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City To Come Under New Minimum Wage Law

The Merkel City Council found out that they will come under the new minimum wage law that goes into effect May 1, 1974. The main problem will be encountered with employees that are on duty more than eight hours. One department to be effected immediately is the Fire Department. The City will have to pay \$1.90 an hour plus time and one half for all over 40 hours if the paid employee of the department is required to be available even to just answer the phone more than 40 hours.

Mayor David Allen told the council that some arrangement would have to be worked out for employees working more than 40 hours.

Civil Defense Director for the City of Merkel, Fred Starbuck, appeared before the council and explained the proposed emergency plan for the City in case of a disaster. Waymon Adcock accompanied Starbuck.

Other items before the council included:

— Mayor Allen appointed

Darrell Farmer Mayor Pro Tem.

— Was told by Starbuck that the emergency hospital that had been stored at the school had been moved. Starbuck said that the responsibility for the hospital had been transferred from the Federal Government to the State and that the State had decided to move it.

— Heard a report from Robert Harris concerning the seal coating of city streets. Harris said that streets from Ash east would be finished this year.

— Delayed action on the budget in the interest of time. It will be considered at a later meeting.

— Approved payment of \$75 for an evaporative cooler for the police department. The air conditioner was purchased from Vernon Wade.

— Was told by Council Jerry Byrd that the city had been parking some of their vehicles on private property. He pointed out that the property owner was not complaining, but that he felt it was not good to have city vehicles on private property. The Council agreed and directed that they be kept on city property. Also mentioned was the fact some trees and other debris was on the lot. The Council directed that this be cleaned up also.

Mark Dudley In Play at SWU

Mark Dudley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Dudley will be in the play "Celebration" which will be presented by the Mask and Wig Players at Southwestern University at Georgetown starting Thursday, April 25. This will be their final production of the 1973-74 theatrical season.

He will also be a musical program honoring Dean John D. Richards of the School of Fine Arts at the University on Wednesday, April 24. The Southwestern Singers and the Southwestern Sinfonia will perform *Aiara Lowry* of the music faculty conducting.

Scout Troop Places At Sat. Show

Merkel Boy Scout Troop 18 attended the annual Scout-O-Rama, Saturday, April 20. The boys set up a booth showing the proper and improper way to display the American Flag. They prepared Chili and Stew in the cooking portion of the show. The boys won a First Place on the flag display and Second Place in the cooking division. Kelley Wolf and Brad Wade did the cooking; Alan Mawson, Drew Mawson, Louis Goodman, William Martin, Leo Ortega and John Townsend, Jr. did a great job on the flag display and helping serve the food. The troop would like to thank the people in Merkel who purchased tickets to help support the Boy Scouts.

Farmer's Co-Op Meet Will be Held April 27

The Farmer's Co-Op Society of Merkel will hold their annual membership meeting at the School Cafeteria, Saturday, April 27, 1974, at 2 p.m.

Members are urged to attend their annual meeting and to ask their farmer friends to come also.

Three directors will be elected, the annual report will be read, and the dividend checks will be handed out.

President is Bernel Teaff and Secretary-Treasurer is D.L. Moore.

Little League To Sell Fence Signs

The Merkel Little League Auxiliary will start this week to sell signs for the Little League Fence.

Merchants who bought signs last year are being contacted first to renew their signs.

New signs are \$25.00 for 3x4 and \$40.00 for 3x8. This is one of the major fund raising projects because it is used to buy equipment and make improvements at the field.

Any merchant that wishes to purchase a sign that hasn't been contacted, call Mrs. Philip Pursley, 928-5515 or Mrs. John Brady, 928-5705.



BEAUTY PAGEANT WINNERS - Winning the Annual Lambda Beta Beauty Pageant are from L to R, first row, Primary, Jill Douglas; Pre-School, Abby Irvin; and Elementary, Shannon Bagby. Back Row, L to R, High School, Cindy Whisenhunt and Jr. High, Diana Bien.

Shortages Don't Stop Good Year For TEC

Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc. held its 33rd Annual Membership Meeting Thursday, April 18th at the Annex Building in Merkel. Registration began at 9 a.m. with lunch being served at 11 a.m. The business meeting began at 1 p.m. with B. J. Gist recognizing guest and visiting politicians.

Don Hart, Co-Op Manager, addressed the members saying that 1973 was a year of Water Gate, inflation, fuel shortages, and shortages of supplies. "I head a man say that he did not have time to solve the old problems we had been facing because we have so many new problems today. Taylor Electric Cooperative is not the only one facing all of these problems. Each of you are faced with increased cost in everything," Hart said.

Hart went on to list some of the problems which include high interest rates, the energy crisis, increased cost and shortage of materials, and fuels adjustment. He explained to the membership that the source of electricity for the Cooperative comes from West Texas Utilities and Texas Electric Service Company. He said that the principal fuel supply for these two companies are natural gas. With the increased cost of this fuel for their generator plants, they have passed along the costs to their customers.

"For several years the fuel charge was very small and was absorbed by the Cooperative. It was not until the last two years that the amount

charged for fuel increased substantially. It was realized that this additional cost would have to be made up somewhere, and could not continue to be absorbed," Hart said. He said that it was decided at the March 20th Board of Directors Meeting to pass this extra cost along to the customers on a per kilowatt hour basis. "Your bill will receive June 1 will have the fuel adjustment added to the bill," he said.

However, Hart said, there is a bright side to the picture. "It is my pleasure to report that last year the Cooperative did experience a healthy, continuous growth. We are continuing to grow and provide more service. During 1973 we added 596 new meters to our system. During the past year we built 79 additional miles of line and 'heaved up' other where

necessary to take care of bigger loads," he said.

He pointed out that the Cooperative had replaced 454 poles out of 8,499 inspected. "We would like to continue this program, but due to the high cost and shortage of poles, I doubt if we will be able to reach our goal for this year," he said.

All three incumbent Board members whose terms expired this year were re-elected. They are, Ray Osborn, Zone I; Tommie Johnson, Zone II; and R.C. (Sonny) Watts Jr., Zone III.

Receiving service awards were: Finesless Bartlett and A. C. Ascencio, 15 years; Donny Doan, Dale Hammond and Wayne Deen, 5 years.

Approximately 1,100 persons were served at the barbecue hosted by the Cooperative at the Annex.

Beverly Gilmore Wins First in Regional

Beverly Gilmore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Gilmore, won first place in the Regional High School Spelling Contest of the University Interscholastic League Meet in Lubbock Saturday.

Beverly, a junior in Merkel High, will compete in the State Contest on May 3.

Miss Gilmore is also very active in the Mulberry Canyon 4-H. She won reserve champion honors in the sheep division and also the Showmanship Trophy at the Merkel Livestock Show in January.



Beverly Gilmore

Pageant Winners Picked From Field of 69 Contestants

Sixty-nine beautiful contestants went before the judges Saturday night at the annual Beauty Pageant sponsored by the Lambda Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi. Theme of this year's Pageant was 'Cinderella'.

The winners were as follows:

Pre-School

Winner, Abby Irvin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Irvin; 1st runner-up, Robin Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Craig Jones; and 2nd runner-up, Cookie Lynn Renfro, daughter of Sharon Renfro.

Grades 1-4

Winner, Jill Douglas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Douglas; 1st runner-up, Brenda Hohertz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hohertz; and 2nd runner-up, Rene Aiken, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Aiken.

Grades 5-6

Winner, Shannon Bagby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bagby; 1st runner-up, Sheila Adair, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Adair; and 2nd runner-up, Chrisit Brady, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Brady.

Grades 7-8

Winner, Diana Bien, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe W. Bien; 1st runner-up, Lori DuBose, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby DuBose; and 2nd runner-up, Katherine Irvin, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Irvin.

High School

Winner, Cindy Whisenhunt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Whisenhunt; 1st runner-up, Rita Watts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Watts; and 2nd runner-up, Lisa Gregory, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Del Gregory.

