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## Chamber of Commerce Banquet Is March 19th

The annual banquet of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce had been changed from Tuesday evening, March 12, to Tuesday evening March 19, Don Hart, Chamber of Commerce president has announced.

The change in dates was necessitated by the fact that the Abilene Chamber of Commerce is having their banquet that night. "We felt that it was necessary to change the date of our banquet as a lot of people from Abilene will want to attend our banquet," Hart said.

The banquet will be held in the Merkel School Cafeteria at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are on sale now for \$3.00 per person. Tickets may be purchased from members of the Chamber.

Speaker for the event will be Jim Morris, general manager of the General Services Division of the Association of Texas Electric Cooperative, Inc., of Austin. Morris recently returned to Texas following five years service with the World Division, Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church.

## Farmers Union Plans Annual Meet March 14

The annual Taylor County Farmers Union Bar-B-Q and Annual Meeting will be held March 14th at 7 p.m. The event will be held in the Merkel High School cafeteria.

## Mrs. Reed Files For School Race

Mrs. Mary Jo Reed has filed for a position on the Merkel School Board.

Mrs. Reed of 711 Locust in Merkel, is a native Merkleite. She is a graduate of Merkel High School.

The mother of three children filed two weeks ago for the race. Her husband is retired from the U.S. Air Force.

There has been a total of eighteen persons file for the seven vacancies on the board. The election will be held April 6th at the Merkel High School Building.

Filing for the Board this week was Curtis C. Rister from Tye. Mr. Rister's filing makes the 5th person from Tye to file. There has been 13 file from Merkel.

Two of the Reed's children, age 12 and 14, presently attend the Merkel Schools.

## Public Invited To Suggest CAP Projects

The Community Action Program for the Merkel area, which is headquartered in Abilene, has had money made available from the Governor's office for funding of project or projects to be held in Merkel.

A spokesman for CAP in Merkel said that there were several programs that could be developed. However, the spokesman asked that the public make suggestions as to what kind of projects they would be interested in.

Some of the projects that could be held include Family Gardening, Sewing, Canning, and Freezing, etc.

## Merkel Riding Club Sets Horse Show

The Merkel Riding Club is planning an Open Horse Show at the club's arena on March 30 at 10 a.m. Entry fee for the event will be \$3 per class. Trophies will be awarded for the high point horse in the 1st through 5th place.

Mr. Lee Hibbert of Breckenridge will serve as judge for all breeds.

Rules for the show are as follows: 1. Quarter Horse Assn. Rules applied in all events. 2. High point horse must show at halter and two performances. 3. Numbers must be worn in all events. 4. High point horse shown only under one exhibitor.

Classes are as follows: 1. 1973 Stallions 2. 1972 Stallions 3. 1971 Stallions 4. 1970 or before Stallions 5. Grand Champion Stallions 6. Re-

serve 7. 1973 Mares 8. 1972 Mares 9. 1971 Mares 10. 1970 or before Mares 11. Grand Champion Mare 12. Reserve Champion Mare 13. 1971 & under Gelding 14. 1970 before Gelding 15. Grand Champion Gelding 16. Reserve Champion Gelding 17. Pony-13 hands & under 18. Western Pleasure 19. Reining 20. Barrel Racing 21. Pole Bending 22. Flag Racing 23. Goat Tying 24. High Point Horse.

The Merkel Riding Club will hold their monthly business meeting Thursday on March 14 at 7:00 p.m. at the REA Building.

A covered dish pot luck supper will be held.

## Lions Club Hears Gospel Singing

After their regular monthly luncheon, the Lions Club was honored with the singing of Bob Wert, of Amarillo, Texas.

Mr. Wert's selections were "I'd Rather Have Jesus", "How Great Thou Art" and "Fill My Cup Lord". Mr. Wert was introduced by Rev. Russell McAnally. McAnally also introduced Rev. Richard Trotter of Lubbock.

Among other guests introduced were Dave Brumbeau (former Publisher of the Merkel Mail) and Alton Staggs, who were guests of Herman Carson. Alton Staggs is a candidate for State Representative of the 61st District. Mr. Staggs is a resident of Abilene.

Mr. Wert was accompanied on the piano by Mrs. J.H. Clark Jr.

Rev. Newt Daniel lead the innovation.

The Lions Club's annual Broom and Mop Sale was set for April 18.

## Trent ISD To Hold Trustee Election

The Trent High School Trustee Election will be held April 6, 1974, in conjunction with the city election at the City Hall in Trent. Three positions on the Board will need to be filled in this election. Weldon Beasley, president; Rosemary Bland, secretary; and Robert Scott, Jr. are Board members who presently serve the expiring terms.

Candidates interested in March 6, 1974, with the school Business Office, or with Roy Skaggs, County Judge, to have their names placed on the ballot.

## Multiple Sclerosis Drive Kicked Off at Meet

At the recent Future Homemakers of America meeting on Tuesday, February 26, a program on Multiple Sclerosis was presented to formally kick off the local MS Drive which is to be conducted this year by the Merkel High FHA members and their big sister organization, the Taylor County Chapter of Young Homemakers. A movie was shown to tell the story of M.S. and Mrs. Ed Robertson, Executive Director of the Heart of Texas Chapter of the M.S. Foundation was present to answer questions and give advice. The MS Heart of Texas Chapter includes 29 counties. Of the money which is raised by local drives for this organization, 40% of every dollar goes to the National MS Foundation to help finance research which is desper-



UNCLE SAM SPEAKS--Lois Dunlap as Uncle Sam, right, addressed the Fortnightly Study Club Feb. 26 on Americanism. Kathy Cypert, left, addressed the club on the same theme. Pictured in center is Mrs. Don Dudley, Club president. (Photo by Connie Harris)

## Fortnightly Club Has Church Names New Pastor

Grace Presbyterian Church of Merkel has announced the appointment of Reverend Jack McClendon of Midland as full time pastor of the church. The congregation is having a covered dish luncheon and pounding immediately following the 11 a.m. service, Sunday March 10. All members and friends are urged to attend and welcome the new pastor.

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## Trent Senior Play March 12th

The Seniors of Trent High School will present a comedy in three acts entitled "The Girl Next Door" Tuesday, March 12 at 7:30 in the high school gym.

The play will be under the direction of Garry Wofford, English teacher. Admission will be \$1.25 for Adults and 75¢ for Students.

Merkel and Trent residents are cordially invited to attend the performance.

## Schools Observing PSW

The Merkel Schools will observe Public School Week March 4th-8th. Parents are invited to visit the schools and cafeteria.

Travis Davis, high school

## Merkel In Red Dog Relays March 8th

The 13th annual Red Dog Relays will be held at Ranger Junior college track, Friday, March 8th.

Prelims will begin at 1:00 p.m., and finals in the three divisions will begin at 5:00 p.m. Field event finals will also begin at 1:00 p.m., and continue until completion.

