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Precautions Are Listed For Tornado Season

CITY OF MERKEL
DISASTER EMERGENCY SERVICES

If 1974 is anything like last year, tornado safety rules may be the most important tools in your preparedness package. Here they are:

KNOW THE WARNING TERMS

A tornado watch means weather conditions indicate tornadoes are expected to develop. Listen for further advisories, and stay alert for sudden strong wind, rain, hail, or a funnel-shaped cloud.

A TORNADO WARNING means a tornado has actually been sighted or indicated on radar. Take shelter immediately.

PROTECTION ACTIONS

- At home, the basement usually offers the best shelter. Get under a sturdy workbench or table. In a home with no basement, take cover in the central part of the lowest floor in a bathroom, a closet, or under heavy furniture. Keep windows open but stay away from them.

- In school, go to an interior hallway on the lowest floor. Avoid auditoriums and gymnasiums with wide-span roofs.

- In office buildings, go to an interior hallway on the lowest floor.

- In factories go to the designated portion of the plant offering the greatest protection.

- In shopping centers, go to a designated shelter area, not to your parked car.

- If caught in open country, move away from the tornado's path at a right angle. If there is no time to escape lie flat in the nearest ditch or depression.

- Mobile homes are particularly vulnerable to overturning during strong winds, and should be evacuated when strong winds are forecast. (Damage can be minimized by securing mobile homes with proper anchoring and tie-down gear.) If there is no shelter nearby, leave the mobile home area for low, protected ground.

Jr. Badgers Take Fourth

The Jr. Badger's traveled to Winters March 22, 1974 and fared well. The Jr. Badgers scored 85 pts. to come in fourth out of the field. The competition was very good. All the other schools in the track meet were AA schools,

Clyde, Colorado City, Balingier, Winters and then Merkel.

Boys living in the meet were:

440 RELAY - 2. (Mike Frazier, Tommy Jones, Hector Ascencio, Ricky Howes), 52.4.

1320 RELAY - 4. (Tommy Jones, Hector Ascencio, Dennis Phillips, David Wharton) 3:10.1.

1320 YD. RUN - 3. Mike Sims, 4:05.0.

660 YD. RUN - 3. Ronny Wisenhuht, 1:40.2.

330 YD. DASH - 5. Tommy Jones, 42.4.

220 YD. DASH - 1. Mike Frazier, 25.3; 4. Ricky Howes, 26.8.

100 YD. DASH - 2. Mike Frazier, 11.5.

HIGH JUMP - 2. Dennis Phillips, 5'0".

LONG JUMP - 3. Dennis Phillips, 16'7"; 5. Brad Pursley, 16'5".

POLE VAULT - 1. Brad Pursley, 9'0"; 6. Donny Rigan, 8'0".

"Our next track meet will probably be the Junior Conference Meet on April 9 with Wylie, Jim Ned, Baird and Merkel entered. Both Boys and Girls will compete," said Coach George Martin.

Former Merkelite Services Held

J.C. Childress, 95, former Merkelite, died Thursday, March 21 in Weatherford, Texas.

Funeral was held Friday at the Cotton-Battreal Chapel.

He worked for the T&P Railroad Co. here in Merkel in the 30's.

He lived in Merkel for about 30 years.

Survivors are his wife, Valorie, and one daughter, Mrs. C.B. Knight of Merkel.

Taylor-Jones Singing

The Taylor-Jones Singing Convention will be held at Trent Methodist Church Sunday March 31 at 1:30 p.m. The public is invited.

D.L. Butler is president and Maude Bryan, secretary.

Monday is Last Day For Buying New Car Licenses Tags

AUSTIN - Monday, April 1st, is the last day for registering Texas motor vehicles, according to R.W. Townsley, Director of the Motor Vehicle Division of the Texas Highway Department.

Townsley noted that owners of motor vehicles must display 1974 license plates by 12:01 a.m. Tuesday, April 2, to avoid penalty.

"Unfortunately, many owners choose to wait until the last minute when the lines are longer," said Townsley.

"When, in fact, county tax offices and substations have been open for registration since February 1."

Townsley encouraged vehicle owners already possessing new plates to put them on. "It's the best advertising we can get in reminding owners that the registration deadline is fast approaching."

For those not yet registered, nothing is changed in the registration procedure from last year. The renewal form and payment are all the vehicle owner must present at the time of registration.

If the registration form has been misplaced, the

owner will be required to bring his certificate of title and last year's license receipt.

Townsley reminded that beginning in 1975, Texas will change over to the 5-year license plate. "We're already manufacturing the '75 plates."

That's how much leadtime we have to give ourselves."

In 1976, instead of buying a new license plate, motorists will purchase a 1- by 2-inch adhesive-type sticker that will be placed on the upper left corner of the plate," said Townsley.

"In 1977, the sticker will be stuck to the upper right corner, then alternated for the following years."

According to Townsley, the 5-year plate will feature an entirely new design, including the use of vowels for the first time. Since 1965, when the three-letter system was adopted, only consonants were used. However, with an ever-increasing number of motor vehicles, the entire alphabet will now be employed. As an example, the first 1975 license plate will be AAA 10.

Townsley says the 5-year license plate will save Texas taxpayers an estimated \$10.5 million over a four year period, since annual license plate production will no longer be necessary.



PREPARING - Mrs. Billy Bob Neff and Mrs. Roland Pack, prepare for the 'Meet the Candidates' meeting scheduled for Thursday night. The meeting will be held at the Merkel High School Auditorium. Mrs. Neff is president of Lambda Beta and Mrs. Pack is president of Taylor County Young Homemakers, the sponsoring organizations.