The participants and their sponsors are as follows:

Pre-School

Pam Douglass, Mansfield Farm & Ranch Service; Pam Neff, Prestige Homes/Properties, Abilene, Abby Irvin, Abilene Auction, Abilene; Melissa Harris, Astroid Restaurant; Patty Welch, Hohertz Dairy; Cookie Lynn Renfro; Riney Gulf, Trent; Robin Jones; Norma's Beauty Shop; Melissa Simpson, John and Mary Boyd, Trent; Kellie Riney, West Texas Utilities; Lou Ann Johnson, Max Murrell Chevrolet; Kristi Toombs (not present), S & T Tire Company; Lucretia Wade, Wilson Food; Amy Irvin (non-competitive), Abilene Auction.

Grades 1-4

Jill Douglas, Douglass Catfish Farm, Sylvestre; Melissa Tomlinson, Quick Stop - Boot Shop; Gayle Irvin, Sadler Clinic; Brenda Hohertz, Hohertz Dairy; Cindy Sims, Barnett Barber Shop; Melodie Pape, Ben Franklin Store; Linda Holmes, Westmoreland Lincoln-Mercury, Abilene; Debra Williams, Merkel Auto Parts; Stormy Magee, Starbuck Company; Pamela Hair (not present) Star Nursing Home; Aleta Walters, Taylor Telephone; Rene Aiken, Kraatz Repair; Tye; Amy Amerine (non-competitive), M & S Meats, Abilene.

Grades 5-6

Sherri Williams, Merkel Riding Club; Debbie Jackson, Cal-Tex Feed Yard, Trent;

Rebecca Sipe, Carricket Foods, Trent; Lisa Owen Merkel Mail; Patricia Powell, Prestige Homes/Properties, Abilene; Christi Brady Bill Love Exxon Station, Tye; Judy Castille, Fisher Fina; Shannon Bagby, F & M National Bank; Tammy Davis, Syble's Beauty Nook; Sheila Adair, Glamour Bar;

Grades 7-8

Leanna West, Planters Gin, Trent; Becky Deason, F & M National Bank; Kelly Magee, Merkel Country Club; Cindy Boone, Milligan Texaco, Tye; Katherine Irvin, Merkel Locker Plant; Tammy Martin (non-competitive), Prestige Home/Properties Branch Office, Merkel; Robbie Freeman, Starr Hardware, Trent; Salinda Justice, Conley Barber Shop; Janet Wade, Ann's Flowers, Lori DuBose, DuBose Texaco; Janice South, South Elevators; Dianna Bien, Merkel Restaurant; Sharon Dossier, Merkel Radiator; Debbie Glasscock, Wylie Truck Terminal; Mary Goodman, Taylor Electric Cooperative.

High School

Mary Jo Barnes, Hicks Auto Parts; Phyllis Shanks, Henderson Grain, Abilene; Merkel; Shirley Brenem, Star Nursing Home; Terri Hamner, Home State Bank, Trent; Brenda Griffith, Carricket Foods, Trent; Melinda Bowen, Lucas & Hayes Welding; Audy Byrd, Boney Insurance Company; Rhonda White, Palmer Motor Company; Cindy Whisenhunt, Merkel Riding Club; Janie Clark, Cyrus Pee Insurance Agency; Lisa Gregory, Young Homemakers; Rita King, Riney Gulf, Trent; Rita Watts, Adcocks Circle A Western Wear and Cleaners; Christie Boone, Merkel Lions Club; Mary Beth Phillips, Merkel Druer; Beverly Mawson, Mair's Beauty Korner; Donna White, Badger Inn; Cynthia Steck, F & M National Bank.

Burleson Announces Fund Approval

Congressman Omar Burleson announces approval of funds for the Merkel independent School District, under public law 874, providing financial assistance for assistance for schools in federally affected areas.

The tentative entitlement for fiscal year 1974 is \$16,782 with \$12,586 certified for immediate payment. A check for this amount should reach the school district within a week or so.

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Mrs. W. L. Brown Takes Top Honors At Garden Club's Annual Show

The Mellenger Building in downtown Merkel was turned into a "garden" Saturday as the Merkel Garden Show held its annual Flower Show. Approximately 100 persons turned out to see the many beautiful flower arrangements on display. The display ranged from lovely pot plants to beautiful cut flower arrangements. Adding to the beauty and color of the show was the works of local artists. Displaying paintings during the show was Wayne Adcock, Darla Mawson, and Christine Collins. Mrs. Tom Fox had a collection of jewelry on display.

Mrs. W. L. Brown won the Award of Distinction, the N.A.I. Award, the Award of Creativity, the Sweepstakes Award and blue ribbons to come out as the top winner at the show held last Saturday in Merkel.

Other exhibitors winning special awards at the show were Mrs. Leota Sherrill, Award of Merit; Mrs. E.J. Patterson, Tri-color Award; Mrs. Allen King, Sweepstakes - Horticulture, Award of Merit - Zebra Plant; and Mrs. Lottie Everett, Special Award.

Results of the judging is as follows:

POETIC VENTURE

- A. "A Thing of Beauty is a Joy Forever"
- Class 1. "Beauty As a Shield"
- 1. Mrs. Charlie Sherrill
- 2. Mrs. Elmer Patterson
- Class 2. "We Take Beauty"
- 1. Mrs. W. L. Brown
- Class 3. "Hyacinths To Feed Thy Soul"
- 1. Mrs. Charlie Sherrill
- Class 4. "My Life is a Bowl"

- 1. Mrs. Jarrett Williams
- 2. Mrs. Dee Grimes
- Class 5. "My Patch of Blue"
- A. 1. Mrs. John Shannon
- B. "Enclosed Spaces"
- 1. Mrs. E. J. Patterson
- 2. Mrs. Ora Griggs
- C. "Twilight on the Desert"
- 1. Mrs. W. L. Brown
- 2. Mrs. Oda Clark
- Class 6. "The Common Road"
- A. "A Curve in the Road"
- 1. Mrs. John Shannon

- 2. Mrs. Mary Click
- B. The Woodland Trail
- 1. Mrs. W. L. Brown
- 2. Mrs. Verdee Patterson
- Class 7. "The Old Oaken Bucket"
- A. Childhood Memories
- 1. Mrs. W. L. Brown
- B. Looking Forward
- 1. Mrs. Mary Click
- Class 8. "New Friends and Old Friends"

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SWEEPSTAKES WINNER - Mrs. W. L. Brown is shown here with her N.A.I. Award with her artistic design entitled "A Will To Work". She was the Sweepstakes winner in the artistic division by winning eight blue ribbons.



FOREIGN VISITORS - Pictured with Uncle Sam (Lois Dunlap) are the five foreign students that gave the assembly program at Merkel High School. They are from L to R, Uncle Sam, Vasu Waghay, India; Faith Lee, Hong Kong; M'ballu Dumbuya, West Africa; June McCabe, Canada; and Perwez Hashmi of Pakistan. (Photo by Kaye Lanham)

Uncle Sam, Foreign Students Give Assembly Program at MHS

An assembly program was put on for the Merkel High School student body Wednesday, April 17. The program included Uncle Sam and five foreign students attending the three colleges in Abilene. Sponsoring the program was Taylor Electric Co-Op and the World and American History classes. Mrs. McReynolds is the teacher.

The foreign students told their different customs and were later ask questions by a panel of five Merkel High students. The MHS students on the panel were Kathy Cyfert, Tonja McAnlich, Cynthia Steck, Jimmy Land and Jeff Cox.

Uncle Sam in Action, Lois Dunlap, said "The purpose of

the program was to basically learn more about our friends around the world and their customs. To help create a better relationship with other people, to understand them, and to make parallels as well as many of the things we have and do in this country. The purpose of the program is also to cause us to be aware of many freedoms and privileges we have in this country.

Topics of discussion were educational systems, prisons, military systems, government, dress and customs.

After the program, the high school student body asked questions of the five foreign students.

Moderator for the program was Rodney Dunn, one of the

directors of Uncle Sam in Action.