The meet will consist of Class "B", Class "A", and Class "AA". Schools entered in the Class "B" Division are Newcastle, Gorman, Perrin, Carbon, Moran, Loraine, Tolar, Putnam, Throckmorton, Rising Star, Cherokee, Gordon and Eden.

Class "A" schools are: Glen Rose, Paducah, Albany, Merkel, Goldthwaite, Millsap, DeLeon, China Springs, Aspermont, Dublin, Memphis, Pottsboro and Ranger.

Class "AA" schools are: Hamilton, Clyde, Hamlin, Breckenridge, Comanche, Eastland and Cisco.

Medals will be presented to first three places. Trophies will go to Relay winners and Division Champions.

## School Board Rejects Bids On Three Buses

The Merkel School Board, in its regular monthly meeting Monday night, rejected all bids for three school buses it had advertised for sale.

The Board instructed Superintendent Mack Fisher to advertise the buses in newspapers in Dallas in an effort to get higher bids. Five persons submitted bids on the buses.

The persons bidding and the amount they bid are as follows: John E. Gray Equipment Co. of Seymour, 1962 Chev.-\$502.50, 1963 Chev.-\$702.50, and GMC Bus \$137.50; Juans Garage and Body Shop, Merkel, (bid only on one bus) 1962 Chev., \$350.00; Suttons Septic Service, Abilene, 1962 Chev. \$300.00, 1963 Chev., \$308.00 and GMC bus \$150.00; Jerry Smith, Abilene, (one Bid Only) 1963 Chev., \$360.00; and Alan W. Felton, Abilene, 1962 Chev., \$488.57, 1963 Chev. \$618.12, and GMC bus \$305.25.

In other action, the Board heard a report from Superintendent of Schools Mack Fisher to the effect that the district had collected a total of \$252,964 in taxes so far this year. This amount included some \$5,000 in delinquent taxes.

Other items discussed included:

--A report by Mr. Fisher that the school lunch program was about breaking even for the year. Board members ask if the students were satisfied with the meals being served. Principal Travis Davis and John Cain said that the students seemed to be pleased with the meals.

--Heard an enrollment report from the three principals. John Cain reported 532 enrolled in the elementary school, Travis Davis reported 231 students, and Gene Stuckey, Tye, reported 37.

--Mr. Fisher told the Board that May 22nd would be the last day of school for seniors and May 27th for all other students.

--The Board approved the school calendar for the 1974-75 school year. Classes are scheduled to begin August 15, 1974. There will be a general faculty workshop August 12.

--Approved a report from the Committee on Text Books. The committee is composed of teachers from the Merkel School System.

--Set the salary of the election workers for the April 6th election at \$1.60 per hour. The election judge is to be

paid \$5.00 extra.

--Discussed workers compensation insurance for the school system. The district is now required to carry this insurance as they have a dollar volume that exceeds \$750,001.00. The Board instructed Mr. Fisher to contact local insurance agent to give them an opportunity to bid on the policy.

--Approved a one year extension for Leon Walker. This action was required as the district is the fiscal agent for the Special Education Program. The Regional Board on Special Education actually extends the contract, but it must be approved by the Merkel School Board.

--Set the next board meeting for April 8th. This is the second Monday of the month. The board normally meets on the first Monday of each month, but due to the election on the preceding Saturday, the Board set the second Monday.

## Band Students Take First At H-SU Meet

Five Merkel High Band students won 1st division in the Region II UIL Contest at Herd-Simmons Saturday Feb. 23.

Jim Whorton won a 1st division medal on his first class solo on the tuba. He can now participate in the state solo contest in June in Austin. Only 1st division of first class solo winners are eligible to participate in state.

Also winning 1st Division Medals were the Flute Quartet consisting of Becky Kimbrell, Beverly Mawson, Suzanne Warner and Audie Byrd.

## Homemakers To Hold Bake Sale

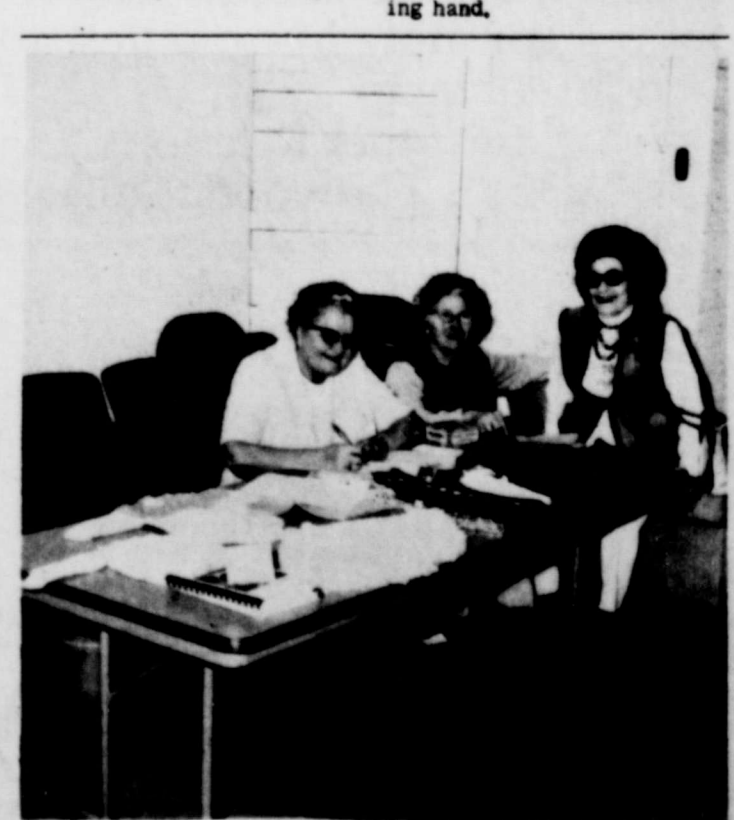
Taylor County Young Homemakers will have a bake sale Saturday in front of West Texas Utilities.

All proceeds will go to help buy benches and equipment for the City Park.

"We as a club challenge all other clubs to help Merkel get a City Park," said Mrs. Roland Pack, president.

## Band Concert To Benefit West Family

Many years ago whenever disaster struck a home in Merkel, the neighbors from all around came to lend a helping hand. Students of MHS are attempting to lend a helping hand to the Bobby West family, whose home was destroyed by fire; however, this can not be carried out without the help of all the "good neighbors" of Merkel. You can do your part by attending a Band and Choir Concert, Thursday March 7th, 8:00 p.m. at MHS Auditorium. Admission for this program will be your donation. The program will have a variety of music performed by MHS Band and Choir. Be a good neighbor--lend a helping hand.



TRADES DAY SALE--Mrs. H. C. Reid displays her wares for sale in the Senior Citizens Building Saturday. Looking on are Mrs. Irl Walker, center, and Mrs. Mary Moore, right, of Abilene. (Staff Photo)



## Linda Black, Mr. Pugh Engagement Told

Mr. and Mrs. Forest Black of Hawley, formerly of Merkel, announce the engagement of their daughter, Linda Ellen, to Jimmie Charles Pugh,

son of Joyce Pugh of 811 Texas, Stamford.