Merkel Open Horse Show Scheduled Saturday March 30th

By Robert Boyd

A real treat is in store for the citizens of Merkel, as the first annual Merkel Open Horse Show is scheduled to take place March 30, 1974. The show will start at 10:00 at the Merkel Riding Club arena. The 1974 Merkel Open Horse Show promises to be the largest and most exciting horse activity ever staged in the Merkel area. There will be classes and contests for every age horseman. This event will bring together some of the finest horsemen in West Texas.

Over ninety-five awards will be presented during the 1974 show. Support for the show, comes from local and area commercial firms and business, and individuals who have a deep interest in the future of the "Horse Industry". The show will feature 24 halter and performance events.

A real big, horse boom lies ahead for the people of the United States! A shorter work week, increased automation, more rural living, and the continued recreation and sports surge, will require more horse shows and horse events. According to Dr. M.E. Ensminger, a top horse consultant, horse numbers will continue to increase at a rapid pace. In 1969, there were an estimated 6,865,000 horses. It is predicted that we shall have 8 million more by 1980.

The show will feature 16 halter classes for stallions, mares, and geldings. The purpose of judging is to place horses in the order of their excellence - from the stand-

point of conformation, soundness, and quality. A proportionately well-built horse is 'symmetrical and smooth; each component part blends into other parts to give overall balance style, and beauty. Horses are placed in accordance with their resemblance in an over-all basis to the picture of an ideal horse.

Six performance events will be offered at the 1974 show. The events are Barrel Racing, Pole Bending, Flags, Western Pleasure, Reining, and Goat Tying. BARREL RACING: It is one of the best tests of combined speed and agility of the horse. It is a race against time coupled with ease of maneuver ability around obstacles. A clover-leaf pattern is completed around three barrels, with a disqualification added for knocking over or touching a barrel.

POLE BENDING: This event is also a test of speed and maneuver ability of the horse. The horse must bend back and forth through a line of upright poles at a top speed without knocking over a pole. The pattern is to be run around six poles. Each pole is to be twenty-one feet apart and the first pole twenty-one feet from the starting line.

FLAG RACE: In this event a flag is placed in a container on top of a barrel. The horse races down the arena and turns the barrel as the rider picks the flag up. This event requires a lot of skill on the part of the horse as well as the exhibitor.

WESTERN PLEASURE: It is primarily a walk, trot, and canter class. The horse must demonstrate an unfringed display.

position and a quick response in changing gaits. This class is designed for a "working ranch horse."

REINING: The horse follows a prescribed course, and is required to demonstrate his ability in backing, stopping, turning, and changing leads. This is one of the most exacting classes in a horse show.

GOAT TYING: A goat is tied to a stake at the end of the arena. The contestant must be mounted on a horse and must ride at a rapid rate to the goat. The exhibitor must throw the goat by hand and tie any three feet together. This class comes to the arena from working goat herds on western ranches where goats must be tied for doctoring and shearing.

A horse show is not complete without an audience and spectators! Please except this as your invitation to attend the Merkel Open Horse Show.

These Merchants sponsored the following classes: 1973 Stallions - Adcocks Western Wear; 1972 Stallions - Max Murrell Chevrolet; 1971 Stallions - Merkel Drug; 1970 or Before Stallions - Mansfield Farm & Ranch; Grand Champion Stallion - Luskey's; 1973 Mares-Edd Feed & Seed; 1972 Mares-Carson's Supermarket; 1971 Mares-DuBose Texaco; 1970 or Before Mares-Crawfords; 1971 and after Geldings - Bullocks Hardware; 1970 and Before Geldings - Ben Franklin; Pony - 13 Hands & under - Glamour Bar; Western Pleasure - Boney Insurance; Reining - Ken's Mobil Sta.; Barrel Racing - Abilene Western Town; Pole Bending - Wilson's Supermarket; Flag Racing - West Grocery; and Goat Tying - Ramada Inn.

High Point Horse - Wilmer Criswell Memorial All Around Trophy.

Runner Up High Point-Buckle - Fred Crenshaw, Wylie Truck Terminal.

Showmanship - Roberts Hat Shop \$15 gift certificate.

The following merchants gave cash donations: Higginbotham - Bartlett Co.; Windham Fina Sta., Hardy's Groc., Starbuck Furniture, and Fishers Fina.

The Merkel Riding Club extends a sincere thanks to all the merchants for their interest and support.

If weather not permitting the 30th, the show will be held on the following Saturday.

Girls Win At Winters Track Meet Saturday

The Merkel Jr. High girls won first place in the First Winters Blizzardette Track and Field meet for girls Saturday afternoon.

Coach Bob Russell's team scored 130 1/3 points.

Events, names and times follow:

440 YD. DASH - 3. Kelly Magee, 75.0; 4. Kandi Ascencio, 75.3.

220 YD. DASH - 1. Beth Phipps, 29.6; 2. Gayle Reed, 30.1.

80 YD. HURDLES - 2. Ronny Trull, 14.2; 3. Pam Morgan, 14.4.

100 YD. DASH - 2. Kathryn Irvin, 12.8; 3. Beth Phipps, 12.9; 4. Pam Morgan, 13.1.

440 RELAY - 2. (Gayle Reed, Ronny Trull, Kathryn Irvin, Pam Morgan), 57.7.

880 RELAY - 1. (Gayle Reed, Beth Phipps, Kathryn Irvin, Christy Fudge), 202.5.

HIGH JUMP - 4. Gana Farmer, 4 ft. 0 in.

BROAD JUMP - 1. Beth Phipps, 14 ft. 1 3/4 in.; 2. Ronny Trull, 14 ft. 3/4 in.

