

Saturday Is Trades Day

Saturday is Trades Day in Merkel. And the merchants of Merkel are having their First Saturday specials. While there is no special entertainment planned, the bargains are still there.

"Even though there is no special event this Trades Day we would like to remind all interested persons that they are still welcome to set up booths in downtown Merkel Saturday," said George Starbuck, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce Retail and Promotion committee.

"We felt that it was just too hot to have any one entertain on the streets this time, but we want to remind everyone that Trades Day is still going on," he said. Entertainment will be resumed as soon as the weather cools some Starbuck said.

Trash Pickup Days Changed

Effective August 5, 1974, no trash that has been burned will be picked up by city crews.

People have called City Hall in reference to burning

grass and leaves. It is still permitted to burn leaves, grass and limbs in alley or street, if it is not put in barrels to be picked up by city crews.

Due to days in which landfill will be open, trash pickup days have been changed to TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY. Trash that has been picked up on Monday will now be picked up on Tuesday and that trash that has been picked up Tuesday will now be picked up on Wednesday.

Trash Pickup will be: Ash Street East on Tuesday and Ash Street West and all of North side on Wednesday. Business pickup will still be 5 days each week.

Harrison Reunion

The reunion of Mrs. W. A. Harrison of the Leisure Lodge care home of Anson formerly of Merkel, will be held Sunday, August 4th at the Nelson Park at Abilene. All of the friends are invited to come by.

The Rev. Lynward Harrison will bring a devotion before the noon lunch.

Chancey Reunion

The Chancey Reunion was held Sunday July 28th in the Community Center. Sixty-eight descendants of Mrs. Elizabeth C. Chancey and the late Hamilton R. Chancey met for the family reunion.

Mrs. Chancey, 82, was the oldest member present. The youngest member present was Melissa Chance, seven-

week old great granddaughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Chancey. She is the granddaughter of H. R. Chancey Jr. of Abilene.

All eight of the Chancey children were present. They are: Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Chancey, Wichita Falls; Mr. and Mrs. Clyde R. Chancey, Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lall Chancey, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Chancey, Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Chancey Jr., Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Loyd (Ona) Reece, Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. (Jewel) Jennings, Abilene; and Mr. and Mrs. Paul V. Chancey of Oklahoma City.

Grandchildren and great-grandchildren present were: Mr. and Mrs. Session Hammonds, Leslie and Joel, Hawley; Mr. and Mrs. David Chancey and Stacy, Abilene; Dianne Gutherie, Shreveport, La.; Mr. and Mrs. Roger Rich, Phil, Angie and Jonathan of Garland; Gay, Anne and Patrick Gibson, Dallas; Rand, Nancy, Jennifer, Elizabeth and Melissa Chancey Abilene; Jamie, Pattie, James Jennings III, and Patrick Jennings, San Antonio, Texas; Paula and Laurie Chancey, Oklahoma City; Mr. and Mrs. Pat (Ann) Maddox, Julie and Mark, Lubbock; and Jayne Jennings and Mike Ford, Abilene.

Also attending were Mrs. Jarena Andrews, View; Mrs. Mildred Drummond, View; Mrs. Manilla Price, Abilene; Bob, Mildred, Paula, and Leslie Morris, Nugent, Tex.; Jane and Steve Smith, Abilene; and Mrs. Myrtle Crumpler, Anson.

One visitor, Mrs. A. W. Clemmer of Merkel, attended.

Reeves Reunion

Sixty-five were present for the annual reunion of the late J. M. Reeves family. The event took place at the Thunderbird Lodge in Abilene. Families came from all parts of Texas and New Mexico. This year's reunion was said to have been one of the best.

Many former Merkelites were present for the two day event. The oldest members present were Mrs. Monroe Whisenant, and Mrs. Aubria Rhea, Merkel relatives present were Mr. and Mrs. Irl Walker, and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hamm. Guest from Merkel, Sunday, were Mr. and Mrs. Buster Horton.

Porter Reunion

Mr. and Mrs. John Browning, attended the Porter Family Reunion this past week. The event took place in Colorado City, Sunday, July 28, Mr. and Mrs. Browning live at 5th.

Bratchers Return

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Bratcher, Cherry and Royce, went to Artesia, New Mexico, for the family reunion. They reported a large crowd present and the reunion was very successful.

Farmers Union Meeting Held

The Taylor County Chapter of the Farmers Union held its monthly meeting at the Asteroid Restaurant Thursday night. Main topic of discussion was what the government was doing concerning disaster loans to farmers and ranchers. The status of the Disaster area request that was sent to the Governor and on to the Secretary of Agriculture was also discussed. Approximately 20 members were present for the meeting.

Fire Dept. To Sell Trash Cans

Because of the anticipated demand for trash cans which is expected when the new City Ordinance regulating trash goes into effect, the Merkel Fire Dept. members will be selling trash cans as a money raising project.

The cans will be metal 30 gal, with lid and with handles on each side. This will meet specifications of the new ordinance.

Street numbers will be painted on each can and delivered to the purchaser.

The public will be contacted by a representative of the Fire Dept. as soon as these cans are available.



PATRICIA BOYD
...Horseman Nominee

Patricia Boyd 'Outstanding 4-H Horseman' Nominee

Patricia Boyd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Boyd of Rt. 2, Trent, will be in Dallas, Tex., this week attending the National Youth Horse Congress and the Texas State 4-H Horse Show. The events will take place at the State Fair Grounds, July 29-August 3, 1974. Patricia, has qualified for the two events, which are at the state and national levels.