The wedding will be April 20, at the First Baptist Church in Merkel.

The bride-elect is a 1973 graduate of Merkel High School. She is attending Commercial College of Abilene and is employed at the Bank of Commerce in Abilene.

Pugh is a 1972 graduate of Stamford High School. He attended Commercial College of Abilene and is employed at K-Mart Automotive Dept.

## Tractor Pull Is March 8-9

Fort Worth has been the place in the Southwest where it has been happening for the past years, and it is about time for it to happen this year.

On March 8 and 9 the Texas Association of Young Farmers will again converge upon Fort Worth for one of the most important seminars or Young Farmers in 1974. The seminar is being held in conjunction with the Southwest Hardware and Implement Association dealers annual convention, and the crowd-drawing Southwest Farm Show and Tractor Pull.

Young Farmers, with their new president, Erwin C. Giesler of the Three Rivers Chapter, will arrive on March 8 and begin the seminar with a noon luncheon. The luncheon will be sponsored by the various manufacturers

## New Arrivals

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hill of Kinchloe Air Force Base, Michigan, are the proud parents of a baby boy born Feb. 22. His name is James Albert and he weighed 6 lbs, 13 oz.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Allison of Merkel. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Albert F. Hill of Alpha, Michigan. Maternal great-grandfather is James Bowie Allison of Roscoe.

## Senior Citizens News

The Senior Citizens of the Merkel area started the month with a day of activity last Saturday.

The Garage Sale which they held was a success.

Members spent the day visiting and meeting friends.

Many came from out of town.

Last Monday night was one of the best singings, with visitors from Anson, Neimada and Abilene. A group of Stith and Tye residents were also present. "We urge them to join our club," said Mrs. Irl Walker. Any prospective members names would be appreciated from anyone.

Refreshments are served at each meeting.

Thursday night will be game night. Anyone interested is urged to attend. If you don't play dominoes, come watch T.V. and visit. All are welcome.

Tuesday March 12 is the all day luncheon. If transportation is needed, call Hob Robertson, Ph. 928-5288. He is president for the month of March.

Amateur talent is invited to entertain the Senior Citizens at the Senior Citizens Building every 4th Thursday night.

## Saving Bond Total \$92,097 For County

According to County Bond Chairman Samuel S. Hill, December sales of Series E and H United States Savings Bonds in Taylor County totaled \$92,097. Sales during 1973 amounted to \$1,099,184 for 94% of the yearly sales goal of \$1,170,000.

Texas purchased a total of \$15,960,418 in Savings Bonds during the month. Total Bond sales during 1973 were \$22,144,418 for 103% of the state's goal of \$216.6 million. Seventy-nine counties in the state have achieved their 1973 sales goal.

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## Starr Nursing Home News

By MARY OUTLAW

We have had very little sickness in the Nursing Home lately. Sure hope we don't get the flu. Every one is feeling better at this writing.

We wish to thank the Church of Christ in Trent, Noodle Baptist Church and the Salvation Army, Abilene, for their services they brought into the home the past three weeks. They were real good services and we will be looking forward to their next visits.

B. K. Brookerson, Tuscola visited the Nursing Home Sunday.

Thank you Mrs. Pierce Hall for the white rags you gave the home.

Larry Gill, associate Minister of Church of Christ, Merkel and his grandmother, Mrs. Alice Webb of Miami, Texas, visited each of our patients at the Nursing Home last week. We appreciate the compliment that Larry wrote in their church letter about the Nursing Home. I believe it is one of the nicest things written about the Nursing Home in all the 18 years I have owned the Home.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Myatt, Lubbock, visited Ruby Griffin on Sunday.

We wish to thank Lizzie Gouge for the boxes of clothes she gave the Nursing Home.

Grace Brewer, L.V.N., of Abilene, visited the Nursing Home last week.

Mrs. Ina Hunter of Abilene visited her sister, Mrs. Reynolds, Sunday.

We wish to thank Mrs. Blanch (Smith) Black and Mrs. John H. Rister, Tye for the fruit jars and glasses for the Nursing Home.

Sister Ellen Gallagher, of Abilene, visited her Catholic friends in the home last week.

Neva Stinson and Mrs. Bob Cole of Clyde visited Granny Bresendine last week.

Carolyn and I would like to thank you good people who have called about J.W. He has had surgery again and we are hopeful he will be better again as he is still very ill. We appreciate the calls and the prayers.

Joe Hower, L.V.N. of Tye relieved Loessa Allison on the week end. We are proud to have Joe to work in our home as relief. He works in one of the surgery wards at Hendricks.

Mrs. Leona Dismaw celebrated her 94th birthday last week.

Curtis Clyburn Mrs. Walter Frazier Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Irvin Pauline Johnson Mrs. Minnie Howard in memory of Hallie Burden Fredlyn Farmer Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carter

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**4-H News**  
The Merkel 4-H will meet Thursday March 7 at 7:30 p.m. at Taylor Electric Co-op.  
The program will be Outdoor Cooking by Lone Star Gas Co.

**VOTER GUIDELINES**

1. Register to vote at least 30 days prior to the Democratic Primary, which is May 4, 1974.
2. All registered voters, 18 years and older are eligible to vote in all Democratic Party elections.
3. Present registrations are valid if you have voted in a Democratic Primary or a General Election within the last three years.
4. Register to vote at your County Tax Assessor-Collector's office or with a properly deputized person allowed to register voters.
5. Notify your County Tax Assessor-Collector of change of address 5 days prior to election day so that you are registered in the proper precinct, if you have moved within the county.
6. On moving from one county to another, you must re-register 30 days prior to the election, if you wish to vote in your new place of residence.
7. On April 14, 1974, the absentee voting for the first primary by personal appearance at the County Clerk's office begins and goes through the fourth day preceding the election.
8. Applications for absentee voting for the first primary must be received by the County Clerk not later than the close of business on April 30, 1974.
9. Marked absentee ballots for the first primary must be mailed back to the County Clerk and postmarked not later than midnight on May 3, 1974.

## Alan Mawson To Receive Eagle Scout Rank

Alan Mawson, son of Mrs. Daria Mawson, is scheduled to receive his Eagle Scout rank Sunday, March 10, immediately following the morning worship service at First United Methodist Church in Merkel. The full Court of Honor will be conducted by Scoutmaster Calvin Wolf. There will be a public reception for Alan Mawson in Fellowship Hall immediately following the Court of Honor.

The people of Merkel have benefited greatly as a result of scout Mawson's Eagle Project. Mawson proposed and carried out the safety project of clearing blind corners on the south side of Merkel. Working under Alan Mawson's direction were scouts Kelly Wolf, Brad Wade, Drew Mawson, and Ronnie Whisenant. A total of 32 corners were cleared.

Properly inflated tires not only mean better car control, they mean better gas mileage, says the Tire Industry Safety Council. Underinflated tires squirm, causing increased roll resistance, which makes the engine work harder and use more fuel. Uneven weight distribution can cause tire to hop or shimmy.