SHOT PUT - 4. Freda Crenshaw, 26' 11 3/4".

DISCUS - 4. Kandi Ascencio, 63' 8 1/2".

TRIPLE JUMP - 4. Pam Morgan, 27' 7"; 5. Sherry West, 27' 3".

Next Jr. High Girls meet will be in Anson on March 29.

The girls showed a great deal of determination and team spirit in their first competition," said Coach Russell.

A Reminder!

Saturday, April 6, will be Trade's Day. There will be many people in town, including a lot of visiting firemen. Make your plans now for your sidewalk display.

School Board Candidates To Meet Public Thursday

With the Merkel School Board election a week and a half away, Merkel and Tye residents will have a chance to meet the candidate for the seven vacancies on the board. The meeting is under the sponsorship of Lambda Beta Chapter of the Alpha Beta Sigma Phi Sorority and the Taylor County Young Homemakers.

Joe Lassiter will be moderator for the 'Meet the Candidate' meeting to be held this Thursday, March 28 at the Merkel High School Auditorium. The meeting will start at 7:30 p.m.

Each candidate will be given 3 minutes to state his views. After a short coffee-cookie break, written questions will be asked. There will

be no questions from the floor unless written and given to the moderator during the coffee break.

The voters will elect a complete new school board April 6th due to the consolidation of the Tye and Merkel School Districts last year.

The law provides that two members of the board be elected from Tye and two be elected from Merkel. The remaining three members will be chosen from the remaining candidates that receive the highest number of votes regardless of where they live.

There is 18 candidates for the seven positions on the board. Five are from Tye and 13 from Merkel. Persons seeking election to the board include:

The Merkel voters will also fill three vacancies on the Merkel City Council the same day as the school election. One incumbent member of the City Council is seeking re-election. He is Pete Morgan. The other two candidates are Jimmy Atkinson and Jerry Byrd.

Absentee voting has already begun for both the city and school elections. Persons wishing to vote absentee may do so at the City Hall or at Merkel High School.

About a month later the voters will be asked to vote in the statewide primary election. At that time voters will vote on national, state, county, and precinct candidates. Omar Burleson of Anson is seeking re-election. He is unopposed. On the state level, Gov. Briscoe is faced by Frances Farenthold for the Democratic nomination for governor. Incumbent Rep. Elmer Martin of Colorado City is faced by two opponents for the Democratic nomination for District 61. His opponents are Elton Staggs and Mike Young, both of Abilene.

County Judge Roy Skaggs will be facing Bruce Evans in the primary for the democratic nomination. The winner will face the Republican nominee, Rod Canday is the only Republican seeking the post, Precinct 2 County Commissioner Joe McDuff has no opponent. His precinct includes Merkel.

Lewis Millett is seeking the nomination for Justice of the Peace for Precinct 2. Merkel is included in this precinct and he has no opponent.

Joe Lassiter is seeking re-election as precinct chairman.

New Arrivals

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Smith announce the arrival of a baby girl, Kriste Ann, born March 7th. She weighed 6 lbs. and 7 oz. and was 19 1/2" long. She has two brothers Shane 6, and Todd 4.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Doan of Merkel and Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ford Smith Jr., also of Merkel. Great-grandmother is Mrs. John Oliver of Merkel.

Grace Presbyterian Church To Install Pastor March 31

The Rev. Jack McClendon will be installed as pastor of Merkel's Grace Presbyterian Church at 4 p.m. March 31. Rev. McClendon comes to Merkel from Midland where he was an Assistant Minister in charge of pastoral care for Trinity Presbyterian Church.

Rev. McClendon is a graduate of Brownwood High School and has a degree from Daniel Baker College in Brownwood. Daniel Baker College is now Howard Payne College. He graduated from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in 1942.

McClendon went to Guerrero, Mexico in 1943 as a missionary. The church ran a Bible School and a Demonstration Center in Mexico. He was employed by the Board of World Missions of the Presbyterian Church. There were a total of 35 missionaries in the Republic of Mexico.

After returning to the United States in 1962, Rev. McClendon served several months in the Presbyterian Church in Dallas. He then served the Spanish speaking Jerusalem Presbyterian

Church in San Antonio as pastor. He served this church for 4 years. After leaving the San Antonio church, he served for 2 years as manager of the John Knox Ranch camp.

While in Mexico, Rev. McClendon was involved with village reconstruction in the mountains of the Sierras. He helped build roads, churches, homes, etc. for the people of Mexico.

He has also served as Assistant Minister in Charge of Christian Education at the First Presbyterian Church in Odessa.

Rev. McClendon has seven children, four sons and three daughters.

The Rev. Grantland Grove, pastor of Abilene's Westminster Presbyterian Church, will serve as Moderator at the installation of Rev. McClendon. Dr. Wm. Chapman, professor at McMurry College will deliver the sermon. Rev. John Gordon of the Santa Anna Presbyterian Church will deliver the Charge to Congregation and Pat McMurray of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Abilene, will deliver the Charge to Pastor at the installation service.

Also serving on the official commission will be Larry Justice of Merkel and Dr. Gustave Lloyd, retired guest from Big Springs, Texas.

"Much of our effort to increase the supply of grains for both domestic and foreign consumption," the Secretary stated, "will be futile if farmers are unable to receive the quantity of fertilizer needed during the planting season."

Secretary Butz cited supply reports from farmers and dealers for the week ending March 8 indicating Nitrogen is short of expanded demand in 41 states, tight in 5; mixed fertilizer is short in 26 states, tight in 17; phosphate in short in 30 states, tight in 13; and potash is short in 27 states and tight in 11.