The 5th Annual National Youth Horse Congress offers judging contests, demonstration contests, public speaking contests, and the AQHA Approved All-Youth Quarter Horse Show. Horsemen from all fifty states are expected to be competing for championship honors at the national level. The 1974 State 4-H Horse Show will be held in conjunction with the National Youth Horse Congress. The schedules for the State Show and the NYHC are such that contestants in the state show can participate in the entire week's activities. This week of horse activities should be a memorable occasion for all those attending.

Patricia will be riding her Quarter Horse gelding, Never Give Up, in the week long activities. She will be competing in Halter, Showmanship at Halter, Barrel Racing, and Pole Bending. Each 13 districts in Texas, will be sending its top twenty qualifiers to compete in the state show for championship honors. Patricia was recently named High point all-around at the Taylor County 4-H Horse Show and the District 7 High point all-around at Mason, Texas.

This last week, Patricia received notice that she had been named as a nominee to receive the Vit-A-Way Outstanding Horseman Award for Texas. For a number of years, Vit-A-Way Company has initiated an awards program to honor the outstanding horseman at the State Horse Show. The award is based on horsemanship, leadership, and citizenship. Thirteen outstanding boys and girls from all sections of the state will be competing for the honor of being named The Outstanding Horseman of Texas. Patricia is the first nominee to have been nominated from Taylor County or the surrounding area. During the state show all nominees will be given interviews on their horsemanship knowledge and ability. Introductions of the nominees and the awards presentation will take place Friday night prior to the championship performance finals. Being named Outstanding Horseman of Texas is an award all 4-H Horseman dream of and Patricia is one step closer to this reality of a once in a life time opportunity.

These two events are a highlight to Patricia's horse activities during the past year. Patricia is an active member of the American Jr. Rodeo Assn., the West Texas Jr. Rodeo Assn., and the West Texas Barrel Racing Assn. along with 4-H horse activities and American Quarter Horse activities. Participating in the above associations along with rodeos, gives her a busy week any time of the year.

Mulberry Canyon 4-H'ers To Compete in Show

The State Fair Grounds in Dallas, Texas will be the site of the 1974 State 4-H Horse Show on August 1, 2 and 3. Among the 240 contestants from Texas will be Patricia Boyd and Johnny Gray, both members of the Mulberry Canyon 4-H Club.

Notice

The Merkel Homecoming will be October 25, 1974. Make plans now for the biggest and best homecoming ever. If you have any suggestions, contact Pat Cypert, 926-5792.

Trent Twirlers Attend Arlington School

Trent High School twirlers for 1974-75 attended the University of Texas at Arlington summer camp July 21-25. They are: Cindy Beasley-senior; Pam King-junior; Brenda Griffith-sophomore; and Penny Hatfield-freshman.

The Trent girls were in the High Advanced Intermediate Class. The UTA school provided instruction in solo routines, ensemble routines, 2-baton, hoops, knives, ma-

chets, fanfares, struts, dance routines, fire baton, flags, and costume design.

The Trent twirlers learned routines to these numbers: "The Entertainer," "Double Mint Will Do It," "Soulful Street," and "The Horse," to use as they lead the THS band this year.

Trent band will be under the direction of Mrs. Jerry Findley, who is a graduate of ACC.



TRENT TWIRLERS ATTEND SCHOOL - The THS Band will have new routines this year, learned at the University of Texas at Arlington, this past week. The Twirlers are L to R Penny Hatfield, Brenda Griffith, Pam King and Cindy Beasley.

School Board to Buy Air Conditioning Wiring

The Merkel School Board voted Monday night to install electrical wiring and water to each class room in the Merkel School System for air conditioning. A group of interested citizens and teachers met with the board at the meeting where personnel changes were also discussed.

The board estimated that cost of the materials for the wiring and plumbing would run between \$3-4,000. The labor for the project will be donated by several interested persons from Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc. and other interested citizens.

"The board is making the necessary electrical and plumbing available to each room so that a teacher or any interested parent can put individual units in the room. Also, there is a possibility that some of the service clubs might want to air condition a room or group of rooms as a project. We wish that funds were available to completely air condition the schools. However, this is not so and this is the best we can do at present," board president Bobby DuBose said. "About a year ago, the Board took bids to completely air condition the schools. The cost was about \$90,000. This was just too much. Our next approach was to have just wiring and plumbing put in each room. The bid for individual contractors to do this was around \$20,000. This was unacceptable. The plan

we now have is something that we can afford to do and hopefully, will get the air conditioning," DuBose said. Several parents and interested citizens have expressed a desire to have the schools

air conditioned from time to time.

The Board approved the resignation of several school personnel and the election of the proposed new teachers and employees.

School Board To Appoint Citizens Committee for Study

There will be a called meeting of the Merkel School Board Tuesday night, August 6 at 7:30 p.m. Purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the appointing of a Citizens Committee. Also to be considered will be the re-evaluation of property within the Merkel School District. The Board recently adopted the County evaluation method. This method was adopted temporarily to equalize the evaluation system within the district.

With Noodle, Tye and Merkel being consolidated last year, there were three formulas being used.

The purpose of the Citizens Committee will be to study the needs of the School District and make recommendations to the Board, according to School Board President Bobby DuBose. "We also plan to invite the Texas Education Agency to come to Merkel and make a study of our system. This is a free service that TEA offers and we feel that it would be beneficial to the school system. We may not follow all of their recommendations, but we hope to get a lot of useful suggestions from them. This is separate from the accreditation visit that TEA makes from time to time," DuBose said.

DuBose went on to explain that the TEA recommends that each school board member appoint a citizen to the committee and that the president appoint the chairman who in turn may appoint two members. "While this may not be the exact way we appoint the Citizens Committee members, we plan to insure

that a cross section of the district is represented on the committee," DuBose said.