ALAN MAWSON  
...scout award

## MERKEL-TYE SCHOOL MENU

THURSDAY, MAR. 7  
Beef & Vegetable Stew, Green Salad, Choice of dressing-1,000 Island or French, Crackers, Milk, Pink Chilled Applesauce.

FRIDAY, MAR. 8  
Sloppy Joe, Pinto Beans, Pickle Relish, Sliced Onion, Potato Chips, Kitchen Made Buns, Milk, Peanut Butter Cake, Orange Juice.

MONDAY, MAR. 11  
Chicken Fried Steak, Cream Gravy, Seasoned Green Beans, Potatoes Au Gratin, Hot Rolls, Milk, Pineapple Pudding.

TUESDAY, MAR. 12  
Chili Beans w/ground beef, buttered squash, corn bread, milk, apricot cobbler.

WEDNESDAY, MAR. 13  
Fried Fish Portions, Tartar Sauce, Catsup, French Fries, seasoned Spinach, Sliced Bread, Milk, Fudge Cake.

THURSDAY, MAR. 14  
Beef & Cheese Casserole, Polka-dot Corn, Green Salad-Choice of Dressing, Butter, Bread, Milk, Jello w/topping.

## CEMETERY FUND

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**ROUND-UP**  
MARVIN HUDSON of Fort Worth, former resident of Merkel in 1910, was through Merkel Tuesday. His father, Luther Hudson, owned a saddle shop on Edward St. He worked and traveled with Padgett Brothers Co., who sold leather goods. He said they would buy rolls of leather and sell to saddle shops to make saddles and harnesses, for there weren't many cars back in 1910. He said a Dr. Armstrong owned the only car he knew of in Merkel in 1910.

His grandfather, Jake Barnes, lived in Merkel also. He remembers the Walker Hotel, which was located on the corner of N. 2nd and Lamar St. and other early day businesses.

The Marvin Hudsons were on their way back to Fort Worth. They had attended the funeral of Mrs. Hudson's brother, Ace Forgy, who had been the Fire Chief in Sweetwater for 36 years.

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**THERE'S A MAN IN THE HOUSE**  
He's a husband, bread-winner, father, fixer, counsellor, corrector, teacher, helper, and a thousand other things. He's supposed to be tender but firm, open but with convictions, wise but kind in the use of his wisdom, in charge but oppressive, decisive but not dogmatic, careful but not cowardly, in short, he's supposed to be the man in the house.

God determined that the man should be the head of the house when in the order of creation he created man first. Paul said that the husband is the head of the wife and is to love her as his own body. Man's role in the home today is being questioned but still has not, in God's sight, changed. The man in the house is still ultimately responsible for the physical, mental and spiritual well-being of his family.

There must be in every home a "physical" stability. This does not mean that each home should and must have an abundance of wealth or things. These things are more times damaging than helpful. Stability does not mean the lack of want. Stability does not mean that each whim is satisfied. Stability means that there is always an anchor when health, wealth and well-being are in danger. Stability means that the true values of life are clearly seen in the father and shown by his life to be valid principles.

The man in the house is responsible for the mental well-being of his home. It means that the education of the children are his concern and the wholesome things of life are given emphasis. It means concern over the kind of books, friends, movies and recreation influence the family as a whole.

A home is not complete, nor can it ever be without God. It is sad when the spiritual needs of the family are not met in the father and husband through his example of dedication to God. The man in the house, in order to love his family well, cannot leave God out of his own life and the lives of his family.

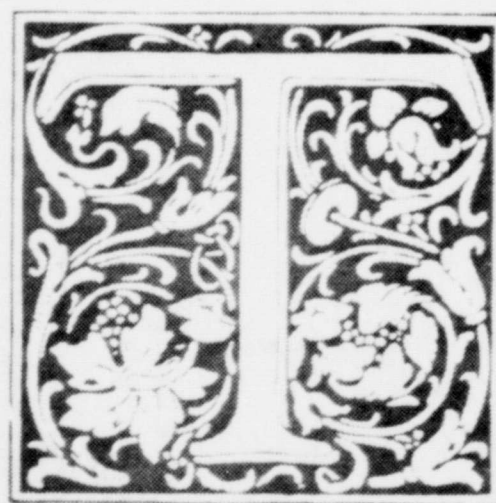
It isn't easy to be the "man in the house" but it can be a lot easier if God is a part of your life. The only real man is the man of God.

Glenn Owen

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# CART AWAY FOOD SAVINGS

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**ORANGE JUICE** BIG TEX 46 oz. CAN **45¢**

**POTATOES** French's Instant 1 LB. Bag **65¢**

**YAMS** JACK-O-LANTERN NO. 2 CAN **39¢**

**TAMALES** HORMEL 300 SIZE **35¢**

**CAT SUP** HUNT'S 14 oz. BOTTLE **29¢**

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## Political Announcements

The following have authorized The Merkel Mail to announce their candidacy for office, subject to action of the Democratic Primary in May:

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# National Farmers Union Convention March 10

Texas Farmers Union delegates and members will join over 2,000 farmers and ranchers that will be attending the National Farmers Union Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, beginning March 10. The meeting marks the 70th Annual Convention of the nation-wide general farm organization. About 50 Texans are expected to be in attendance.

The theme for the National Farmers Union Convention is, "1974: Turning Point For Family Agriculture." The issues that will be emphasized during the four day meeting include the economy and international trade, energy and the environment, and national land and food policy. Some of the state and national figures who will be addressing the convention include, Wisconsin Governor Patrick Lucey; Dr. Barry Commoner, Director for the Center for the Biology of Natural Systems at Washington University in St. Louis; White House trade specialist Harold B. Malmgren; Honorable Henry Maier, Mayor of Milwaukee; Labor Department official William Kolberg; Saskatchewan Minister of Agriculture John R. Me ser; former Federal Power Commission chairman Dr. Lee White; Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture James McHale and several members of Congress. The banquet speaker will be Minnesota Senator Walter Mondale, one of the prominent presidential hopefuls.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of BRUCE THOMAS CONNALLY were issued on January 28, 1974, in Cause No. 11,437, pending in the County Court of Taylor County, Texas, to: JAMES T. CONNALLY. The residence of such Executor is Taylor County, Texas. The post office address is: c/o Jim Ahlstrand, 501 First National-Ely Building, Abilene, Texas 79601. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. DATED the 7th day of March, 1974. Jim Ahlstrand Attorney for the Estate

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National Farmers Union President Tony Dechant of Denver termed the National Farmers Union Conventions "One more step in educating the public on agriculture's role in the economy and world trade." He said that the Milwaukee Convention has a serious note that will enable Farmers Union members to "equip themselves to do a better job for agriculture."