The foreign students and their countries were; Faith Lee, Hong Kong; M'ballu Dumbuya, West Africa; June McCabe, Canada; Vasu Waghay, India and Perwez Hashmi Pakistan.

After the assembly program, each of the students went around to different classes and told more of their country and were asked questions by the students and teachers.

M'ballu Dumbuya of West Africa, an H-SU student, told one of Mrs. McReynolds' history classes that education is stressed in her country. She was asked at what age do girls marry. She said

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Strong Cotton Sales Blocked

World market demand for cotton is exceptionally strong but transportation bottle-necks and handling problems are likely to prevent United States exporters from fully capitalizing on the potential market, a Texas Farmers

Union spokesman stated. According to Mike McManigal, Director of Research, U.S. Department of Agriculture experts estimate that only about 5.7 million bales of U.S. cotton will actually be sold overseas.

Resident Wins In Sweepstakes

Mrs. Gordon Pursley got a big surprise this week when she received a check from Reader's Digest for \$10,000. Mrs. Pursley said she entered the Reader's Digest Sweepstakes about a month ago and received her check Monday.

Mrs. Pursley and her husband live on Route 2 in the

Miss Thomas Feted At Rice Bag Party

Gwendolyn Gail Thomas, bride-elect of Michael Bartlett Teaff, was honored at a rice bag and kitchen gadget party Monday at the Joseph Snow home, 2410 Shoreline Drive.

Bettis Heights addition. She is a Stanley Home Products dealer and received a 21-year pin in Dallas April 20 at a Sales Assembly at the Baker Hotel.

Members of the houseparty were Mrs. Felix Ray Thomas, mother of the honoree, Mrs. Johnny B. Teaff, mother of the prospective bridegroom, and Mrs. May Belle Teaff of Tye and Mrs. Ralph Miller of Merkel, grandmothers of the prospective bridegroom.

The honoree's chosen colors of yellow, orange and green were carried out in the table decorations. The centerpiece was a floral arrangement of silk poppies in gold, yellow and rust, accented with natural maiden-hair fern and wooden spoons.

Miss Thomas and Teaff will be married April 26 in the Abilene Woman's Club.

Miss Swenson Honored at Tea

A Bridal Tea was given Friday, April 19, for Miss Robbie Swenson, bride-elect of Gary Hicks, at the home of Mrs. Fred Starbuck. There were 26 hostesses.

Serving were Mrs. Joe Alves and Mrs. Kenneth Hogan. Beth Hicks registered guests.

Honor guests were Mrs. Johnny Swenson, the bride-elect's mother, of Avoca and Mrs. Ben Robert Hicks, mother of the prospective bridegroom.

Decorations of pink and white, the bride-elect's colors, were carried out.

Some of the houseparty members were Mmes. Tom Carson, Roger Beard, George Starbuck, Jack Hogan and Cyrus Pee. Miss Swenson and Mr.

Hicks will be married May 25 of Ericksdahl Community of at the Bethel Lutheran Church Avoca.

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Mashburn-Childers Vows Exchanged April 20th

Debbie Mashburn and Scotty Childers were married Saturday in a ceremony at the First United Methodist Church by Rev. Newt Daniel. The bride is the daughter of Jo Ann Mashburn, Parents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. Horace Childers.

Organist was Anette Clark. Maid of honor was Pam Mashburn, and bridesmaid was Kim Mashburn, sisters of the bride.

Best man was Lon Beasley and groomsmen was Chris Childers, the groom's brother.

Candlelighters were Bill and Chris Mashburn, brothers of the bride.

Ushers were Pat Warren and Danny West.

The bride wore a satin gown. Her attendants' gowns

were blue knit. The bride is a senior at Merkel High School, and is employed at Chicken on the Run in Abilene.

The bridegroom was graduated from Merkel High School in 1966 and is employed by Grimes Gas Plant at Nolan where the couple will live.

Reception was held at the Fellowship Hall.

Abilene Garden Club Flower Show April 26-27

The Abilene Garden Club Spring Flower Show will be Friday and Saturday, April 26 and 27.

If you are interested in growing things, or just looking at something pretty, a

flower show is the place to go. You will see things you have never seen before as well as the more familiar, and gardeners are notorious for sharing ideas. You will be inspired by unusual plants and their uses, and amazed at the usual plants and their uses, you will find something to enjoy in the Artistic Designs.

Gardeners have turned conventional to abstract will be on display. Many new and exotic plants will be exhibited in the Horticulture Division. It is a perfect tonic for Spring Fever, and the shows free to the public.

Club president is Mrs. G.E. Swinson.

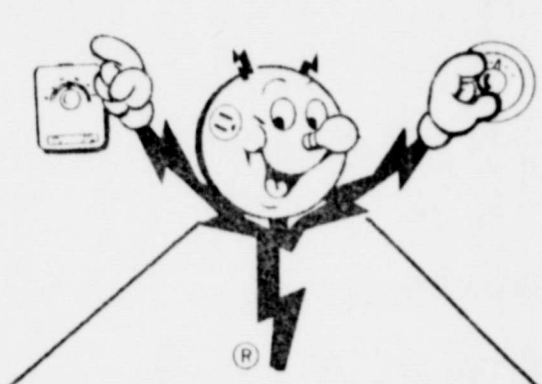
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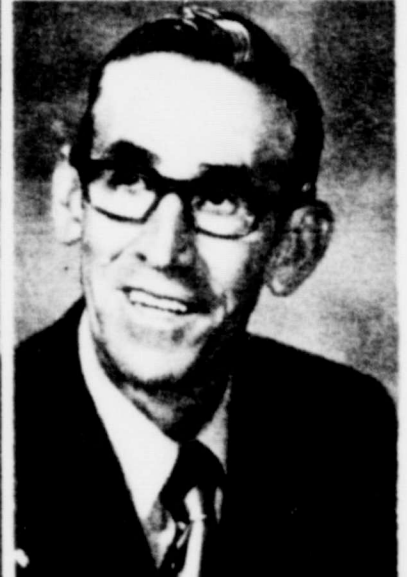
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Black-Pugh Vows Solemnized

Linda Ellen Black and Jimmie Charles Pugh were married Saturday in a ceremony at First Baptist Church with the Rev. Ken Law of Ash Street Baptist Church officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Forest Black of Hawley. Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Joyce Pugh of Stamford.

Organist was Larry Riney and soloist was Steve Walker. Maid of honor was Christy Van Cleave of Hawley and bridesmaids were Teresa Deen of Abilene and Tonja McAninch.

Best man was Terry Stremmel of Stamford and groomsmen were Bruce Wilson of Stamford and Wade Armstrong of Hawley.

Ushers were Trey Deen of Abilene, David King and Darel Bunch. Deen also lighted candles.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a Victorian styled gown of peau de soie with lace collar and seed pearl trim.

Her attendants wore pale pink voile Victorian styled gowns.

Following a wedding trip, the couple will live at 615 Clinton, Abilene, where both are students at Commercial College.

The bride is a graduate of Merkel High School and is employed by the Bank of Commerce. The bridegroom is a graduate of Stamford High School and is employed by K-Mart Automotive Dept.

The bridegroom's parents hosted the rehearsal dinner at Asteroid Restaurant.

Mrs. Fisher Host To Fortnightly

The Asteroid was the scene of the meeting of the Fortnightly Study Club, April 23. Mrs. Mack Fisher was hostess.

After refreshment time, Mrs. Don Dudley, the president presided during the business meeting. Fifteen members answered roll call.

The program was given by Mrs. Ray Wilson. She gave a very informative and interesting presentation of Texas Trails.

Members present were Mmes. Don Dudley, Mack Fisher, Carl Hughes, Bryan Dunagin, N. S. Daniel, Comer Haynes, S. C. Dixon, Don Hart, Lem Dudley, Andy Shouse, Charles Eager, Johnny Hammond, David Gamble, John Cain, and Miss Christine Collins.

Lambda Beta Rituals

Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met April 16 for their regular meeting in the home of Mrs. Robert Harris. There were 17 members present.