The School Board will spell out some of the things that they want the Citizens Committee to study and make recommendations on, the president said. He said the board planned to lay the ground rules for the committee's work at the board meeting Tuesday night.

Other items will be considered by the board.

Merkel Assembly Of God To Study Prophecy

Pastor John Curtis, of the Merkel Assembly of God, North Second and Runnels, announced that the church would begin a study of prophecy, as found in the books of Revelation, Daniel, Isaiah, Ezekiel, Matthew, and other books of the Bible.

The study will be conducted by Dr. James H. Chaney, former local chiropractor. Pastor Curtis states that Chaney will use a huge chart to show his interpretation of God's plan for the future and the sequence of events.

The study is to be held each Wednesday night, beginning July 31 at 7:30 P.M. and each Wednesday night until it is completed, at the Church.

"No Place To Hide" Theme For Area Youth Rally

The First Baptist Church of Merkel will host an area youth rally Saturday, August 3rd, at 7:00 p.m. Nineteen area churches have been ex-

tended invitations as well as local churches, Barry Owens, music director at Cops Baptist Church will lead the music and special music will be provided by local and visiting youth. The theme of the rally will be "No Place To Hide" as illustrated through the film "A Thief in the Night" to be shown during the service. The film is produced through Mark IV Productions and is a motion picture about Bible prophecy. It shows what can happen when Jesus Christ returns. This exciting story centers around Patty, an average girl caught up in living for the present, with little concern about the future. What happens when this thinking finally catches up with her provides an action packed, unforgettable drama. The fast moving pace includes a young man confronted by a deadly Asian cobra, a young girl's daring escape from jail, and a take-over by "The Imperium" that regards all who are not properly identified as enemies of the system. Filmed on location in Iowa, this picture portrays with devastating reality the Biblical prediction, "There will be no place to hide." One does not merely view this film, he experiences it. Every thinking person will seriously consider its impact.

Turner Reunion Slated

The descendants of the late Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Turner, pioneer settlers of Mulberry Canyon, will have their reunion at the Merkel Community Center, August 11, 1974.

A basket lunch will be served, and friends and relatives are invited.

Band Practice Monday At 8:00

Glenn Reed, band director of the Merkel High School Band, has announced the first practice of the pre-school rehearsal, Monday night at 8:00 P.M. at the band hall. Rehearsals for the rest of the week will be in the mornings, starting at 8:30 A.M. and concluding at 10:30 A.M. Reed stated, "the Badger Band should be about 65 member strong again this year, and we are expecting to have another outstanding band. The new uniforms are expected to be delivered in time for the first football game.

Merkel Golf Tourney Won By Anson Pair

Gene Spurgin and Ernest Sprayberry of Anson combined for a two day total of 136 to take top honors in the Merkel Country Club Partnership tournament last Sunday.

The pair shot a 69 in Saturday's first round and came back with a 67 Sunday to end up in a first place tie with Tommy Springer and Tim Stuerzenberger of Abilene. The tournament was won in a sudden death playoff.

Fire Auxiliary To Have Concession

Ladies Auxiliary of the Fire Department will have the Concession Trailer downtown at N. 2nd and Edwards, Trades Day Saturday, August 3.

They will be selling hamburgers, hot dogs, cokes and etc. The proceeds will go to improve the community.

Cowboy Campfire Cook-Off Slated For Aug. 31

Plans for the Second Annual International Cowboy Campfire Cook-Off are beginning to firm up, Max Pelen, chairman of the Abilene Convention and Visitors Bureau Cook-Off committee, said today.

All three judges have definitely been secured for the annual event, scheduled for Labor Day Weekend, August 31 through September 2, at Old Abilene Town on Interstate 20.

Gary Luskey, President of Luskey's Western stores, Acey Lockhart, president of Hydro-Tex Oil Co., based in Fort Worth and Mrs. Ruth M. Malone the food editor for Holiday Inns of America, have been confirmed as Cook-Off judges.

Mrs. Malone is also the food editor of the Holiday Inn

Magazine and is known as "The Cook Book Lady" from coast to coast. Some of the cook books to her credit are The Dogpatch Cook Book, Swiss Holiday Recipes, and Where to Eat in the Ozarks and How It's Cooked. She was selected by the Smithsonian Institution to contribute an article for the 1970 Festival of American Folklife program book.

The Cowboy Campfire Cook-Off was conceived to preserve the historic tradition and color surrounding the cattle era of the old west. Pelen said, "While trail drives are a thing of the past, ranch cooks and a few remaining trail cooks continue to feed the cowboys that bring beef to the world's tables. We are trying to perpetuate the tradition of the hearty, wholesome, outdoor meal in this

cooking competition."

The committee is planning a multitude of events around the actual competition which this year will include three categories: Pro-Trail Cook, Campfire Cook, and Maverick Cook.

Pro Cooks are persons who make the major portion of their living by cooking, such as ranch cooks, restaurant chefs and caterers. Campfire Cooks are those who have entered the competition at least once, but do not wish or cannot qualify to compete in the Pro division. Mavericks are amateurs, persons who cook primarily for their own pleasure and who receive no major income from their cooking.

Entry fees will be \$10 for the Pro-Trail Cooks; \$5 for Campfire Cooks and \$3 for the Mavericks.

As It Looks From Here



By REP. OMAR BURLESON
17th District, Texas

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Our State of Texas has a Health Department capable of determining the quality of drinking water. A county or city health officer can submit a sample from a water supply, and in short order, an analysis will be furnished by the Department of Health.