Texas Farmers Union President Jay Naman of Waco, who will lead the Texas delegation to Milwaukee, said that he expects a large delegation of interested Texans to be in Milwaukee. "The National Farmers Union Convention is always the highlight of the Farmers Union activities for the year. The convention this year is particularly important because of the many problems facing agriculture in regard to shortages and accelerating operating costs," Naman said. The delegates representing Texas Farmers Union at the national convention will be Weldon Sage of Lubbock, Arthur Priesmeyer of El Campo, and Joe Rankin of Ralls. The alternate delegates are: Bobby Gruben of Rotan, Eldon Whitman of Crowell, and Henry Harnly of White Deer.

**Taxpayer Urged To Read Form Instructions**

**MEDICAL EXPENSE DEDUCTIONS PRIME TAX ERROR CATEGORY**  
Abilene--Many taxpayers get smaller refunds--or have to pay additional tax--because they make errors in reporting medical expenses, Arthur E. Fogle, Administrative Officer of Internal Revenue for Abilene, said today.

To avoid errors in deducting medical expenses on 1973 returns, Mr. Fogle advised taxpayers to read the Form 1040 instructions carefully before filing.

A common error taxpayers made in reporting medical expenses is in deducting medicine and drug expenses. Taxpayers can add these expenses to their other medical expenses only to the extent they exceed one percent of adjusted gross income. "Some taxpayers," Mr. Fogle said, "try to deduct in full their drug costs in excess of one percent of their adjusted gross income instead of adding this excess to their other medical expenses, which are subject to a three percent limitation."

**Victory Singers Meet Monday**  
The Victory Gospel Singers will meet for their regular second Monday singing Monday, March 11, at the regular meeting place at 307 El Paso St. Quartets, duets, and trios are expected to attend. President of the Victory Gospel Singers is F. E. Sipes.

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Carl Albert wins 4-H award--Speaker of the House Carl Albert receives his gold as an outstanding 4-H alumnus from Richard Hiendlmayr (right), vice president Olin Corporation's Agriculture Division. Looking on from left are Secretary Agriculture Earl Butz, Vice President Gerald Ford and John M. Hense, Olin president. Mr. Albert won first prize for a corn project and second for a swine project when he was a youth in Oklahoma. Olin sponsors the 4-H Alumni Recognition Program.

# Cattle Feeders Association Says Feed Lots Not Buying

**AMARILLO--Many Texas cattle feeders** stopped buying feeder calves in February and some say they won't buy more until price reach "workable" levels, according to the president of the Texas Cattle Feeders Association.

In assessing the current losses suffered by feeders and their outlook for the remainder of the year, Glenn Deen, TCF president and a feedyard manager at Dumas, said most cattle now being

marketed are losing \$75 to \$100 per head. He called on his members this week to consider these facts: Fact No. 1. Some economists predict that the price for fat cattle in 1974 will average \$44.50, same as last year, which happens to be the approximate price this week. "We certainly can't expect fat cattle to average more than \$44.50 this year," says Deen, "and some feed-

ers expect less." Fact No. 2. Grain sorghum prices, now \$5.50 per cwt., have been climbing and may reach \$5.95 before summer. "There is little chance of grain coming down in the next six months," says Deen, "which means that cost of grain in the feedlot will be about 55¢ per pound, including interest and death loss." Fact No. 3. Simple arithmetic shows that to break even on a 600-lb. feeder calf,

# 15 Enrolled In Trent Adult Education Class

The Trent Independent School District is sponsoring an Adult Education Class at Trent High School for all non-high school graduates. At the present time, there are 15 enrolled in the class. Instructor for the class is Mrs. Raymond Kincaid. Curriculum of study includes basic English, math, and history. All courses of study will be directed to the high school equivalency Diploma or the G.E.D.

Participants do not have to live in the Trent School District to participate. According to a spokesman, if enough interest is expressed in the program, it is possible to offer more course of study. Class is held every Monday and Tuesday nights from 7:00 p.m. to 9 p.m. For additional information, interested persons may contact Dean King, Superintendent of Trent Schools at 862-2411.

"It's time for all cattle feeders to get realistic about the prices we're paying for feeder calves," warns Deen. "In the last two years, many of us have bet on the come by buying calves when they wouldn't pencil out. In many cases, we were bailed out by inflation and the consumer's willingness to pay more for beef. But this isn't likely to happen in 1974. We bumped the ceiling last month on retail beef price, considering present economic conditions, and saw consumers back off."

# Change of Address Notification Ask by Social Security Office

"Every day people come in to our office, or telephone us, because they haven't received their social security check," said Glyn Hammons, district manager of the Abilene Social Security Office. "Upon questioning, we are likely to find that the person has moved recently and failed to notify us of their new address."

Notice can be given by mail, telephone, or in person at any social security office. The caller should be able to furnish his social security claim number (the social security number of the person on whose account he gets benefits) as well as his new address--which includes the zip code. The mailing address for the Abilene office is P.O. Box 3258, Abilene ZIP 79604. The office is located at Room 2321 in the Federal Building, North 3rd and Pine. Telephone number is 915-677-5262.

Deen said he was not suggesting that any cattleman was making too much profit on feeder calves today; but that he was anxious for cattle feeders to get back into a profit position. "Otherwise, we're heading for a crash," he concluded, "which would be bad for cowmen, for feeders and for consumers alike."

# Trent 4-H News

By JOHN STEVENS

The Trent 4-H Club met Monday February 25, 1974 at 7:00 p.m. at the Trent School Library. A program was held on electricity safety by Tommy Cutler. It was enjoyed by everyone. Refreshments were served and games were played and the meeting adjourned. In March, Sue Bryan will be in charge of 4-H demonstrations by Kay Manning. Thanks again for such a good program on electricity safety. See you next month with Trent 4-H News.

# Texas Highway Department Approves Road Construction

**AUSTIN--The Texas Highway Commission** today approved construction of skid-resistant pavement on a section of Interstate Highway 20 in Taylor County. The project extends from the Nolan County line eastward to near Cateau Creek, a distance of approximately 24 miles. Estimated cost is \$1.4 million. While the paved surface of the road way is a factor in prevention of skidding, many other factors are involved, including proper tire inflation, the condition of the tires themselves, speed, weather conditions and the driver's handling of his vehicle.

For safety's sake, make sure your new tires are registered by the seller, as required by law. If a defect is later found in any tires of the same production run, the manufacturer can notify you.

# Lee Ann Holloway Elected To Angus Association

Lee Ann Holloway, Merkel, Texas, has been elected to membership in the American Angus Association at St. Joseph, Missouri, announces Lloyd D. Miller, executive secretary. There were 411 memberships issued to breeders of registered Aberdeen-Angus in the United States during the past month.



# VISIT MERKEL SCHOOLS

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214 Edwards 928-5310

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**STATE CAPITAL**  
*Highlights*  
**AND Sidelights**  
by Bill Boykin  
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN, Tex. — Many delegates to the Constitutional Convention think it is now virtually impossible to wind up their revision job by April 7.

President Price Daniel Jr.'s 90-day timetable for the historic task went out the window when debate on the education article dragged over 11 half-day sessions.

Even Daniel conceded as the education article debate droned toward a close that the convention is off schedule. He said he still feels, however, that there is a chance to make up for lost time by speedy action on relatively non-controversial (if any) sections.