Ritual of Jewels were given to Mmes. Craig Jones, Lee Yaddow, Obie Coker, Mike Welch and Paul Moore.

Mrs. Billy Bob Neff, president called the meeting to order.

Presenting a program on sculpturing was Mrs. Neff, captain and Mrs. Harris, co-captain.

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Marie's Beauty Korner	West Texas Utilities
Badger Inn	Taylor Electric
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WANTED--Cooks, waitresses, and dishwashers. Merkel Restaurant, 928-4923. 8-4tc

SCHOOL CUSTODIANS WANTED: Merkel school needs two general maintenance custodians - \$2.25 per hr. 42-44 hrs. per week - time and half overtime. Contact Mack Fisher, School Superintendent, Box 430, Merkel Texas or Ph. 928-5813. 6-1tc

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Deadline Ad and News
Effective immediately, news and ad deadline is noon Tuesday. All copy must be in the Merkel Mail office by this time for it to get in this weeks edition.

PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF TEXAS
April, 1974, against Clyde Leroy McCombs, Respondent(s), and said suit being numbered 9217-DR on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In the interest of Lisa Nell McCombs a child" the nature of which suit is a request to change name of minor.
said Lisa Nell McCombs was born the 2nd day of April 1959.
The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the child's interest which will be binding upon you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption.
Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this 15th day of April, 1974.
(SEAL)
Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD Clerk, Domestic Relations Court in Taylor County, Texas; By Sandra Van Cleave, Deputy. 9-1tc

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Clyde Leroy McCombs, whose address and whereabouts are unknown, Respondent, Greeting:
you are hereby COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County, Texas at the Courthouse in said County, in Abilene, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of twenty days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of Bessie Moore, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 15th day of

Card of Thanks

WE WANT TO EXPRESS our sincere thanks for the flowers and cards during my recent stay in the hospital. Also our special thanks to the people who kept Kyle. We also want to say thank you to the people who called, visited and brought food upon my return home. Your thoughtfulness will be remembered.
Ronny, Ann and Kyle Doan 9-1tp

Card of Thanks

WE ARE DEEPLY GRATEFUL for the many acts of kindness shown us during our recent stay in the hospital. We appreciated the visits cards and flowers. Thankyou and may God bless each of you.
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Political Announcements

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Omar Burleson
For State Representative, 61st District:
Elmer Martin
Alton Staggs
O. Henry (Mike) Young Jr.
For Justice of the Peace:
Lewis Millett

For Taylor County School Superintendent
Billy Yarbrough Commissioner Precinct 2 For Re-election
Joe McDuff Taylor County Judge For Re-election
Judge Roy Skaggs

The above political announcements were paid for by the candidates listed.

Card of Thanks

I WANT TO TAKE this opportunity to thank each of you who did so many kind deeds for me. For the food, visits, flowers, and especially the prayers while I was ill. May God Bless You.
Minnie Hunter 9-1tp

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: William Alex Maddry, Defendant, Greeting:
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 20th day of May A.D. 1974, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 30 day of January A.D. 1974, in this cause, numbered 8921-DR on the docket of said court and styled Beatrice Maddry, Plaintiff, vs. William Alex

8-4tc

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Notice is hereby given that Trent ISD will receive in the office of the superintendent sealed bids for one 1967 Chevrolet 36-passenger bus. Bids must be received in the office of the Superintendent by 4:00 p.m. on June 10, 1974.
The bus may be inspected at the bus barns located in Trent, Texas, 79561. Additional information may be obtained by contacting Dean King, Superintendent or Clayton Brazelton, Business Manager, at 915-862-2411 or 862-3411.
Trent ISD reserves the right to refuse or reject all bids.

GORILLA GROWL

By CINDY BEASLY

Last Tuesday was the day for girls' district golf. Patricia Boyd qualified for the Regional tournament. Wednesday was girls' track with those qualifying for Regional being Brenda Griffith, 80 yard hurdles; Patricia Boyd, 60 yard dash; Cindy Beasley, 10 yard dash; P. M. King, Teri Hamner, Patricia Boyd, Jan Beck, 880 yard relay team. They will be participating in the Regional meet beginning Friday at ACC.

Saturday night was the Junior-Senior Banquet and Prom at the Hilton Inn. The theme, "Precious And Few" was carried throughout the banquet in colors of red and gold. Mr. King, superintendent, presented the Juniors with their class rings, then Mr. John Young, past superintendent of Trent, spoke on "Precious and Few." About 60 Juniors, Seniors and faculty attended.

This Thursday is the Student Talent Show. There are about 15 entries in the show, and Dave Dalgell of KRBC Radio, will be the emcee. Everyone be sure to come to the gym at 7:30 to hear lots of great talent. See 'ya next week!

Earl Hughes Elected Director

Earl Hughes was elected to a three-year term as director for the West Texas Chamber of Commerce at the 1974-75 annual business meeting Friday, April 19 during the 56th Annual Convention in Odessa. Earl B. Hulsey, Jr. of Fort Worth was elected president of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce. The new president, who succeeds Emil C. Rasmussen of Midland, is and chief executive officer of Texas Electric Service Company.

Give clothes the once over before buying. Construction not only affects how a garment looks when being worn, but how long it will wear, points out Mrs. Vivian Simmons, clothing specialist, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

ROUND-UP

By KAYE LANHAM

DR. AND MRS. Robert Shouse and son, Scott spent the Easter holidays in the homes of their parents, Mrs. Andy Shouse and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Patterson.
Robert recently received his degree from Baylor College of Dentistry in Dallas. His wife, Mamie, will graduate from SMU with a degree from the school of Humanities and Social Sciences. She was named among honor students in the annual booklet with an average of 3.4
DARYL GREENFIELD, grandson of the Jay Greenfields, was drafted by the Odessa Pony League to play for First Savings and Loan. Daryl made the list of 64 best 13 year old baseball players in Odessa. He and 152 other boys were drafted out of 616 potential players. He also made All-Star last year playing for Odessa Natural Gas as their second baseman.

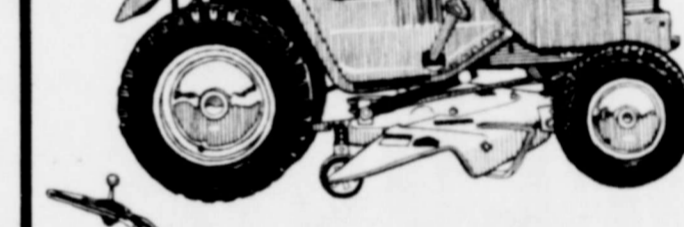
State Rep. Elmer Martin Practices What He Preaches

A state authorized audit proves State Rep. Elmer Martin practices what he preaches. He is among the 10 per cent of all State Representatives who spent the least amount from their House contingency funds.

Rep. Martin spent only \$1,499.41 for the last fiscal year, according to an audit by an Austin firm of certified public accountants. Only 14 other Legislators spent less. But 90 per cent of the 150 State Legislators spent more. Fifty six (37 per cent) spent more than \$8,000 each, some spending above \$12,000 and \$15,000.

The fact is: Elmer Martin does what he says. Not only does he vote for pay-as-you-go government with no new taxes for the first time in 13 years, he also personally practices economy. And, that is another reason why Rep. Elmer Martin is honestly good for a second term.