For more than two years now, proposals for imposing national standards for drinking water have been pending. On July 10, the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee of the House of Representatives voted out a measure to authorize the Environmental Protection Agency to set Federal standards for all drinking water. The Senate passed such a bill in 1972 and will likely do so again, if and when the House acts favorably.

The Committee reports the need was proved in 1973 when the General Accounting Office found that only 60 of 446 water systems studied met Federal standards. The GAO study estimated that 8,000,000 Americans consumed water not up to proper standards.

If 8,000,000 people - a good round number - do not have good enough drinking water, it is a good guess they do not have the system we have in Texas to assure good water quality.

The bill voted out of the House Committee on July 10 authorizes the Federal Government to force States to bring water quality standards up to the requirements set here in Washington. If a State does not so act, the EPA can sue the State for non-compliance. This is called "back-up authority." If the State does not exercise its primary responsibility of enforcement of the national standards set, the bill requires the States to report on specific plans to see that the Federal standards are applied and enforced. If Federal authorities decide that the State is not properly acting then it steps in with its own enforcement.

The Legislation also grants the EPA authority to set guidelines for State regulations for underground sources of drinking water. Conceivably, local water systems could be condemned outright should the EPA not approve the taste, odor, and appearance of their water.

There are already existing Federal Regulations on contaminants in water which could cause a communicable disease. The sponsors of this new law say that present regulations do not provide enough authority to condemn drinking water supplies which could cause chemical poisoning or other diseases.

It is not a matter of whether drinking water should be pure or not. Of course, there should be adequate standards to see that water for human consumption is wholesome. The point is that State and local authorities have this responsibility and should keep it. They know what is needed and are qualified to do the job without the Federal Government looking over their shoulder.

The Federal Government might do better by spending the nearly \$200,000,000 which this measure will initially cost in helping communities improve their water supplies.

New \$20 Million Communications Network Told

A nervous young man walked into a drive-in grocery, pulled a gun on the attendant and demanded all of the money. While he was emptying the cash register, the clerk lurched at him and was shot.

The thief left his wounded victim to be cared for by other shoppers and drove his getaway car away at a high rate of speed.

When a patrol car officer spotted the suspect, he began a highway chase in an effort to place the man under arrest.

The patrolman repeatedly tried to radio for assistance, but was thwarted in his efforts because two lawmen in a nearby county were using their radio (on the same frequency) for a discussion of the day's business preventing anyone else from broadcasting on that channel.

The end result for the armed robber was temporary escape; for the police it meant many unnecessary expended tax dollars and manhours of investigation because of poor radio communications usage planning.

It was this typical situation that called the desperate communications problem to the attention of the governor's office.

"No longer will criminals be able to elude police, by crossing jurisdictional limits of many cities and counties in Texas, just because the officers in the adjoining jurisdiction lacked proper cross-communications ability."

With these words, Governor Dolph Briscoe described his pride in the state's new \$20 million law enforcement communications radio network now in its final stages of completion.

Before the massive program of updating state radio communications, the Texas network was anything but a network. The system was without long range design and with the state's highly mobile, rapidly increasing population, it caused almost more harm than good.

A complete in-depth region-to-region study was conducted through the Governor's Criminal Justice Division to determine demands on the existing law-enforcement radio-communications systems and then develop a highly functional statewide

network.

The study results were stunning in their revelations. It was found that law-enforcement communications was a hodge-podge of frequencies ranging from UHF to low-band (some agencies even were using citizens' band radios); voice communications were approaching crisis proportions; frequencies were congested; and "skips", "dead spots", decrepit and/or obsolete equipment were the rule rather than the exception.

The governor was quick to move to eliminate two dangerous flaws in the existing system: needless hazards for law-enforcement officials and the dampening of effective crime-control efforts.

He called for the immediate but careful design of an integrated, modern system of law-enforcement radio communications dedicated solely to law-enforcement personnel. (Some areas shared their dispatching manpower and radio frequencies with non-police agencies - water department, sanitation, etc.)

The system design was to reduce police response time from receipt of call until arrival-at-scene increase case clearances by on-the-scene arrests, and reduce operating cost while better utilizing available manpower.

In the entire state of Texas, the law-enforcement community was using 9,500 police mobile radio transmitters. Many complained their equipment was so out-

dated, (up to 20 years old), that replacement parts were becoming impossible to locate.

Using the survey results of the Criminal Justice Division, the state's 24-regional planning councils in cooperation with each member government tailored a new police communications system around modern equipment. Since the regional planning organizations are structured so there is a common bond of needs, new systems were quickly completed and on the air while the remainder now are rearing completion.

Each radio system was designed to be compatible with all police agencies throughout the state, including the Texas Department of Public Safety.

The individual local development of each system was necessary to ensure the population needs of the area were served (i.e., industrial, agricultural, ranching, urban, rural, suburban, etc.). Flexibility was in-bred in the systems to prepare for population increases which change the crime pattern and population-center.

Today, Texas has an effective, reliable law-enforcement radio network that adds to the personal safety of the public and the peace officer.

Governor Briscoe said of the new network, "I am pleased that we have seized the initiative and implemented the most modern communications system Texas law enforcement has ever

known. Local and state law enforcement given the proper working tools can achieve safer streets and homes in Texas."

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TAYLOR COUNTY QUARTERLY REPORT OF TREASURER

On July 23, 1974 the Commissions Court met in the regular session compared and examined the report of Mrs. Hayden Thomas, County Treasurer, for the Quarter ending June 30, 1974, and found it to be correct and for the amounts received and paid out to be correct since the preceding report.