More pessimistic delegates are stating now that the whole convention assignment is in jeopardy due to strong feeling on many issues.

At root of the problem, many now acknowledge, is the basic difficulty of getting elected officials to agree on monumental decisions during an election year.

Pressure is mounting for recess until after the May and June primary elections.

Daniel hopes to keep the delegates plugging away at decision making until early April. If it is then obvious that the job is a long way from complete, with motions will go along with probably to take off until after the elections, although he isn't ready to commit himself to that.

Some delegates would like to move up the recess date to March — and head for home as soon as all convention committees have handed in their reports.

**NIXON POLL NOTED** — An informal poll on the question of impeachment of President Richard Nixon at the January Texas Press Association convention drew the attention of the White House.

According to Margaret Mayer, Dallas Times Herald Washington correspondent, "A call from the White House communications office recently directed the attention of the Times Herald Washington Bureau to a story that,

in the opinion of the White House, merited more attention than it had received.

"Publishers of Texas daily and weekly newspapers attending a January meeting of TPA in Austin were asked how they would vote on impeachment of President Nixon if they were members of the House," Mayer added.

"Eighty-nine would have voted against impeachment; one, for," Mayer's story pointed out.

**GASOLINE ALLOCATED** — The Rio Grande Valley and the Midland-Odessa area, which reported severe gasoline shortages, have received additional supplies through the State Emergency Fuel Allocation Office.

SEFAC ordered 200,000 more gallons sent to the Valley and 809,000 gallons to Midland-Odessa.

The total emergency allocation routed to the Valley now comes to about 925,000 gallons.

Shipments are made from the state's set-aside for emergencies and hardships. SEFAC operates in conjunction with the Federal Energy Office to administer the federal fuel allocation program.

The state's set-aside amounts to three per cent of all fuel marketable in Texas on a month-to-month basis. SEFAC determines where it is to be delivered based on need.

Other emergency allocations include 120,000 gallons to Laredo, 195,000 to Corpus Christi, 8,000 gallons to San Antonio, 90,000 to Longview and 60,000 to Dallas.

**INSURANCE COMPANY "SUPERVISED"** — The state's second largest insurance company has been placed under supervision by the state insurance commissioner pending an April 29 hearing.

Commissioner Don Odum said it appeared Republic National Life Insurance Company of Dallas had exceeded its powers and "failed to comply with the law in regard to the acquisition of certain investments."

Republic National has been

in business since 1928 and has more than \$10 billion in policies in force. Odum said there is no change in the company's obligation to pay claims.

**AG OPINIONS** — Meetings of governing boards of special districts (including hospital districts) and their committees must comply with the open meetings law, John Hill held.

In other recent opinions, Hill concluded: Constitutional Convention delegates under common law have legislative immunities from arrest and freedom from being held accountable for remarks during debate.

Filing a complete list of a lobbying group's membership does not satisfy the legal requirement that a lobbyist identify all those contributing \$500 or more to his work.

A written recommendation by a regional supervisor of the Texas Air Control Board to a permit engineer regarding a construction permit is a public record.

Veterans returning to positions with school districts have re-employment rights.

Venue in Texas Water Safety Act prosecutions rests exclusively in appropriate justice or county courts and in some cases municipal courts have concurrent subject matter jurisdiction.

Files of a licensing agency containing routine information concerning status of a licensee, including whether or not his license is current, are disclosable under the open records act.

**COURTS SPEAK** — A 1973 act permitting cities to issue revenue bonds to promote new industries has been, in effect, held unconstitutional by the Texas Supreme Court in a McAllen case.

• High Court held Tyler's Peoples National Bank and its officers not at fault in jailing of a man who guarded his property from foreclosure sale with a shotgun.

• Representation of a Dallas detective that a confession by a murder trial defendant might benefit the man on trial resulted in reversal by the Court of Criminal Appeals of a death penalty.

• A Jefferson County boy with low intelligence won a new trial on robbery charges after appeal to the Court of Criminal Appeals.

**APPOINTMENTS** — Ken Clapp, formerly of Killean and Uvalde, resigned his job as special assistant to the governor to serve as Governor Dolph Briscoe's campaign manager.

Mike Willatt of Houston will head Attorney General Hill's environmental protection division, succeeding Robert Davis.

**ACCENT ON HEALTH**

**Clean Rivers and Lakes Important**

The healthful quality of our rivers and lake is something which can't be left to chance since contaminants could quickly produce public health problems, says the State Health Department.

The discharge of domestic or industrial wastes containing disease-producing organisms can not be allowed to occur, and the Health Department is working around the clock to see that it does not. The waters in Texas are also being protected from toxic materials which can affect man's health.

The Department has been responsible for the prevention or control of water-borne disease for more than a half-century. This is being done through the administration of programs to assure proper means of treating and disposing of domestic wastes originating from populated areas, individuals, or single establishments using their own facilities. Not only has this approach been followed, but programs were established to protect public water systems from contaminants and to encourage owners to provide adequate treatment plants operated and maintained under the supervision of "Certified Operators". More than 6,000 certified water supply operators and some 4,000 wastewater plant operators have been tested and found competent.

Such activities continue to assure that safe drinking or domestic-use water is available to everyone. In Texas today more than a thousand sewage or domestic wastewater treatment plants are in operation and more than 3,000 populated areas are served by public water systems. Although water-borne disease outbreaks (typhoid, amoebic or bacillary dysentery, and others) haven't been traceable to improperly designed or operated sewage systems or inadequately protected public water systems for some 35

years, the Department maintains surveillance and a continuing interest in this field from the public viewpoint.

The Department's activities in the field of water pollution control or water quality management were oriented more towards public health by the creation of the Texas Water Quality Board. Many public health activities are being performed. The purposes of these activities are: 1, to assist in establishing domestic wastewater collection and treatment facilities which will produce effluents meeting state quality requirements by reviewing plans and specifications and visiting projects under construction; 2, to abate mosquito and fly-breeding at such installations; and, 3, to protect the quality of water at public recreational areas.

Also, the Department is on the alert to prevent possible use of treated wastewater plant effluents on food crops which may be consumed raw and, secondly, to prevent exposure of the public to poor quality effluents through the irrigation of public-use areas.

Other objectives are: to evaluate threats of wastewater discharges on sources of drinking water systems; to coordinate activities with the Texas Water Quality Board, to obtain current data as to bacteriological quality at various stations located along our major water resources; to carry out plant operational research on new processes; and, to review plans and specifications of treatment works.

Last year, for instance, technicians collected 953 water samples from major streams and lakes to help protect surface water supplies. And, they collected water samples from oyster growing areas along the Texas coast and made 3,482 field tests. Samples were submitted to Health Department laboratories for analysis.

The staff of the Department's Division of Wastewater Technology constantly reviews reports of plant inspections, as well as correspondence made available to them by the Water Quality Board, in order to be kept fully informed on current conditions.