Inventory of fertilizers in marketing channels are below normal, although production of these fertilizers is greater than that of a year ago - nitrogen by 8 per cent, phosphates by about the same amount, and potash by 22 per cent. Demand is greater with more acreage in production, but indications are that enough fertilizer is available to meet much of the increased demand. The major problem, currently, is that of getting the fertilizer to farmers.



REV. MCCLENDON ... To Be Installed

Butz Asks More Railroad Cars for Fertilizer Delivery

Secretary of Agriculture Earl L. Butz requested March 12 the Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC) to direct railroads to make available, on a preferred basis, additional rail cars to assure the essential and timely delivery of fertilizer to the nation's farmers.

Secretary Butz requested, in a letter to ICC Chairman George M. Stafford, that the ICC use its emergency authority to direct railroads to make 3,000 more covered hopper cars and 1,000 more boxcars available from now until May 1 for the transportation of fertilizer and fertilizer components from manufacturers to dealers in time to meet current planting needs.

Need for the priority on additional rail transportation, Secretary Butz, pointed out, is temporary and should have minimum impact upon other shippers.



HELPS FIRE DEPT. - Jimmy Atkinson is shown presenting a check from Continental Telephone of Texas to the Merkel Fire Department. Receiving the check for the Fire Department is Fred Starbuck.

Xi Nu Chi To Hold Founder's Day

Xi Nu Chi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held their regular meeting Monday March 18th at the Asteroid Restaurant with Mrs. Val Patterson as hostess.

Mrs. Glenn Teaff, membership committee chairman outlined rushing plans for April. Also the nominating committee submitted names for a new slate of officers.

T.E.L. Class

The T.E.L. Sunday School Class of First Baptist Church met at the Asteroid for a Breakfast Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Jewell Criswell and Ruth Baze were hostesses. Mae Seago gave meditation thought reading of the 23rd Psalms.

Members present were Jewell Dunagin, Lucy Ford, Bessie Clack, Ora Griggs, Mrs. Newsom, Blanche Teaff, Ruby Jenkins, Annie Walker, Mrs. Tom Newton and Dewey Fleming.

Those elected were:
Mrs. Glenn Teaff, President; Mrs. Charles Eager, Vice President; Mrs. Weldon McAninch, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Jimmy Leveridge, Corresponding Secretary; and Mrs. Bobby DuBose, Treasurer.

Mrs. Edgar Tipton was selected as "Girl of the Year" and will be presented at the Founder's Day Dinner, April 27, in the Abilene Civic Center. A "Man of the Year" was also selected. His identity will be kept secret until the presentation of the dinner.

Program "Examples of Friendship" was given by Mrs. Bob Garner, Mrs. Teaff and Mrs. DuBose.

Attending were Mmes. Carroll Benson, Jack Boone, John Brady, Jimmy Leveridge, Charles Eager, Gerald Derrick, Harry Bullock, Mamie Steck, Teaff, Tipton, Garner, and DuBose.



MRS. DONALD McFADDEN
...formerly Debra Melton

Miss Melton, Mr. McFadden Exchanged Vows March 23

Debra Carole Melton and Donald Lyle McFadden exchanged marriage vows Saturday in a ceremony at Elmcrest Baptist Church with the Rev. T.C. Melton, father of the bride, officiating, assisted by the Rev. Burtis Williams of Lubbock.

The bride is the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. T.C. Melton, 1638 Westwood. Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Guy O. McFadden, 1467 Mimosa.

Organist was Mrs. Burl Harris and vocalists were Mrs. Harvey Martin and the Rev. Michael G. Reed.

Maid of honor was Nita Wadlington and bridesmaids were Brenda Palmer and Pam DuVall. Junior bridesmaids were Lisa Melton and Katy Melton, sisters of the bride.

Flower girl was Missy Weesner and ring bearer was Rodney Long. Doug McFadden, brother of the bridegroom, and Robbie Neil lighted candles.

Best man was Larry Smith Jr. and groomsmen were Donald Neil Jr. of Dallas and Terry Galle of Clyde.

Hal Smith Jr., Den Lanford and Ronny Studebaker seated guests.

The bride, given in marriage by her father wore a satin gown accented with lace and white velvet ribbon with yoke and full lower sleeves of nylon.

Her attendants wore gowns of deep purple, bridesmaid's gowns of orchid and junior bridesmaids' gowns of light orchid.

Following a wedding trip to Brownwood, the couple will live at 426 Beech, Abilene.

The bride is a graduate of Abilene High School and attended Hardin-Elmmons University. She is employed at Aileen, Inc.

Also a graduate of Abilene High School, the bridegroom attends Commercial College and is employed by T.C.I. Paint Center.

The bridegroom's parents hosted the rehearsal dinner at Barton's Cafeteria.

Garden Club Met March 21

The Merkel Garden Club met March 21 for a Luncheon in the Senior Citizens building with twenty-one members and one visitor.

Hostesses were Mrs. Albert Criswell and Mrs. Tom Alliday.

The program was in preparation for the Flower Show which will be held April 20. Mrs. Charlie Sherrill, Mrs. W.L. Brown and Mrs. Oda Clark, Mary Click, Johnny Cox, Lottie Everett, Lucy Ford, S. D. Gamble, Ora Griggs, Dee Grimes, Joe Hartley, H.N. Odum, E. J. Patterson, Tom Russom, W. T. Sadler, John Shannon, Charlie Sherrill, Jarrett Williams, Andy Shouse, Tom Alliday, Albert Criswell and Miss Noah Foster and Christine Collins.

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THE WHITE PAGE

There is something inspiring about a newborn baby. In part it is the excitement and inspiration we all feel when something is new. We also must share the conviction of one whose name is unknown to us who said that the birth of every child is an affirmation of God's continued patience with man. The wonder of motherhood, the beauty of babies, remind us that each child comes into the world as a white page.