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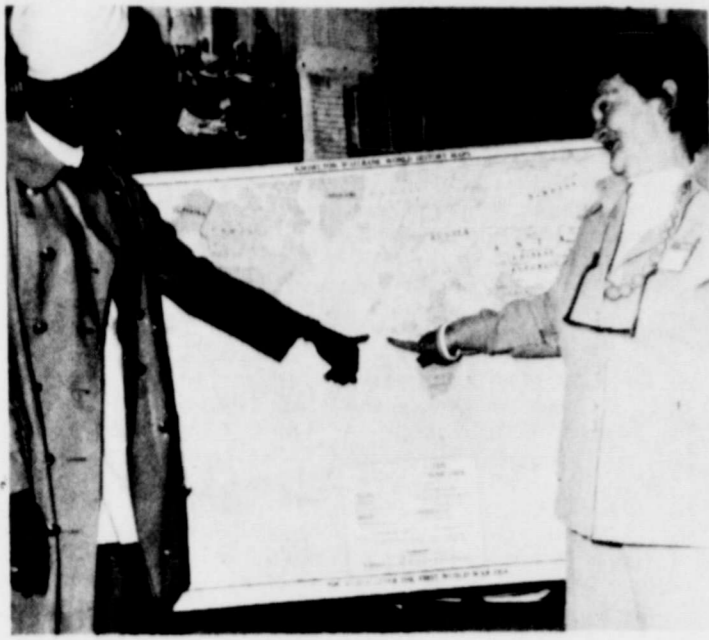
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WHERE I LIVE - M'ballu Dumbuya points out to Mrs. Judd McReynolds, History teacher at MHS, the exact spot on the map where she lives in West Africa. (Photo by Kaye Lanham)

UNCLE SAM - Continued From Page One

at the age of 20-22, after their education is complete. Parents are very strict about this she said.

The head of the family earns about \$150 per year in West Africa.

Some of the professions in West Africa are teaching, mining, farming and political fields.

M'ballu came to the United States two years ago with David Wickham of Abilene. He was in West Africa in the Peace Corp and taught her English. Mr. Wickham made arrangements with her parents for her to stay here in the United States for a total of five years. At that time she will return to West Africa. M'ballu is staying with David's mother, Mrs. Johnnie (Wheeler) Wickham of Abilene.

June McCabe of Canada said her country is one year ahead of the U.S. in education. She said she received 30 hours University credit for her grade 12 work. She has been a student at ACC for 1 year.

There has been very little energy crisis in Canada said Miss McCabe. The government pays all medical expenses in her country.

Faith Lee, also an ACC student, said there is a five million population in Hong Kong, with 90% Chinese, the rest British and European. Public transportation is popular in Hong Kong because gasoline is \$2.00 per gallon.

Miss Lee came to the United States in 1966 at the age of 16. She should have been a senior but because she couldn't speak English she was put back to a sophomore.

Hong Kong has private schools. You pay according to classes. For example: Lower class, \$5; middle, \$35 and upper class, \$75.

Medical and doctor expenses are also paid by the government in her country.

TEL Class Hosted Tues.

The TEL Sunday School Class of First Baptist Church was hosted with a breakfast at the Asteroid Tuesday morning by Jewell Dunagin and Ina Hunter.

Lucy Ford gave the devotional.

Members attending were: Claude Warren, Ruby Jenkins, Maggie Renfro, Dewey Fleming, Ora Griggs, Lucy Ford, Jewell Criswell, Bessie Clack, Ruth Boze, Callie Newson and Fannie Keith.

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BADGER TRACKS

By JANIE CLARK

The Regional Golf competition was held this last week with Merkel placing 5th or 8th out of nearly 20 teams. Members of the team were Mike Henry, David Hendricks, Andy Hart and David West.

Also the track meet was this week. Seven from Merkel competed in the events. Nobody made it to State Competition, but Larry Toliver and Jeff Cox were pretty close to tie. The other members were Darel Bunch, Steve West, Andy Hart, Doug Hutchins and Derrell Riggan.

In Literary Competition, Beverly Gilmore won a first and will go to state in Spelling. Student Council officer elections will be held next Monday. Those running for election have been and will continue to campaign this week and on Monday give their speeches before the ballots are passed out.

New cheerleaders were chosen for the 1974-75 school year. They are Gayla Toliver, head cheerleader, Tody Barnes, Becky Rister, Jerri Smith and Patty Toney. Congratulations to these girls and we know they'll do a good job.

On Friday, May 3rd, the MHS Choir will present the musical drama "Celebrate Life." This is something that will touch everyone who sees it, so be sure and attend. Well, that's about it for now. See 'ya next week!



TACKY DAY ... at Merkel Elementary

Farmcast

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

MORE CREDIT may be available in rural areas under provisions of the Rural Development Act, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Farmers Home Administration is authorized to guarantee private lenders that they will be repaid for up to 90 percent of any loss they take on loans for a variety of rural development purposes. That may increase the flow of rural credit from private banks according to the USDA.

SOME RAIN fell recently over sections of the State, but it is still dry in many areas. Cotton planting is about 11 per cent complete over the State, but some farmers from the Blacklands south are reported wanting rain before planting.

Seedbed preparation is underway on the High Plains... Sorghum planting is reported about 40 per cent complete in the state, compared to about 30 per cent at the same time last year... Peaches are reported developing well in Gillespie County, and trees are beginning to leaf in Gaines County where a good crop is expected.

TEXAS' ONION crop may not be a bumper one, but it's expected to be 18 per cent above last year's crop, reaching 3,675,000 hundred-pounds, compared to 3,120,000 cwt. in 1973. That's about 175 cwt. per acre from 21,000 acres. Onion supplies from Texas fields are expected to peak from now until about mid-May.

The harvest is in full swing in the Rio Grande Valley, and was expected to begin in the San Antonio-Winter Garden area in late April, according to the Texas C. op and Livestock Reporting Service.

Farmers Union Directors Will Meet in Waco April 27

Farmers Union County presidents, who make up the Board of Directors of Texas Farmers Union, will be in Waco Saturday, April 27th for the regular semi-annual meeting of the group governing the state-wide farm organization. The day-long meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. and will be held at the Holiday Inn Southwest. The Waco state Farmers Union office, expects over 100 county Farmers Union officials to be in Waco for the meeting.

The Farmers Union Board will consider resolutions concerning the declining cattle, hog and commodity prices. There will be a review of the extent and severity of agricultural supply shortages, and the Austin representative for the state-wide general farm organization will recap the progress of the Constitutional Convention.

Texas Farmers Union President, Jay Naman of Waco, states that farmers are extremely concerned about declining livestock and commodity prices. "In face of the persistent drought in West Texas, rampant inflation in the area of fertilizer and other agricultural inputs, and with the weak federal farm program that offers little in the way of income protection, our county presidents will meet to deal with the serious problems which are facing us."

According to Farmers Union officials, the organization has had substantial membership expansion since the December convention, and plans will be made at the board meeting to complete the goal of 3,000 new members this year. The state secretary Miss Elizabeth Doshier, reports that all counties are showing an increase for this membership period over last year at the same time.

In addition to dealing with the farm policy problems, board members will hear reports on the progress of the various service programs sponsored by Farmers Union. Farmers Union members are served by National Farmers Union Insurances, based in Denver, and have access to other special educational and farm supply services. Texas Farmers Union is the sponsor of Green Thumb and the Senior Texas Employment programs, and the Board of Directors will hear reports from the administrators of these projects. Green Thumb and STEP provide conservation, beautification and revitalization services for rural communities.

Plans have been made for the farmers and their wives to participate in the Brazos River Festival and Pilgrimage while in Waco.

Farmers Co-Op Society

Annual Membership Meeting

MERKEL, TEXAS

School Cafeteria

Saturday, April 27, 2 p.m.

Please attend your annual meeting and ask your farmer friends to come.

- Three directors are to be elected.
- The annual report will be read.
- Dividend checks will be handed out

Farmers Co-Op Society

MERKEL, TEXAS

Birthday Celebration Honors Mother-Daughter

Mr. and Mrs. E.L. Tarpley, Rt. 1, Merkel, were hosts for a birthday celebration honoring Mr. Tarpley's grandmother, Mrs. Edd Kelso of Abilene, and Mr. Tarpley's sister, Mrs. Tuffie Stevens of Rt. 1, Merkel.

Mrs. Kelso and her late husband Edd farmed for many years in the 5th Community before retiring to Abilene. Mrs. Kelso was 95 years young and still very active. She runs her household, keeps a yard and vegetable garden. She loves to watch television, read, and crochet, and still finds time to make frequent visits to her farm holdings and visit her grandchildren.