FUNDS	BALANCE LAST QTR.	RECEIVED THIS QTR.	PAID OUT THIS QTR.	BALANCE THIS QTR.
Precinct 1.	\$ 105,545.57	8,145.96	19,107.28	94,584.25
Precinct 2.	107,486.56	7,918.51	23,374.16	92,030.91
Precinct 3.	91,325.15	8,640.39	23,170.52	76,795.02
Precinct 4.	126,482.24	7,985.95	21,469.69	112,998.50
General	520,536.29	329,078.27	344,373.94	505,240.62
Lateral Road.	42,589.63	553.76	00	43,143.39
Coliseum Skg. Ser'67.	37,816.69	8,866.82	00	46,683.51
F.I.C.A. Tax.	17,537.06	40,911.42	56,313.93	2,134.55
Ferm. Improvement Skg. Ser'1967.	55,183.73	6,268.96	61,452.69	00
Law Library	2,986.62	3,005.00	3,479.07	2,512.55
Federal Revenue Sharing Plan.	159,371.92	125,041.93	156,419.66	127,994.19
State Criminal Justice Plan.	5,173.17	7,362.50	5,723.75	6,811.92
Permanent School	3,634.77	1,442.91	482.91	4,594.77
Courthouse & Jail				
Skg. Ser'1967.	63,370.93	27,414.80	00	90,785.73
Payroll Account	965.29	222,349.11	222,264.40	1,050.00
	\$1,340,005.62	804,986.29	937,632.00	1,207,359.91

Citizens National Bank	\$ 197,210.23
First State in Tuscola	189,793.52
Bank of Commerce	45.54
Abilene National Bank	100,000.00
First State, Abilene	393,521.78
First National Bank	326,788.84
Total Bank Deposits	\$1,207,359.91
Time Deposits	868,000.00
Total Checking	339,359.91

Securities Owned by Taylor County and Ferm. School

Buffalo Gap School Bonds owned by the School Fund.	\$ 5,800.00
Everman Independent School Bonds.	8,000.00
State of Texas Veteran Land Bonds (face value \$2,000.00)	1,636.30
	\$ 15,436.30

ISSUE	ORIGINAL ISSUE	BONDS REDEEMED	BONDS OUTSTANDING
Bond Issue Series 1954.	\$ 850,000.00	\$ 850,000.00	00
Courthouse & Jail Bond Skg. Series 1967.	3,000,000.00	565,000.00	2,435,000.00
Coliseum Skg. Series 1967.	1,750,000.00	00	1,750,000.00

The Requirement of Art. #401 bc. have been complied with, and a tabular State has been filed as required.

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Mrs. Thelma Thomas 23-1tp

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I WISH TO SAY THANKS to all my friends and neighbors for their visits and gifts while I was in Hendricks Memorial Hospital. Also for their visits, food, and gifts since I've been at home.
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Mrs. C.J. Reynolds 23-1tp

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Vo-Ag In-Service Workshop To Be Held

Vocational Agriculture teachers, some 1400 strong, will meet in Houston, July 29-August 2, 1974, for the Annual In-Service Education Workshop sponsored by the Agriculture Education Department of the Texas Education Agency, Austin, Texas. Attending the four-day in-service meeting from Merkel High School is Chester Collinsworth, Vocational Agriculture teacher.

The Shamrock Hilton Hotel is the site for the meeting which started on Monday, July 29 with registration for the Conference beginning at 3:00 p.m., according to Mr. J. A. Marshall, State Director, Vocational Agriculture Education, Texas Education Agency, Austin, Texas. A full slate of events make up the program for the in-service Education Workshop. The first general session began at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday in the Grand Ballroom of the Shamrock Hilton Hotel. Appearing on the program was Mr. Joe Kelly Butler, mem-

ber of the State Board of Education, Houston; E. C. "Dick" Weekley, Manager, Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo; Doug Leggett, State FFA President, Wall, Texas and Mr. John Guemple, Associate Commissioner for Occupational Education and Technology, Austin. Dr. A. Ruben Gornitzka is the keynote speaker and will address the group, on "Taking Another Look."

On Tuesday evening, 8:00 p.m., the Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association presented the Annual Awards Program to award trophies to members and give awards to Congressmen, Legislators, School Administrators, Texas news media and individuals who have contributed to the progress of Vocational Agriculture Education. James Blakely, Ph.D., Wharton, listed by Knife & Fork Clubs as America's #1 intellectual humorist addressed the group.

On Wednesday and Thursday the teachers will take part in area meetings and will attend ten (10) In-Service Education Workshops. The second General Session began at 8:45 a.m., Thursday, Shamrock Hilton Hotel. Appearing on the program was Mr. James L. Patrick, Farmers Home Administration, Washington, D. C.; Mr. Carl Morgan, member of the State Board

of Education, Jasper; Mr. Erwin C. Gisler, President, Texas Young Farmer Association, Three Rivers; Mr. Bo Gates, humorist, Houston. A membership meeting for the Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association of Texas will be conducted during the Conference. Coy R. Jaegers, President of the Association from DeKalb will be in charge of the membership meeting.

Activities and entertainment are also planned throughout the 4-day meeting for the ladies who will attend the meeting.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TO: Charles Garcia, regarding 1965 Pontiac, identification No. 252695D121773.

Charles - Paint, \$100.00; Air Compressor and Labor, \$65.00; Parts and Labor, \$160.00; Storage, \$300.00. If car is not claimed in 10 days and charges paid, the vehicle will be sold in accordance with the Abandon Vehicle Law. Contact Sam Moore, Atty., Robinson, Hanna, and Burke, Atty's. 673-3705, Abilene. 22-4tc

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RIDING CLUB

Western Pleasure
12 and Under - 1. Norma Frazier, 2. Brooks Boyd, 3. Tamarah Golson, 4. Dee Dee Masonheimer, 5. Leslie Masonheimer.