The Bible nowhere teaches that babies are born in sin. It teaches to the contrary that sin is transgression of God's law and people only become sinners when they break God's law. The white page of the life of the child is written on by the acts he commits and the influences he or she feels.

The greatest influence that will be brought into the life of a child will be that of his parents. If they show him the pattern of sin, then he will follow that pattern, possibly never coming to know the benefits of the new life in Jesus Christ. If, however, the parents are followers of Christ, the child will naturally learn to walk in the footsteps of Jesus. The time will still come when he must make his own decision, but because of his parents he will have far less difficulty in making that decision.

It is crucial that impressionable children actually see the pattern of Christ.

Parent, your child comes as a white page. The first half of his book of life you write and you will greatly influence even the pages the child will fill in himself. Is your example the kind of example that will make your child want to be like God? Is your example the kind of example that the children will see in you the living Christ? Remember, your Child is a white page.

Glenn Owen
CHURCH OF CHRIST
MERKEL
"COME VISIT WITH US"

Lambda Beta Beauty Pageant Slated Saturday

Merkel's Annual Beauty Pageant sponsored by Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi has been set for Saturday, April 20 at 7:30 p.m.

Theme for this year's pageant will be "Through the Looking Glass."

Registration for girls in Tye, Trent, and Merkel Schools will begin April 1st with Darla Mawson, Ph. 928-5661 after 4 p.m. or Mrs. R. L. Castille at 846-4431.

Registration will continue until April 17th.

Divisions for girls entering or 3 years thru kindergarten; Preschool; 1-4 Primary; 5-6, Elementary; 7-8, Jr. High; and 9-12, High School.

Highlight for this year's pageant will be an informal Coke Party Monday, April 15 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. for girls in the Jr. High and High School division.

Pictures will be taken by Tolar Branon and will come in a packet which includes 2 5x7 and 4 billfolds.

Judges will be representatives of the Abilene City Council of Beta Sigma Phi.

Trophies will be presented to all the places in each division and will be on display Monday until the pageant at Bullocks Hardware.

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For Congressman,
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Omar Burleson
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Omar Burleson Announces Candidacy

Congressman Omar Burleson has formally announced his candidacy for re-election to Congress, subject to the Democratic Primary on May 4, 1974 and the General Election in November. The 17th Congressional District which he represents, is composed of 33 counties, covering approximately 30,000 square miles. Within this area live about 466,500 people.

Burleson says, "During my tenure of office I have followed two guiding principles: First, to know the views of my constituents and reflect their sentiments to the greatest degree possible in my actions in the Halls of Congress. Second, to inform and advise as closely as I can on those issues which affect our District, our State and our Nation."

Burleson termed his approach to Government as one of "common sense," gained through the years of public that the people's tax money is spent as wisely and as judiciously as you would have spent it had you been in my place," he said.

"The record will show that a greater part of the time I have found myself in the minority in opposing the vast spending programs of doubtful value which have been put into effect in recent years. In every Session of the Congress, the record will show my votes for expenditures below that recommended by the Executive Department and far less than actually appropriated by the Congress, except in the field of National Defense," Burleson said. He continued, "Without meaning to appear boastful, if the Congress had followed those of us who have voted consistently over the years for fiscal responsibility, our financial affairs would not be in the shape they are today."

"In areas providing for the defense of our Country, I have always supported those things to make and keep our Nation stronger than any other in the world," he said.

"I have been discerning in separating those activities which the Federal Government was not designed to do, from those which are truly its responsibility," he said. Burleson stated that activities of State and local governments, in accordance with the Constitution, should not be infringed and encroached upon by the Federal Government.

"The Federal Government does have specific missions," he said. He gave as examples the conservation of our natural resources, the defense of the Country and its general welfare.

"At the same time," he said, "the Federal Government can not and should not try to take care of everything from Washington. The Federal Government has grown to colossal proportions and centralized power in Washington. The Federal Government has increased," Burleson pointed out. "To this, I am opposed and my record is clear in this respect."

Burleson is among the senior members of the U.S. House of Representatives in point of service. He was elected to the 80th Congress from the 17th District and has been re-elected to each succeeding Congress. He is a member of the Ways and Means Committee, considered to be the most powerful and prestigious in the Congress.

Burleson is a former County Attorney and County

THE RED NECK REPORT

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THE MERKEL MAIL, MERKEL, TEXAS

March 28, 1974

By Stan Hicks

Hello fellow Red Necks!
Well it seems I'm back in West Texas after living down in Central Texas for five years. A lot has happened since I left back in '69 and I thought that the best way to get back in touch with everyone would be to use this article in the Merkel Mail.

The Report, that is The Red Neck Report, will be about whatever seems to be of interest at the time. For the present, points of interest are sports, country music, and local activities, not necessarily in that order. I think I have a base in all three since I'm from Trent, that's local; I've been active in sports for several years, particularly football; and I'm now trying to get a start in the music business.

I'll try to show some of the human aspects of the three and answer some questions that might come up. If I don't know the answers then I'll contact someone who does.

Now since I've been away from here and the activities here I need to ask your help in keeping up with and catching up on the local news and happenings. So if you know of something that's going on let me know. Cards and letters should be sent to Stan Hicks or The Red Neck Report in care of the Merkel Mail.

Now that I've laid down the basic foundation I'll get to a little Red Neck Reporting. The Trent seniors just got back from Colorado on their senior trip. I saw old Lonnie Riggan, a Trent senior, the other day and he said heaven learned how to snow ski up there. He said they had a great time and didn't get into too much trouble.