Attending the celebration was a daughter, Stella Tarpley of Abilene; a son, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Kelso of San Antonio; grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. Wayman Hicks, of Rt. 3, Merkel, Mrs. Danny West of Merkel, Mrs. Mrs. Tuffie Stevens, Starlene and Tonya Maxwell and Tommy and John Stevens of Rt. 1, Merkel.

Another son, Ted Kelson, of Abilene, was unable to attend.

After a dinner of Barbeque beef, Smoked turkey, and salads, all favorite foods of Mrs. Kelso, she and Mrs. Stevens each cut their own birthday cake. Both were baked and decorated by Mrs. E.L. Tarpley.

The Senior Citizen Club met on Thursday and Monday night for Game Night with new members present both nights.

Curtains have been purchased. Also chairs have been donated and have been repaired and are ready to use. If anyone would like to donate a chair that can be used in the dining area call 928-5074.

Thursday night is Talent Night and a good program has been planned. Everyone is invited to attend.

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Reception To Honor Yarbrough

A reception to honor Billy Yarbrough, candidate for Taylor County School Superintendent, will be held this Saturday in Abilene at 1809 Amarillo Street.

Mrs. Odis Blaylock will be hostess for the reception from 10 until 11:30 a.m.

"I know that Mr. Yarbrough knows many teachers in the area, because of his 15 years' experience in the county schools," said Mrs. Blaylock, adding, "and of course his work with professional organizations has led many teachers to know him. This is just a reception to get together for old friends and to meet new ones."

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A big reason State Rep. Elmer Martin has been so effective in Austin for us is because he truly is one of us - a small town. He lives in Colorado City, earns his living from a small farm he owns and another he rents.

Small towns and rural communities make up 75 per cent of our 5-county Legislative District 61 (Nolan, Fisher, Mitchell, Jones and Taylor). The other 25 per cent are from Abilene.

Martin's two opponents live in Abilene, a metro-city. Abilene already has a State Senator and one State Representative. Our towns and communities need more voice in Austin, not less. We need more of Elmer Martin.

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ELMER MARTIN - HE'S

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Pol. Adv. Paid by Elmer Martin Campaign, Elmer Martin, Mgr., 725 Elm St., Colorado City, Texas.



SERVICE AWARDS - Receiving service pins were L to R, Wayne Deen, 5 yrs.; F. T. Bartlett, 15 yrs.; Donny Doan, 5 yrs.; Dale Hammond, 5 yrs.; and A. C. Ascencio, 15 yrs. (Photo by Kaye Lanham)

Dillard Reunion Held Sunday

The children of the late Rex and Maggie Bell Dillard, early Merkel grocery merchants, held their reunion at the Community Center at Tuscola Sunday, April 21. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dillard of Noodle; Mr. and Mrs. Rex Dillard, Jr. and Danny, Aspermont; Mrs. Elmer Huff, Alpena, Ark.; Mr. and Mrs. Leslie McCormick, Tuscola; three grandchildren and five great grandchildren also attended.

For young children, choose colorful, durable books with simple short stories, advises Ilene Carrington, family life specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.



NEW DIRECTORS - Elected new directors at the Members Meeting of the Taylor Electric Co-op April 18 was L to R, R. C. (Sonny) Watts, Jr., and Ray Orsborn. Also elected was Tommie Johnson, who was in the hospital at the time of the meeting. (Photo by Kaye Lanham)

Two From Here To Attend State FHA Meet In Dallas

"Today's Concern - Tomorrow's IMPACT" is the theme of the 1974 state meeting of the Texas Association of Future Homemakers of America to be held at the Convention Center in Dallas, April 27-29.

More than 5,000 members and advisors representing over 85,000 members in 1,800 chapters throughout the state are expected to attend. Members are homemaking students in junior and senior high schools. Homemaking teachers serve as advisors. Representatives of the Future Homemakers of America chapter of Merkel will be Jerrie Stephen and Rhonda White. Jerrie is the 1974-75 FHA President and Rhonda was elected to be voting delegate for the chapter.

Dallas Cowboy quarterback, Roger Staubach, will be keynote speaker. Along with his professional football career, the Heisman Trophy winner has been active in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, a member of the Governor's Drug Advisory Council, and was the 1973 State Easter Seal chairman.

The business of the Texas Association will be conducted at the House of Delegates session on Thursday evening, followed by a talent show featuring Areas I-V. FHAs who have achieved unusual accomplishments by completing all three levels of the Encounter Growth and Development program will be honored at a breakfast on Friday morning.

A State Chorus of 100 female and 20 male Future Homemakers chosen by their areas will be featured. This group will be under the direction of Dr. Wilford E. Crawford, Program Facilitator-Creative Arts, Dallas Independent School District, Dallas.

Installation of the 1974-75 state officers will climax the Friday evening session. At this time, eleven officers elected through chapter participation throughout the state will be placed in office. A newly elected president will receive the gavel from Annette Reznik, Friona, outgoing president.

The Future Homemakers of America organization is sponsored by Homemaking Education, Texas Education Agency with Mrs. Elizabeth F. Smith as director and Mrs. Betty Romans serving as State Advisor.

Mrs. Burlison Comments On THCA, Young Support

The Texas Hair Dressers and Cosmetologists Association (THCA) today announced the organization's 5-county support of Mike Young for State Representative, District 61. The announcement was made in Abilene by Second Vice President of THCA, Mrs. Bob (Jimmie Kay) Kennedy.



GLADYS BURLISON ...Comments

As a member of the all industry advisory committee to the Texas Cosmetologist Commission, Mrs. Kennedy said that she has become familiar with the industry's problems.

According to Mrs. Kennedy, there are some 100,000 licensed cosmetologists in the state of Texas, and approximately 250 salons in the 61st District, varying in size from one-operator establishments to 10 and 12 chair salons.

When advised of the support of THCA, Young expressed appreciation, and said that he did not claim to understand the multi-problems of the industry, but was willing to learn; that he was interested in any problems concerning people in his district.

Among the cosmetologists interviewed in the five county area of the 61st District was Mrs. Dale (Gladys) Burlison of Merkel.

"I've been in the business for over 30 years, and own my own shop, social security,

Rising prices and taxes are putting the little business out of business. I can no longer afford an operator. With prices rising so fast, and people unable to pay double for having their beauty work done, there is just little profit in the business any more. I can make it alone, because I'm a saving person with supplies, but most operators you hire are not.

"And I wonder why the laws are so strenuous for our industry and are not for some of the other industries that handle food and come in contact with people.

"One more thing, I want a representative with moral stability," stated Mrs. Burlison.

Girl Scout News

By NANCY CLICK

Troop 313 met at the Scout Hut Monday, April 22 for their regular meeting.

The girls made a poster "Help Keep America Beautiful." We will be working in Merkel Saturday picking up trash off the streets and in the alleys.

The girls also made a food poster and discussed the important things to eat for a good breakfast.

Pocipicles were served to ten girls.

Lubbock Dust, Muscles Prove Too Much

By LAVONNE BUNCH

Lubbock, that wind swept city where teams advance to regional competition. It is quite a feat to gain that berth. Merkel's Golf team found the natural elements too great to overcome; however, it was a real experience according to the boys. Members of the team are David Hendricks,

Mike Henry, Andy Hart and David West.

The Track team met the stiffest competition and the strongest dust storm they have encountered all year. The weather and muscles didn't cooperate, hence no contestant from Merkel will advance to Austin. Members going to regional were Larry Tolver, Darel Bunch, Darrell Riggins, Doug Hutchins and at the last minute, Andy Hart.

Missionettes

Twenty-eight attended Missionettes meeting Friday at the Assembly of God Church.

Members are making dolls out of fur presently. Refreshments were served to those in attendance by Donna, Mary and Barbara Ledford.

Office Set Up In Abilene By TSTA To Aid Teachers

ABILENE - A new source of assistance to teachers in Taylor County on school-related problems is now available from the newly established Region 3 office of the Texas State Teachers Association.