13-16 - 1. Jan Beck, 2. Sherri Frazier, 3. Cindy Boone, 4. Susie Toombs, 5. Jay Boyd.

17 and Over - 1. Kathryn Whisenunt, 2. Lyn Dokey, 3. Barbara Whisenunt, 4. Benny Melton, 5. Johnny Gray.

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1. Elby Frazier, 2. Walter Henslee, 3. Randy Bond.

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STATE CAPITAL Highlights AND Sidelights

by Lyndell Williams
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN, Tex. — Legislative budget planners recommended nearly \$480 million in pay raises and fringe benefits for 116,000 state employees next year.

General revenue cost of the package (which includes a 23.8 per cent salary boost for lower-scale personnel and higher travel allowances) is about \$285 million.

Legislative Budget Board gave its blessing to the cost-of-living catch-up proposals to help planning of the 1976-77 appropriations bill.

Assuming the entire plan is approved by the legislature, more than 90 per cent of the anticipated general revenue surplus will be used on compensation and benefits of 116,000 state workers.

One budget executive conceded the action "placed a little strain" on Gov. Dolph Briscoe's pledge of no new taxes next year, although the comptroller's estimate of a \$315 million surplus is viewed as conservative. Further, existing revenues are expected to generate much more money next fiscal period than they do today.

Many budget requests are running ahead of present appropriations by staggering amounts.

Examples are the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, the Department of Public Welfare, the Department of Corrections, the Health Department and Texas Youth Council.

LBB took a sobering look at some of the requests at its last meeting.

Not satisfied with salary raises delayed until next year, state employees said they still want a special legislative session to get inflation relief now.

CITIES LOSE MONEY — A group of Texas cities got the sad news last week that they will not get federal grants they requested to build sewage treatment plants.

About 204 projects were tabled because of a \$27 million federal fund deficit this fiscal year.

A total of \$142.1 million in FY '75 money is available to Texas. But Texas Water Quality Board's "project list" includes \$169.1 million worth of projects.

Projects are carried on the TWQB list in line with how important they are to water pollution control.

responsible for an ex-priest's alleged alienation of an Irving housewife's affections.

In other opinions, the Court concluded:

• A Pasadena civil service commission order dismissing a police patrolman for insubordination should be dismissed.

• A case involving San Marcos city council's power to set rates for electrical power sold by Lower Colorado River Authority within the city should be heard.

• A moving and storage company that handed furniture and other belongings to the wrong person without a proper warehouse receipt must pay the owner for his loss.

• The state has no special right to refuse answers to questions in a suit filed by a prison inmate as the result of losing an eye due to a basketball injury.

• Court of Criminal Appeals ordered new trials for two Del Rio men on marijuana possession charges because of an illegal search of their residence.

AG OPINIONS — Atty. General John Hill invali-

dated an appropriations bill rider requiring state agencies to insure equal employment opportunity for all through special plans for ending discrimination.

He said he favors such a program, but it must be established by separate law. The ruling does not affect federal legal requirements prohibiting discrimination in jobs.

In other recent opinions, Hill held:

• A teacher's eligibility for sick leave depends on applicable rules and regulations and is not affected by concurrent eligibility for leave of absence. Maximum leave of absence for temporary disability may not be set at less than 180 calendar days.

• Public bodies letting contracts for public works may include value of "fringe benefits" in calculating "prevailing wage rates" for their locale and type of work.

• Texas Department of Public Welfare can make rules and regulations to aid it in administration of the Family Code.

• The Open Records Act does not give an agency the

right to withhold information from a legislator, but his right to access may be affected by other statutes.

ANTHRAX CONTROLLED — Agriculture Commissioner John C. White credited fast response by ranchers and governmental agencies with bringing a Falls County anthrax outbreak under "excellent control."

Anthrax, said White, is not now as big a problem in Texas as drought and low prices of cattle.

Local veterinarians and representatives of Texas Animal Health Commission conducted a mass vaccination of all livestock in Falls County and seven surrounding buffer counties.

DROUTH RELIEF SOUTH

— Texas Water Rights Commission ordered the City of San Angelo and San Angelo Water Supply Corporation to begin releasing water from Twin Buttes Reservoir to flow down the dry Concho River.

VACATION NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Cooley and Mr. and Mrs. Glen Bicknell returned home Sunday, after a trip to El Paso, Texas, and into Old Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry McWilliams, and son Jeremy, were here, from Singapore, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. McWilliams. They also visited his sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Petty, and son, Mickey, and Scott of Abilene.

The visiting McWilliams will move to Conroe, Texas, after completing their vacation.

personals

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Jones had their three daughters together visiting them after a period of two years.

Visiting them were S. Sgt. M. G. (Jay) Squires, and children, Michael and Ce-Linda from Elsen A.F.B., Alaska; Mrs. Robert (Nan) Gray and sons, Scott, Rick and Greg of Corpus Christi, Tex.; and Mrs. Clyde (Lorraine) Bunch and sons, Mark and Darel.

Also visiting was Cindy Fisher, Merkel; Mrs. Leila Winters of Brookhaven, Mrs. Jones' mother; Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Squires, parents of Sgt. Squires, of Conroe, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Lee Rudd of Trent and Mr. and Mrs. Ewell Ray of Eutaw Ranch.

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WESTERN HOUSE

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Merkel 4-H Club Personal

The Merkel 4-H Club will meet August 1st at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Braune for a covered dish supper. The year pins will be awarded at this time. Mr. and Mrs. Braune ask that all members please plan to attend.