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**REPUBLIC WATER HEATER**

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John C. White, Commissioner

Now Is The Time... Cattle On Feed Resumes Upward Trend... Auction Sales Report Increases... Broiler, Egg-Type Chicks On The Rise.

The experimental predator control program for 44 Texas counties is now in operation. County agents are responsible for setting up training schools in approved counties.

To be eligible to participate in the program, your county must be approved, then you must attend a training school relating to use of the M 44 sodium cyanide spring ejection device.

Counties in Texas eligible for the program are Cottle, King, Dickens, Borden, Scurry, Mitchell, Taylor, Callahan, Midland, Glasscock, Sterling, Coleman, Crane, Upton, Jeff Davis, Pecos, Presidio, Kinney, Uvalde, Medina, Bexar, McCulloch, San Saba, Mills, Stephens, Erath, Brown, Comanche, Hamilton, Bosque, Coryell, Lampasas, Bell, McLennan, Burnet, Williamson, Hood, Milam, Jim Wells, Nueces, Kieberg, Kenedy, Brooks, and Willacy.

The Texas Department of Agriculture is responsible for the program on a state level. Other agencies cooperating include the Texas Agriculture Experiment Station, and The Texas Rodent and Predator Control Service as well as the Extension Service. The project is in cooperation with the Environmental Protection Agency.

Producers who participate in the experiment must keep records of all results with the M 44. Violation of the regulations can result in loss of eligibility for a county. The program will continue through June, 1975.

Further details may be obtained from the Texas Department of Agriculture or your county agent.

**CATTLE** feeding in Texas has shown a resumption of increasing numbers, the Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service notes. In Texas, there were 2,340,000 cattle and calves on feed for slaughter markets as of February 1. This is six per cent above a year ago and six per cent above the number on feed a month ago.

Placements into Texas feedlots during January totaled 467,000 head which is a gain of 44 per cent above January of 1973 and 69 per cent more than the previous month.

However, marketings of fat cattle during January totaled 332,000 head, which is six per cent below a year ago.

Nationwide, the number of cattle on feed in the seven major cattle feeding states—Texas, Arizona, California, Colorado, Iowa, Nebraska and Kansas—totalled 9,632,000 head. This is a three per cent increase from a month ago but four per cent less than those on feed a year ago at this time.

**SALES** for all kinds of livestock at Texas auctions compared to a year ago and a month ago are higher. Cattle and calves marketed through auctions during January were 54 per cent above a year ago and 17 per cent above a month ago.

Sheep sales were 37 per cent above a year ago and 90 per cent above a month ago. Goats sold during January were 25 per cent above both last year and last month.

Hogs sold during January were seven per cent above a year ago and 31 per cent above last month.

**JANUARY** hatchings of egg-type chickens and broiler chickens are well above totals of a year ago. Egg-type hatchings are up 31 per cent and broiler chicks hatched showed a 10 per cent increase over a year ago.

The heavy breed poultry hatch for January is 18 per cent higher than a year ago.

Egg production in Texas during January was one per cent above a year ago but four per cent below December.

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## Tye Will End Season Thursday at Hawley

\*Tye basketball season will end with a trip to Hawley this Thursday night. Last weekend, Butterfield White beat the Tye boys 24-2 at the Butterfield tourna-

ment. Bill Phipps made Tye's only two points scored. Friday, Tye beat the Blue team 18-13. As Joel Hug-gins made nine points, Bill Phipps had six and Walter Higle made two.

Others on the team are Mark Copeland, John Scotts, Bruce Reeves, Jerry Scotts, Robert Lee and Bill Morgan.

Thursday, the Tye girls downed the Butterfield girls 18-1. Cynthia White scored eight points, Elizabeth Griffith had four, Cherie Kraatz, Ada Brazzel and Dale Martin all had two points each.

Hawley beat the Tye girls 11-10, Friday, with Cynthia White making six points, Elizabeth Griffith and Isom had two each.

Others on the team were Kim Bien, Carla Corbin and Dee Ann Smith.

The girls have a season record of eight wins and five defeats. The Boys have won 3 and lost 12.

## Girl Scout News

By NANCY CLICK

Troop 313 met for their regular meeting March 4, 1974 at the scout hut.

The girls worked on their Cyclist Badge you have to know how to ride a bicycle safely. Each girl had to start, stop, steer and ride a bicycle correctly.

Plans were discussed for an over night camping trip to be held some time in April.

Sandy Norton served refreshments.

## CAP Receives \$60,210 For Information, Transportation

Informing senior citizens about the city's nutrition program and providing them transportation if needed is one of the projects funded through an Office of Economic Opportunity grant that Governor Dolph Briscoe announced Friday.

The \$60,210 grant to Community Action Program, Inc. of Taylor County in Abilene

includes \$14,898 for administration and \$45,312 for General Community Programming. Funded under Title II of the Economic Opportunity Act, the grant is effective retroactively from Feb. 1 through April 30, 1974.

Kenneth Deekard, executive director of the Community Action Program, Inc. of Taylor County, said that the senior citizens also have an arts and crafts program operating through the program's neighborhood centers. There are four centers in Abilene; one each in Breckenridge, Haskell and Colorado City; and three rural centers in Buffalo Gap, Tye and Merkel.

Other programs operated in the neighborhood centers include outreach and referral services and recreation programs.

The agency also provides two staff members to assist in writing food stamp applications, and sponsors four youth councils and related youth programs.

Administration fund are used for the planning and general management of the agency's programs, improving public information through a newsletter and mobilization of resources.

Grant processing for the state was performed by the Texas Office of Economic Opportunity.

## Ronald Ruppelt Marine Officer School Graduate

QUANTICO, VA.--Marine Ronald G. Ruppelt, whose wife Wanda is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Barnes of Route 1, Merkel, graduated from Warrant Officer Candidate School at the Marine Corps Development and Education Command here. During the 12-week course he received instruction in leadership techniques, communications, tactics, military law, administration, close order drill and physical training.

A 1964 graduate of Osseo Community High School, Osseo, Wisconsin, he joined the Marine Corps in April 1965.

## Ladies Golf News

The Ladies Golf Association will have their monthly supper next Tuesday night. Preceding the supper will be a Guys and Dolls Tournament. All husbands are invited to come out and play with the ladies and then stay for a fine meal.

The tournament will start whenever you can get out to play on Tuesday.

Members of the Ladies Golf Association are ask to bring a covered dish.

There was a fine turn out this Tuesday. About twelve to fifteen ladies turned out to play and also to get some

instructions on the finer points of the game from the new instructor at the club.

We all had a good time although there were some embarrassing moments when with a few tips and correction from the instructor, we would take a mighty swing at the small white ball and listen for click as club meets ball only to hear a swoosh as the club met only air.

Oh well back to the instructor, a new bucket of balls and to the practice tee.

Keep swinging ladies, things have got to get better, we hope.

## Sixth Grade Poems

The following poems were written by some students in a sixth grade Language Arts class taught by Mrs. Don Hart at Merkel Elementary School at the climax of a Poetry Appreciation unit.