Say, I played golf out at the Merkel Country Club the other day and the course is in great shape for so early in the season. From what I've heard around town a lot of ladies have taken up the sport and are loving it. I think that's great and would like to see even more done in this direction. I know that the ladies down in Austin are really organized and are always doing something. The exercise for the ladies is great and you just wouldn't believe how much gossiping can be done in the three or four hours it takes to play a round of golf. Oh, don't be offended ladies, the men do just as much or more when they play. That's what the game is for, fellowship and exercise.

I saw Bob Hooks out at the club the other day and he invited me to play in their tournament in the middle of April. I played a couple of years ago and really had a good time. I don't know all of the details about the event, but I'll fill in for you next week. But this'll give you a chance to brush up on your game a little and maybe sandbag into a better flight so you might can win a little money. That's up to you. Bob said something about a pro am and a dance in conjunction with the main event on Saturday and Sunday.

In concluding this first article I'd like to thank the people of the Merkel Mail for the opportunity that they have given all us Red Necks. I hope everyone sees its value and takes advantage of it. I think we can have a few laughs and get a lot done at the same time if everyone will get involved and take a little time to let the other fellow know how he feels. How do you feel? LET ME HEAR FROM YOU!!!

Pol. Adv. Pd. For By Omar Burleson, Printed by The Merkel Mail, 917 N. 2nd St.

GORILLA GROWL

By CINDY BEASLY

We're back in school this week after spring break and none seems to be very unhappy about it. Everyone says they really enjoyed the break especially the Seniors who just got back from their trip to Colorado Springs, Colorado, last Tuesday.

Congratulations go to Lonnie Riggan on being selected for the all-star football team. We're all very proud of you, Lonnie.

This is an active week. Tuesday was the district tennis meet in Abilene and Thursday and Friday are the boys' and girls' district volleyball meets.

This Saturday the FHA is sponsoring a Bike Hike to Abilene with all donations going to the Association for Retarded Children. Anyone wanting information or wanting to make donations can contact Peggy Watson, 862-2235.

See ya next week!

Library News

By LORETTA MORGAN

Our Library is still growing. We issued 341 books in February.

Mrs. June Walton donated a box of paper back books. Mrs. Roy Baccus also gave some books. We are always happy to get these books for our Library.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tom Hodge of Sweetwater gave \$10.00 to the Library fund. We are happy that they are interested in the growth of our Library, and their old home town.

BADGER TRACKS

By JANIE CLARK

Everyone's back in school catching up on this last nine weeks since we were on spring break last week.

There were a few track meets last week, girls and boys. Merkel got in the top 5 teams. This just shows that when the district meet comes along, Merkels going to have many 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places.

The district volleyball tournament was last Tuesday. Because of the publication deadline, I won't know if they will have won or not. They play Jim Ned.

This week, the UIL Literary Events Contest is being held here. They will be going on this Tuesday and Saturday.

Band and Play Contest is coming up too, so just about everyone's in something.

There's another track meet this week, so we wish the track teams lots of luck.

That's about it for this week. See Ya next week with more news from MHS.

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same being the 29th day of
April A.D. 1974 to Plaintiff's
Petition filed in said court,

on the 6th day of March A.D. 1974, in this cause, numbered 9062-DR on the docket of said court and styled Harold L. Fullhart, Plaintiff, vs. Pauline E. Fullhart, Defendant.
A brief statement of the nature of this suit as follows, to-wit: Divorce.
Married on May 28, 1970 separated on June 15, 1972. No children and no community property.
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.
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(SEAL)
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Miss Marijon Edwards Announces Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Edwards announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Marijon, to Ronnie Jack Scott, son of Mrs. S.C. Scott and the late S.C. Scott of Trent.

The wedding will be Tuesday, April 9 at the First Baptist Church at Merkel.

Mr. Scott is a singer at the Saddle Bronc Club in Lubbock.

They will reside in Lubbock after the wedding.

Thompson-Reed Engagement Told

Marsha Thompson and Terry Reed are planning a June 1 wedding in the First United Methodist Church in Merkel.

Miss Thompson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Irvin and the late Murrece Thompson.

Reed's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Glen Reed.

Both are seniors at Merkel High School and Terry is employed as a brazer at Conn Instrument Co. in Abilene.

Miss Beddingfield Engagement Told

Mr. and Mrs. Billy F. Beddingfield of 4710 Edgemont in Abilene have announced the engagement of their daughter, Rose Marie, to Ronnie Mack Holmes.

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Miss Beddingfield is a senior at Cooper High School and is employed by Billy Beddingfield T.V.

Holmes, son of Mr. and Mrs. F.T. Bartlett of Merkel and the late Weldon A. Holmes, attended Merkel High and is employed by Cal-Tex Feed Yard in Trent.

The wedding will be held at the Bethel Baptist Church on June 7.