Nine such regional offices have been established by TSTA, to extend services of the Association's state headquarters in Austin.

Taylor County will be served by the regional office at Abilene, with Mrs. Jewell Harris as regional consultant to teachers in the area. Mrs. Harris directs the Region 3 office at 3385 North Third Street, Suite 9, Abilene. The telephone number is 915-673-6321.

In the past, TSTA field service personnel have operated solely out of the Austin headquarters office. This office will continue to serve members on a statewide basis.

HONOR ROLL

John Cain, Merkel Elementary School Principal, has released the following students making the honor roll:

PRIMARY HONOR ROLL

First Grade

"A"

Benny Allgaier, Donny Brady, Jason Castille, Jerry Davis, Cody Glasscock, Tim Jacobs, Cody Johnson, Missy Jones, Darren Pack, Melody Pape, Michael Reddin, Gayle Rich, Kenny Sims, Shane Smith, Johnny Starbuck, Cindy Toney, Marsha Tutt, Cindy Williams.

"A-B"

James Allday, Lyle Baker, Joe Biera, Billy Farquhar, Jaral Glenn Pannell, Spencer Scott, David Teaff, Tamara Watson, Dusti Whisenhunt, Sean Woodard.

Second Grade

"A"

Lori Aldridge, Angela Allen, Bonnie Anderson Kim Battreal, Jill Douglass, Joan Fariello, Jay Gibson, Tommy Hays, Brenda Hohertz, Critton Kincaid, Billy McKeehan, Kimberly Pack, Cindy Sims.

"A-B"

Scott Alves, Darvin Bailey, Craig Cooley, Steven Davis, Steve Fagile, Trayla Greg-

ory, Wayne Horton, Judy Jinkens, Casey Johnson, Mary Ledford, Russell Lucas, Paula Massey, Scotty Neumann, Joe Ortega, Denise Pack, Charlotte Toney, Ray Walters, Pam Wheeler, John Ybarra.

Third Grade

"A"

Tina Bicknell, Rosie Biera, Tim Brady, Tammy Cloyd, Calvin Cooley, Melinda Holmes, Stormy Magee, Eddie Martin, Chris Mashburn, Pam Massey, Kandy Richie, Melissa Tomlinson, Windi Whisenhunt.

"A-B"

Amye Amerine, Greg Armwine, Tonya Bicknell, Jeff Scott, Eddy Harris, Kyle Wolf.

Fourth Grade

"A"

Rene Aiken, Kristi Alves, Loyce Baker, Nancy Click, Roberta Duran, Mary Fariello, Larry Hines, Janice Jacobs, Paul Kannell, O.C. McKeehan Maria Moreno, Connie Page, Stacy Seymour, Yvonne Swinney, David Wilkerson, Debbie Williams.

"A-B"

Susan Allgaier, Sam Anderson, Leighton Batey, Tammie Cunningham, Christine Franklin, Victor Ortega Mary Pannell, Mike Pape, Danny Riggan, Willy Townsend, Ann Wooten.

ELEMENTARY HONOR ROLL

Fifth Grade

"A"

Lesia Allen, Manuel Biera, Mark Bland, Christy Brady, Judy Castille, Tammy Davis, Todd Gregory, Kelly Knight, Randy Martin, Bart Pursley.

"A-B"

Shelia Adair, Kay Amerine, Vickie Campbell, Cindy Doan, Billy Walters.

Sixth Grade

"A"

Josh Amerine, Shannon Bagby, Kay Lynn Butman, Chris Cox, Wendy Hogan, Jodie Jinkens, Kim Mashburn, Marissa Sandusky, Tomie Santee, Lisa Shugart Brad Wade, Dion Wilkerson.

"A-B"

Sherry Ascencio, Becky Carter, Robert Cunningham, Jeannessa Cypert, Brian Fowler, Susie Hewitt, Carmen Lerma, Karen Pack, Gwen Tarpley, Lynn Wade, Becky Watts.

Seventh Grade

"A"

Gay Pfeister and Dianne Roberts.

"A-B"

Pam Crenshaw, Charleen Fariello, Lesia Hart, Kelly Magee, Lupe Ortega, Carla Rister, Grant Sandusky, Shelia Sloan, Cindy Smith, Rusty Watts.

Eighth Grade

"A"

Kandi Ascencio, Freda Crenshaw, Suzy Rister, Sherry We-t, Marlon White, Linda Williams.

"A-B"

Randy Cox, Randy Harris, Cathy Holloway, Carrie Law, Grant Murrell, Kim Satterwhite, Ronnye Trull, Kyle Wilkerson.

Intramural Track Meet Held April 17

Almost one hundred percent student involvement was seen April 17 as ninety-five fifth and sixth graders participated in an intramural Track Meet at Badger Stadium.

The results of the events are as follows:

Fifth Grade Winners:

Girls' 50 Yd. dash - 1. Kay Amerine, 2. Judy Castille, 3. Nina Morris, 4. Ann Melton, 5. Charlotte Watts, 6. Cindy Doan.

Girls' 100 Yd. dash - 1. Kay Amerine, 2. Nina Morris, 3. Judy Castille, 4. Cindy Doan, 5. Lisa Allen, 6. Nelda Hart.

Girls' Relay - 1. (Judy Castille, Susan Wheeler, Nelda Hart, and Shannon Boyd); 2. (Kay Amerine, Ann and Jan Melton, and Christi Brady); and 3. (Nina Morris, Lisa Allen, Vicki Campbell, and Laurie Baruch.)

Girls' Softball Throw - 1. Cindy Doan, 2. LaNita Stephens, 3. Louise Sellers, 4. Vicki Campbell, 5. Sheri Williams, 6. Susan Wheeler.

Girls' Triple Jump - 1. Tonya Maxwell, 2. Tammie Davis, 3. Judy Castille, 4. Christi Brady, 5. Sheri Williams, 6. Charlotte Watts.

Girls' Broad Jump - 1. Kay Amerine, 2. Susan Wheeler, 3. Cindy Doan, 4. Nina Morris, 5. Nelda Hart, 6. Louise Sellers.

Boys' Discus - 1. William Martin, 2. Larry Jowers, 3. Randy Flores, 4. Mark Bunch, 5. Manuel Biera, 6. Mike Fisher.

Boys' Shot Put - 1. Donnie Tutt, 2. Ellis Williams, 3. Manuel Biera, 4. Danny Phillips, 5. William Martin, 6. Randy Flores.

Boys' High Jump - 1. Bart Pursley, 2. Terry Owen, 3. Randy Martin, 4. Troy Hooper, 5. Mark Bunch, 6. Danny Phillips.

Boys' Broad Jump - 1. Terry Owen, 2. Todd Gregory, 3. Donald Hegwood, 4. Troy Hooper, 5. Randy Martin, 6. Dwayne Eloan.

Boys' 100 Yd. Dash - 1. Bart Pursley, 2. Donnie Tutt, 3. Bobby Burns, 4. Mark Bunch, 5. Ellis Williams, 6. Owen Franklin.

Boys' 50 Yd. Dash - 1. Bart Pursley, 2. Donnie Tutt, 3. Dwayne Sloan, 4. (tie) Randy Martin and Donald Hegwood, 5. Owen Franklin, 6. Bobby Burns.

Boys' Relay - 1. Bart Pursley, Randy Martin, Todd

Gregory, and Danny Phillips; 2. (Mark Bunch, Ellis Williams, Larry Jowers, and Troy Hooper); 3. (Bobby Burns, Kelley Knight, Owen Franklin, and Tommy Swinney); 4. (Dwayne Sloan, Donnie Tutt, Terry Owen, and Donald Hegwood).

Sixth Grade Results: 100 Yd. Dash (Girls) - 1. Gwen Tarpley, 2. Lisa Shugart, 3. Becky Watts, 4. Sherry Roeder, 5. Sammie Shaw, 6. Lisa Owen.

100 Yd. Dash (Boys) - 1. Robert Fowler, 2. Scott Cain, 3. Chris Cox, 4. James Baruch, 5. David Blair, 6. Robert Fariello.