Mrs. Elizabeth C. Chancey returned home Saturday from a visit with her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Chancey of Wichita Falls, Texas and her son, Paul C. Chancey of Oklahoma City. Paul and his family brought her home after her visit.

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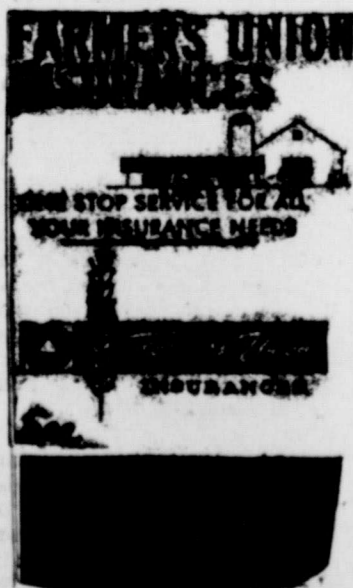
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Ballpark Project Needs Uniforms, Equipment

The Ballpark Project Committee held a meeting Tuesday night at the Asteroid Restaurant and discussed the progress of the committee. The Committee was updated on the results of the Ray Pack Show Benefit held Thursday night at Merkel High School. The event raised nearly \$300 for the project. J. C. Carson, chairman of the committee, said that they are in need of uniforms. "We are asking that everyone

look in their closets and see if they have any old Babe Ruth type uniforms stored. We urgently need the uniforms. Also we are in need of all kinds of equipment. This includes bats, masks, shin guards, and chest protectors," he said.

The Merkel Mail is acting as gathering point for the equipment. Anyone having any uniforms or baseball equipment is urged to bring it to the Merkel Mail office.

Farm-facts

A Weekly Report Of Agri-Business News

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

Historic Anthrax ... Agricultural Miracles ... Maize Harvest Continuing ... Milk Production Down

THE OUTBREAK of anthrax in Falls County—which appears to be under control at this time—stimulated a little digging to find out about the disease. The Texas Department of Health, in one of its bulletins, speculated that Moses might have had anthrax in mind when he told Pharaoh that a "grievous murrain" would come on all cattle, horses, oxen and sheep in Egypt if Egyptians didn't stop oppressing the Israelites. It is known that anthrax has appeared world wide, that it will attack almost all animals, including man, but that it appears to prefer cattle and horses. Man and swine appear to have greater resistance to anthrax infection. Anthrax externally may appear to be sores or carbuncles. Internally, it may be mistaken for pneumonia or bloat in cattle. It is usually fatal to infected cattle in a very short time, and its germs may live for many months and be a source of danger in previously infested areas for years. The authorities say that anthrax should be suspected when animals die suddenly, especially in areas where the disease has been a problem previously. The great Louis Pasteur is responsible for developing a vaccine that can protect animals from anthrax.

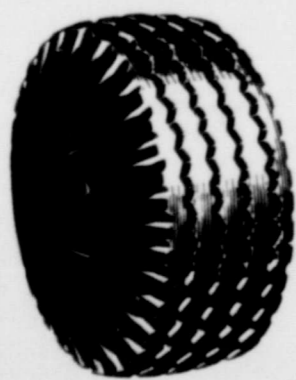
AMONG THE miracles of agriculture are the increased yields made possible by new varieties developed in such crops as grain sorghums, rice, soybeans, etc. One of the most dramatic has been in sorghums (maize). Before 1956, yields of maize were seldom more than 1,000 pounds an acre. Then came the hybrids and yields rose to more than 2,000 pounds an acre; and eight or ten years ago, yields went to 3,000 pounds or more per acre. Now Texas experiment stations are working on twin-seed hybrids that may increase yields 10-20 per cent more. Work is being done to develop strains that are more resistant to drought, to disease, and to insects. Production had already made grain sorghums the Number 2 crop (behind cotton) in Texas, and sorghums played a prominent part in the development of feedlots, another development in agriculture during the second half of this Century.

HARVESTING of maize is underway, or complete, all the way from the Coast through the Blacklands, as hot, dry weather allows in most places. Drought on the High Plains delayed or prevented planting, and it appears that Texas' yields of maize this year may be below 1973. The estimate is that 6,600,000 acres were planted this year, compared to 8,100,000 last year. Acres in corn this year in Texas, however, is estimated at 980,000 acres, compared to 750,000 acres last year. Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service says this is the largest acreage planted to corn in Texas since 1962.

JUNE WAS Dairy Month, and milk production in Texas was 287 million pounds. That is two per cent more than in June, 1973, but five per cent less than in May, 1974. Average milk production per cow was 820 pounds during June, and that is 30 pounds above June, 1973 and 40 pounds below the average for May of this year. Price for wholesale milk for June was placed at \$9.55 per hundred.

PASTURES over Texas continue to get worse as hot, dry weather continues in most places. Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service says that ranchers on the Cross Timbers, Edwards Plateau, and Low Plains started culling their herds earlier than usual. Some ranchers are having to feed their remaining stock.

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Personals

Miss Korbi Kidd of Crane, Texas, visited last week with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Dean King, Pam and Vondi, and her grandmother, Mrs. Madge Carlisle, in Trent.

Korbi is a 1974 graduate of Crane High School, where she was an honor student. She also attended Freshman Orientation at Hardin-Simmons University, July 24-27.

Miss Kidd will be majoring in journalism at H-SU and will be working on the campus newspaper, "The Brand."

Korbi is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Kidd of Crane. She has one brother, Trent Kidd, who is a junior at Crane High School.