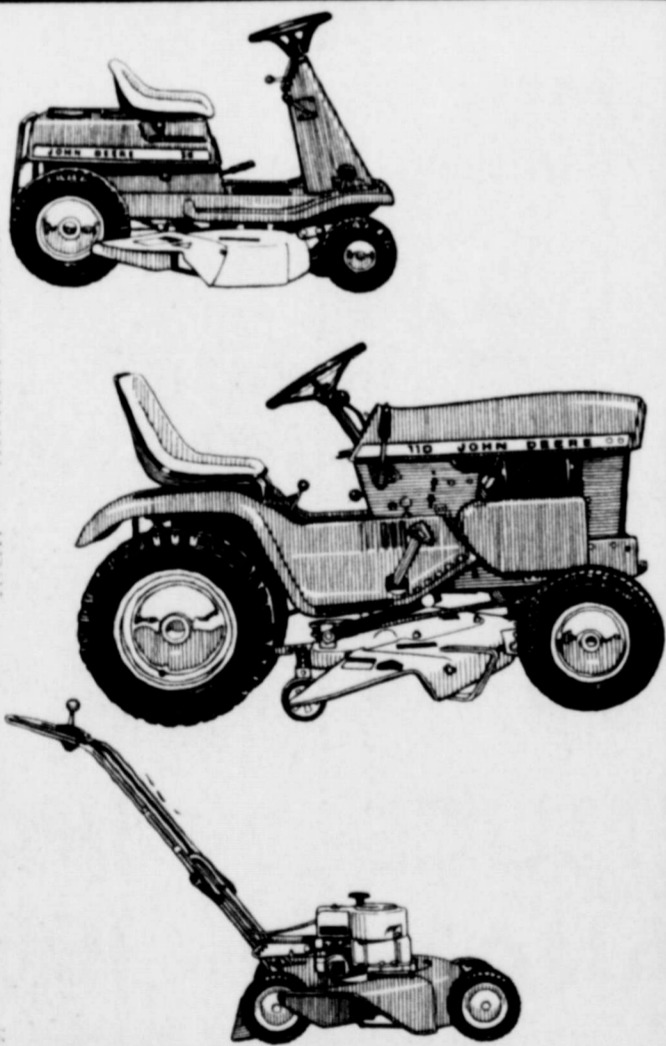
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Senior Citizens News

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Trades Day, April 6, the Senior Citizens will have a salad Luncheon. The Salad Luncheon will include a variety of salads, pie and drink. They will serve from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Tickets will be \$1.00 for children and \$1.50 for adults. Everyone is urged to attend.

Three Senior Citizens members are to bring one salad and one pie for the luncheon April 6.

President for March is Hob Robertson, with Irl Walker as president for April.

Ladies Golf News

By Danny Doan

Murel Thompson won first place last week for hitting the most shots in the rough, Nita Williams won for having the least number of shots in the rough.

Tuesday the Ladies played to see who could get the low and high scores on holes number four and seven.

All members are welcome to play on Mondays as long as you don't drive in the wet areas. This is the only day that the course can be watered all day, so please don't be driving your cart through the mud.

Ladies you need to start giving your husbands some tips on the game for the upcoming Merkel Country Club tournament to be held the 12th, 13th and 14th of April.

In closing for this week did you hear about Murel Thompson's golf ball hiding under a rock on number two Tuesday afternoon, the poor thing had more gashes on it than a potato that had gone through a garbage disposal. It just couldn't stand to be smashed again. Keep swinging Murel its got to get better. Roasted again Murel.

'Men of Vision' Club Theme

Mrs. Andy Shouse was hostess for the March 26 meeting of the Fortnightly Study Club. Refreshments were served and members enjoyed a time of fellowship.

In the absence of the president, Mrs. Don Dudley, Mrs. S.C. Dixon presided during the business meeting. Thirteen members answered roll call.

The program was a presentation of Men of Vision of Texas given by Mrs. Bryan Dunagin. Special emphasis was given to the Life of R.L. LeTourneau.

Mrs. S.C. Dixon gave a wind description of the mythical Tall Texas, a composite of many men who came to Texas in the early days — Davy Crockett, Big Foot Wallace, Deaf Smith, Sam Houston, and Judge R.M. Williamson.

Those present were Mmes. Charles Eager, John Cain, Carl Hughes, Comer Haynes, Ray Wilson, Mack Fisher, David Gamble, S.C. Dixon, Bryan Dunagin, Don Hart, Andy Shouse, and Miss Christine Collins.

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Rhonda Sands of Abilene will serve as instructor. Reservations are still open.

burn to Scotty Childress, son of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Childress.

The wedding will be held April 20 at 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church.

Miss Mashburn will graduate in '74. She is employed at Chick On The Run.

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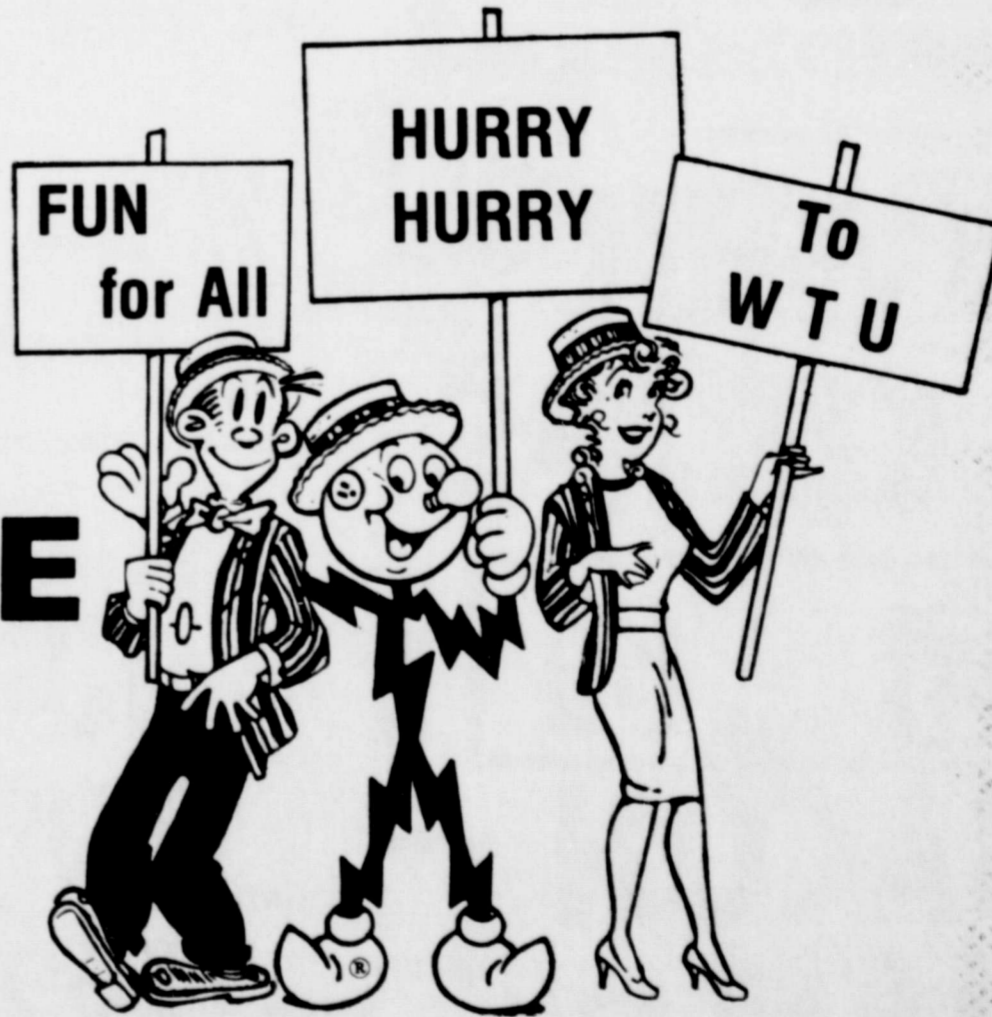
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PRICES GOOD THURSDAY FRI. AND SAT. MARCH 28-29-30th

