Starbuck and Johnny, Mrs. Rodriquez and Mrs. Starbuck were co-chairmen for the building fund. (Photos by Connie Harris)

A weekly public service feature from-

the Texas State Department of Health

to accept the loss of teeth as inevitable but -- like polio -- tooth decay can be prevented with proper care.

This week is National Children's Dental Health Week, and the State Health Department joins in the observance. Through its dental public health programs, the Health Department is helping provide dental education and dental care for youngsters throughout the state.

The week is a good opportunity to remind everyone that good dental health doesn't come automatically or by chance. Your dental health depends on keeping your teeth clean, observing good nutritional habits, and taking full advantage of the professional services your family dentist can provide.

Keeping your teeth clean is the first step, according to State Health Department authorities. Almost all dental disease begins with the accumulation of certain kinds of bacteria in the mouth of bacteria on the teeth. The colonies of bacteria are called "dental plague," and they can cause both tooth decay and gum disease. But if you remove the plage at

least once every day, through

careful brushing and the proper use of dental floss, the

bacteria won't have a chance to do their dirty work. Another way to reduce denttal disease is through proper diet. Dental bacteria use the sugar from the foods you eat to produce acids which actually eat through the enamel of your teeth, producing decay. The same bacteria also produce irritants which can infect your gums, causing swelling and soreness. If the infection isn't stopped in time, the disease reaches the underlying bone, causing the teeth to become loose and fall out, In fact, according to the American Dental Association, gum disease

does tooth decay. The best way to control the disease-causing bacteria is simply to avoid eating too many sugary, sweet snacks, particularly between meals. The more often sugary snacks are eaten daily, the higher the risk of serious dental disease. Sweet foods that are held in the mouth for a long time, such as cough drops, breath mints, and hard candies, can be particularly

causes the loss of more

natural teeth for adults than

New License Plate Deadline April 1 AUSTIN-February 1 and

April 1! Two important dates for Texas motorists to remember. February 1, in person motor vehicle registrafices and substations. April 1 is the deadline for Texas motorists to display their 1974 license plates.

Within this two-month percles must be registered to operate on Texas street and highways. Again, as in recent years, the same rules for motor vehicle registration apply.

The motorist may register his vehicle in person at his county tax office or substation by bringing in the entire handy three-part form he received in the mail from the Texas Highway Department. It takes only a few minutes to process the form, collect the fee and send the motorist on his way with new license plates.

Or, drivers can save themselves a trip downtown if they register by mail prior to March 1. Simply send in th complete three-part form, the registration fee plus one dollar for each vehicle to the Tax Assessor-Collector in the county in which they live.

Banquet

Morriss has been named manager of the General Services Division of the association of Texas Electric Cooperatives, Inc., the organization he served as information director before leaving for Bolivia. His responsibility includes supervision of activities in thearea of information and publications, youth and young adult work and rural development.

Texas Electric Cooperatives represents the 78 rural electric systems serving rural areas of the state. Headquarters for the association are located in Austin.

In other action the Chamber heard a report from the Beautification Committee chairman Blanche Hewitt. Mrs. Hewitt told the members that the fence around the new city park had been completed and paid for. Benny Melton, Chamber manager, told of plans to level the park grounds and plant

Members present for the eeting were: E. A. Conley. Benny Melton, Joe Lassiter Truitt Thompson, Blanche Hewitt, Bill Button, Ted Wil son, Herman Carson, Mary Jane Tittle and Steve Lan-

After March 1 it will be necessary to go to the coun ty tax office or substation in person as 30 days are required for mail delivery. tion begins at county tax of- In any case, owners will find the procedure simplified by using the computerized forms.



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