Personals

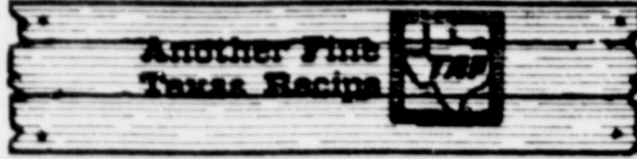
Mrs. Josie E. Shanks, and her daughter Mrs. E. L. Clemmer from Monahans will be at 209 Oak St. for a visit. There will be an "At Home" for them Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. given by Mrs. Hal Shanks and Phyllis. Mrs. Shanks' friends are invited to attend.

Patricia Jenkins, Named To Honor Roll at N.T.S.U.

DENTON — Dr. Gustave Ferre, vice-president of academic affairs at North Texas State University, has named 1,302 students to the spring semester honor roll.

Some 285 students earned all "A's" to make the 4.0 honor list, and 1,017 achieved the 3.5 listing, which includes those students, whose grade average is midway between an "A" and a "B".

Listed on the 3.5 honor roll at NTSU is Patricia Gail Jenkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Gentry, Rt. 1, Merkel.



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a ballpark for Merkel area youth. J. C. Carson, chairman of the Youth Ballpark Project said that the benefit netted about \$300.

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Cathy Carson, Mark Kelley Exchanged Vows Sunday Evening

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Sterling Kelley are on a wedding trip to Acapulco, Mexico, after their wedding Sunday in First Baptist Church. The Rev. Kenneth Jones, pastor, officiated.

Parents of the bride, the former Catherine Sue Carson, are Mr. and Mrs. Howard Carson. Kelley is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Herschel Kelley of Austin.

Mrs. Roy Davis was organist and Mrs. Don Riney was soloist. The bride was given in marriage by her father.

The bride's gown was of organza fashioned with ruffles of eyelet embroidery forming bib effect on high neckline, cuffed bishop sleeves, marking hemline of semi-A-line skirt with Chapel train. Camelot hat of Swiss embroidery held illusion veil with embroidery edge.

The bride's attendants gowns were pink and white checked and blue and white checked chiffon flocked with white daisies over taffeta, with fitted bodice and self ruffle at the neck and a deep ruffle at the hem.

Matron of honor was Mrs. John Roberts of Lometa, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Joyce Hogan, Mrs. Jerry Johnson of Abilene, and Beverly Kelley of Austin, sister of the bridegroom.

Jack Denson Jr. of Stamford was best man. Groomsman were Jimmy Cearley of Stamford, David Goodman of Stamford, Brad Timberlake of Austin and Richard Farr of San Angelo seated guests.

Kelly Hogan of Seymour was flower girl. Tony and Kevin Roberts of Lometa were ring bearers. Jimmy Kelley of Austin and David Farr of San Angelo lighted candles.

Reception was in the fellowship hall of the church and rehearsal dinner was hosted



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Miss Young, Mr. Bryan Exchange Vows

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Young of Merkel. The bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Willie Bryan of Abilene.

Becky Lynn Young and Danny Wayne Bryan were united in marriage Friday night in a double ring ceremony at the home of the brides parents with the Rev. Kenneth Jones officiating.

Planist was Mrs. J. H. Clark and soloist was Don Dudley. The bride was given in marriage by her father. Matron of honor was Mrs.

Miss Mitchell Engagement Told

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mitchell of Trent announce the engagement of their daughter, Debbie, to Joe Nichols, son of Maxine Nichols of Noodie. They will be married August 10 at Buffalo Gap.

Mr. Nichols is employed at Sweetwater. After their marriage, the couple will live in Roby.

Ray Young, sister-in-law of the bride.

Best man was Ray Young, brother of the bride. Candlelighters were Corby Young and Todd Scott, both of San Angelo, cousins of the bride.

Guests were received and registered by Steve Scott, Beth Scott and Sonja Scott of San Angelo, cousins of the bride.

The brides parents hosted the reception in the home, served by friends of the couple, Vicki Lollar, Rhonda White, Rita Watts and Cindi Tyson.

The bride is attending Merkel High School. The bridegroom attended Merkel High School and is presently employed by Thurston Carter Contractor.

Following a wedding trip the couple will live in Merkel.

Girls Softball News

The Merkel Bombers lost to the Trent girls, July 23rd by a score of 27 to 19.

Plans are under way for the Mother-Daughter game to be held the first week of August, in Merkel.

Senior Citizens News

The Merkel Senior citizens, have been staying home more than usual, during the hot summer days.

Saturday, August 3, Trades Day, there will be a sale set up in the Senior Citizen Building, and anyone can set up a table, and keep all monies received. They urge the public to take advantage of the cool building, plenty of ice water and enjoy some good fellowship while selling items.

The group is looking for new membership. Those who have recently moved to the Merkel area, can take advantage of open membership.

The Club will sponsor Singing Night, Monday, August 5, at 7:00 P.M. and it is open to the public. The event takes place in the Club building, downtown Merkel.

To obtain information, the club suggests you contact any of these board members; Hob Robertson, Irl Walker, Dent Gibson, Mrs. Albert Criswell, Mrs. Maggie Renfro, or Mrs. Dewel McLean.

Leaders Needed

Girl Scout leaders are needed for brownies, juniors and cadet scouts in Merkel, Tye and Trent.

For more information, call Melba Glascock, 928-4883.

Stevens In Exercises

Navy Fireman Kindell J. Stevens, husband of the former Miss Rita B. Kachel of Tye, Tex., returned to his homeport, Mayport, Fla., from a six-month deployment in the Mediterranean aboard the guided missile frigate USS Luce.

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