50 Yd. Dash (Girls) - 1. Gwen Tarpley, Becky Watts, Sammie Shaw, Karen Pack, Taresia English, Lisa Owen, 50 Yd. Dash (Boys) - 1. Kit Howerton, 2. Robert Fowler, 3. Dale Ray Higgins, 4. Scott Cain, 5. James Baruch, 6. John Townsend.

Girls' Relays - 1. (Gwen Tarpley, Taresia English, Enedian Vera Cruz, Kim Mashburn); 2. (Sammie Shaw, Sherry Roeder, Shannon Bagby, Becky Carter); 3. (Lisa Owen, Lisa Shugart, Brenda Pack, and Suzanne Byrd); 4. (Becky Watts, Sherry Ascencio, Sonny Norton, Karen Pack).

Boys' Relays - 1. (Dale Ray Higgins, Kit Howerton, Ted Holmes, James Baruch).

Boys' Discus - 1. David Blair, 2. Jeff Toombs, 3. David Flores, 4. David Wright, 5. Josh Amerine, 6. Ray Sellers.

Boys' Shot Put - 1. Jeff Toombs, 2. David Blair, 3. David Flores, 4. Chris Cox, 5. Josh Amerine, 6. Josh Amerine.

Boys' High Jump - 1. Kit Howerton, 2. Dale Ray Higgins, 3. Scott Cain, 4. Chris Cox, 5. Josh Amerine, 6. (tie) Gayland Mitchell and James Baruch.

Boys' Triple Jump - 1. Gwen Tarpley, 2. Suzanne Byrd, 3. Becky Carter, 4. Carmen Lerma, 5. Sherry Ascencio, 6. Sammie Shaw.

Boys' High Jump - 1. Kit Howerton, 2. Dale Ray Higgins, 3. Scott Cain, 4. Chris Cox, 5. Josh Amerine, 6. (tie) Gayland Mitchell and James Baruch.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 25 Turkey Pot Pie, Biscuit Topping, Green Salad with Dressing (1,000 or French), Biscuits, Milk, and Apple Cheese Crisp.

MONDAY, APRIL 29 Fried Fish, Tartar Sauce, Catsup, Cabbage, Pepper Relish, Butter, Whole Kernel Corn, Batter Bred, Milk, and Sliced Pears.

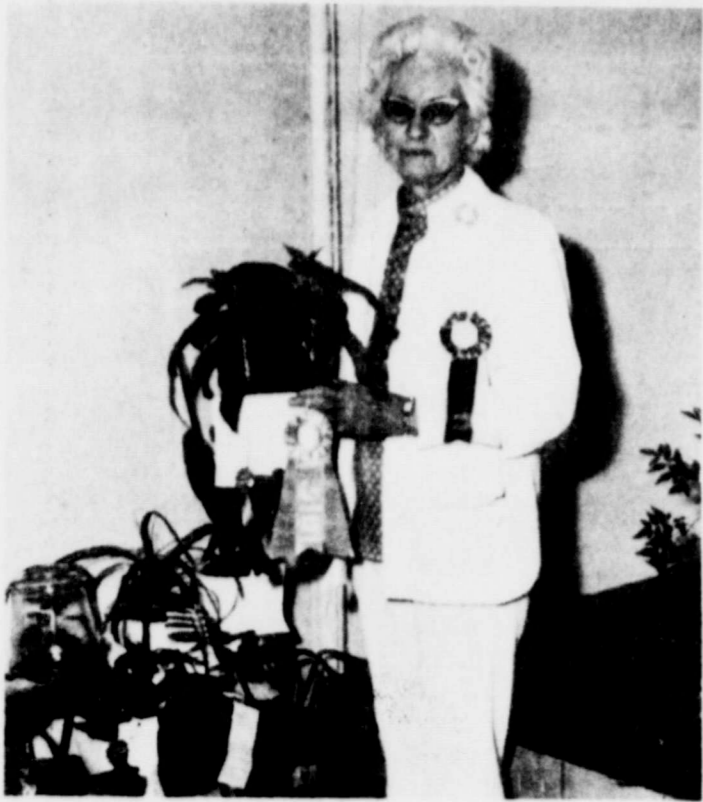
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THURSDAY, MAY 2

FRIDAY, MAY 3 Hamburgers, Catsup, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Onions, French Fries, School Made Buns, Milk, Chocolate No Bake Cookies, and Punch.

FRIDAY, APRIL 26 Hot Dogs w/Chili, Mustard, Pickle Relish, Sliced Onions, Potato Chips, School Made Buns, Milk, Chilled Cran-Apple Sauce, and Orange Juice.



HORTICULTURE SWEEPSTAKE - Mrs. Allen King holds her Zebra Plant which won her a Special Merit Award in the pot plant division. Mrs. King won six blue ribbons in that division, winning for her the Sweepstakes Award.

BROWN

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1. Mrs. Jarrett Williams
2. Mrs. Ora Griggs
- B. The New and the Old
1. Mrs. W. L. Brown
- C. The Golden Years
1. Mrs. W. L. Brown
2. Mary Click
- Class 9. "Where There's a Will, There's a Way"
A. "A Will to Work"
1. Mrs. W. L. Brown
2. Mrs. E. J. Patterson
- B. Hard Times
1. Mrs. W. L. Brown
2. Mrs. Oda Clark
- Class 10. "Sands of Time"
1. Mrs. Ora Griggs
- Class 1. "Two Glasses"
A. Deigners Choice
2. Lottie Everett

Section 1

- Tall Bearded - 1. Mrs. Oda Clark
Dianthus-3 Stem - Mrs. Odis Griffin
Verbena-3 Stem - 1. Mrs. John Shannon,
Snap Dragons-One Stem - Mrs. E. J. Patterson
Amarillis - 1. scape - 1. Mrs. Charlie Sherrill, Mrs. Ora Griggs; 2. Mrs. Oda Clark.
Anemone - 1 stem - 2. Mrs. Ora Griggs

Section 7

- Potted Plants - 1. Mrs. Allen King, Mrs. Charlie Sherrill, 2. Mrs. Lottie Everett.
Fern - 2. Mrs. Odis Griffin
Boston Fern - 2. Mrs. Odis Griffin.
Succulents - 1. Mrs. Allen King, Mrs. Jarrett Williams, Sanservieria-1. Mrs. Allen King.
Totem Pole Ivy - 1. Mrs. Allen King.
"Others" - Mrs. Joe Hartley, 3 firsts; Mrs. Allen King, 2 seconds; Mrs. Allen King, 2 first; and Mrs. Mary Click, 1 second.
Pyraecantha - 1. Mrs. Ora Griggs.
"Others" - Mrs. Louise Sudderth, 1 first; and Mrs. E.J. Patterson, 1 second.



TRICOLOR AWARD - Mrs. E. J. Patterson is shown here with her winning entry in the "Enclosed Spaces" division. This is Mrs. Patterson's first year as a member of the Merkel Garden Club. (Photos by Kaye Lanham)



MERIT AWARD - Mrs. Leota Sherrill won the Award of Merit for cut flowers in Horticulture for her Amarylhis.



CHAIRMAN OF SHOW - Mrs. Oda Clark, chairman of this year's Flower Show is standing beside Mrs. W. L. Brown's design which won the Creativity Award. It was entitled "New Friends and Old Friends".



BLUE RIBBON - Mrs. Leota Sherrill won a first on her mass arrangement in the division "Beauty As A Shield". Her arrangement consisted of Spider Mums, Queen Annes Lace, Larkspur, Daisies and various other flowers.

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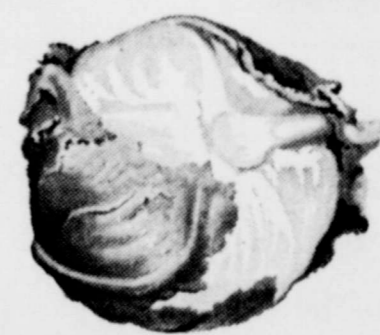
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