(Get Poems)

**WATERGATE**  
Shannon Bagby  
Watergate! Smatergate! I don't care a bit!  
I get so mad sometimes I could just throw a tantrum fit!  
Messin' up my good T.V. shows, they really got the nerve!  
Give me Maude or Lucy, or good 'ole Uncle Mervel I like John Boy of the Waltons, Lassie and Walt Disney!  
The Partridge Family or the Brady Bunch!  
Or a movie on N.B.C. I even like commercials with catchy tune and quip!  
It gives me time to go for crispy chips and dip!

Every night when I go to bed,  
I pray that it's not too late,  
For God to send a great big flood  
And wash down that water-gate!

**POLLUTION**  
Becky Watts  
Pollutin is a horrible thing,  
Every time I see it, I don't want to sing!  
It makes your eyes burn,  
To get comfortable you have to twist and turn  
It is very sad but,  
I would be glad  
If it were not bad!

**RAINBOWS**  
Kim Mashburn  
Rainbows are as pretty as pretty can be

Radial tires should be rotated from front to rear on the same side of the car, according to the Tire Industry Safety Council says.

And they have all sorts of colors that I like to see.  
Like the pretty green and the beautiful blue,  
I like them all, don't you?  
And someday if the stars were to fall from the sky,  
And the clouds were to go away  
I know if the choice were up to me, I'd want the rainbow to stay!

**WATERGATE**  
Tomie Santee  
Once there was a serious debate,  
It had to do with Watergate.  
Now, President Nixon turned up late,  
Because he couldn't find a certain tape,  
They had a meeting called the Senate Committee,  
The people thought it was all a pity,  
They bickered and fought and tried to debate,  
On how to get rid of Watergate!  
The President smiled and made a speech,  
While all the people yelled, "Impeach!"  
The President then rose and took the stand,  
He said, "Your future is in my hand."

**THE NOSE**  
Scott Cain  
There are many things on your face,  
But there's one special thing on your face,  
And to some it's as mysterious as outer space  
Some are good,  
Some are bad,  
But one thing for sure it's no new fad!  
The nose doesn't know a smile or a frown  
You can't tell the nose what to do  
Cause the nose knows that it is only a nose,  
And when a nose has done what  
A nose must it has one thing to say and that's Hacked!

## Mary Joe Reed Issues Political Announcement

Fellow Merkelites, I have filed for a place on our School Board. My name is Mary Jo (McConnell) Reed. All of you that know me have very seldom seen my serious side. But it really comes out when referring to our Community and the children, I feel there is nothing too good for our children when it comes to education. For those of you who do not know me, I would like to bring you up to date, that way you will know a little about me.

I am a Retired Air Force wife, the mother of 3 children, (one presently in the Air Force) and two children, 12 and 14 years of age now attending Merkel schools.

I grew up in Merkel and graduated from Merkel High School. I am presently a property owner and resident of Merkel now residing at 711 Locust Street.

I have had previous administrative experience for the past 16 years. Some of these positions being President, Vice President, Secretary, Manager of the Thrift Shop and Chairman of Ways and Means Committee (in the Non-Commissioned Officers Wives Club), U.S. Air Force, I feel our School and our children need a fresh approach to our old traditions without losing sight of what is dear to us. With confidence being what they are today, the P.T.A. is more important today than ever before. I shall serve our community and with our children's best interest at heart. Your vote will be greatly appreciated.

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## BADGER TRACKS

By JANIE CLARK

Track has started and Merke's got some people getting first in their special-

ties. Last week at Winters, Merkel tied with Clyde for third in overall competition. That's pretty good!

## Missionettes

By SUSAN WHEELER

There were 14 attending Missionettes Friday, March 1. We did memory work.

Refreshments were served by Oleta Walters.

Attending were Gwen Teaff, Missy James, Mary, Donna, and Barbara Tedford, Stephanie Fortune, Jeanessa Cypert, Janet Wade, Connie Branton, Oleta Walters, Susan Wheeler, Billie Walters, Marie Wheeler and Susie Davis.

Last Monday, the tennis team went to Baird for a practice tournament. They did pretty good considering Baird's been playing for about six years and we've just started this year.

This Thursday at 8:00, the Band and Choir will give a concert at the MHS auditorium with all donations being given to the West family, whose house recently burned. There will be no cost, but any donations are welcome. Well, that's it for this week. See ya next week!

## LSG Announces '73 Income Up

DALLAS--(February 25, 1974)--W.C. McCord, president and chief executive officer of Lone Star Gas Company, today announced that un-audited net income for 1973 totaled \$41,886,000 which was an increase of \$4,328,000 or 11.5 over 1972's results. Per share earnings for common stock were \$2.82 for 1973, up 11% over \$2.53 in 1972. The change in estimated service lives of depreciable chemical fertilizer facilities effective January 1, 1973, and previously announced in first quarter results, contributed approximately \$821,000 or \$0.66 per share to the increase in 1973 net income.

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## MERKEL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL CALENDAR 1974-75

Date	-1974-	Class Days	In Service	Work Day	Holi-day	Vaca-tion
Mon. Aug. 12	General Faculty Workshop		1			
Aug. 12	(Afternoon) Register Freshmen & Sophomores					
Tue. Aug. 13	Special Education Workshop		1			
Aug. 13	(Afternoon) Register Junior & Seniors					
Wed. Aug. 14	Faculty Workshop		1			
Thu. Aug. 15	First Class Day (Fall) 1974					
Mon. Sept. 2	Labor Day				1	
Thu. Sept. 26	(Mid-Quarter Reporting Period)					
Fri. Sept. 27	Faculty Work Day		1			
Mon. Oct. 21	T.S.T.A. Region Workshop		1			
Fri. Nov. 8	End First Quarter (Number Of Class Days)	59				
Mon. Nov. 11	Faculty Work Day		1			
Tue. Nov. 12	Second Quarter Begins					
Thu. & Fri. Nov. 28-29	Thanksgiving				2	
Fri. Dec. 20	(Mid-Quarter Reporting Period)					
Fri. Dec. 20	Final Class Day in 1974					
Mon. thru Tue. Dec. 23-31	Christmas Vacation					7
	-1975-					
Wed. Jan. 1	New Years				1	
Thu. Jan. 2	First Class Day 1975					
Fri. Feb. 14	End Second Quarter (Number Of Class Days)	59				
Mon. Feb. 17	Faculty Work Day		1			
Tue. Feb. 18	Third Quarter Begins					
Mon. thru Thu. Mar. 24-27	Spring Break					4
Fri. Mar. 28	Good Friday				1	
Fri. Apr. 4	(Mid-Quarter Reporting Period)					
Mon. Apr. 7	Faculty Workshop (Counselor)		1			
Mon. May 18	Baccalaureate Service					
Tue. May 22	End Third Quarter (Number Of Class Days)	62				
Mon. May 22	Junior High School Graduation					
Fri. May 23	Faculty Work Day		1			
Fri. May 23	High School Graduation					
Tue. May 24	Faculty Work Day		1			
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