SUNSHINE CRACKERS LB. 43¢

KRAFTS MIRACLEWHIP QT. JAR 59¢

WITH \$7.50 IN TRADE OR MORE EXCLUSIVE OF CIGARETTES

HI-C ASSORTED DRINK 46oz. CAN 33¢



HEINZ RELISH 9 OZ. JAR 29¢

AMERICAN BEAUTY POTATOES 8 OZ. INSTANT 29¢

COLGATE INSTANT SHAVE CREAM 11 oz. CAN 49¢

EGGS

GARRETT FRESH MED. DOZ. 63¢



4 WAY COLD TABLETS 15 ct. BOX 69¢

EXCEDRIN TABLETS 36 ct. crtn. 89¢

Frozen Foods

CHEIF LITTLE ASSORTED PIZZA CRTN. EA. 59¢

LIBBYS 12 OZ. ORANGE JUICE 12 oz. 39¢

STILWELL 20oz. GREEN PEAS PKG. 29¢

I.G. DAIRY FRESH Homo MILK GAL. JUG 1.43

I.G. DAIRY FRESH BUTTER MILK 1/2 GAL. CRTN. 65¢

I.G. DAIRY FRESH Homo 2 MILK GAL. JUG 1.39

BRER RABBIT BROWN SYRUP 5 LB. JAR 79¢

CARSON'S COUPON SAVE 20¢ WHEN YOU BUY A 1 LB. CAN of FOLGER'S COFFEE



SPECIAL PRICE WITH THIS COUPON 89¢

GOOD THRU MAY 23

CARSON'S SUPER SAVE 50¢ WHEN YOU BUY A 10 oz. Jar of INSTANT FOLGER'S COFFEE CRYSTALS



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KRAFT CHEIF SUPRISE DINNERS EACH 39¢

CARNATION MILK 2 FOR 49¢

WOLF 300 CHILI CAN 63¢

DEL MONTE 303 C.S. Golden CORN 2 FOR 49¢

DEL MONTE 303 CUT GREEN BEANS 2 FOR 55¢

LARSEN 303 VEGALL 2 FOR 49¢

HUNTS 300 TOMATO JUICE 2 FOR 29¢

HUNTS 300 TOMATO SAUCE 2 FOR 45¢

DEL MONTE 303 FRUITCOCKTAIL 2 FOR 69¢

PUSH & BOOTS FISH TALL CAT FOOD 6 FOR 93¢

LIPTON INSTANT TEA 3oz. 1.19

SNOWDRIFT FLOUR 3 LB. (1 LIMIT) CAN 1.29

TREET FLOUR GOLD MEDAL 5 LB. BAG 93¢

CAKE MIX ARMOURS 12oz. Can 89¢

PILLSBURY ASST. 2 BOXES 59¢

Extra Lean PORK CHOPS Tender...Tasty ...Terrific

CHIFFON TOWELS Jumbo Roll (2 LIMIT) 39¢

DIAL HAND SOAP GOLD 2 REG. 25¢



FRESH PRODUCE STRAWBERRIES RIPE SWEET 3 PINTS FOR 98¢

FRESH GROUND BEEF LB. 65¢

BACON DECKER POUND 89¢

HAM BONELESS LEAN DECKER RANCH QUARTER LB. 1.69

SAUSAGE LOCKER 2 LB. BAG 1.79

ROAST FRANKS CHOICE BEEF CHUCK LB. 89¢

SHORTRIBS DECKER 12 OZ. PKG. 65¢

TIDE FAMILY SIZE (1 LIMIT) 2.43

GIANT DOWNY BOTTLE EACH 69¢

JOY GIANT SIZE 49¢

GIANT OXYDOL BOX (1 LIMIT) 69¢

FRESH LETTUCE LB. 19¢

CHIQUITA BANANAS LB. 10¢

FRESH Tomatoes LB. 25¢

FRESH RIPE Cantaloupes LB. 19¢

FRESH Green Onions 2 BN. 19¢

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