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## School Board Sets Election, Hires Computer Firm

The Merkel School Board called for a trustee election April 5th at its Monday night session. Two members of the current board filed for re-election. Three members of the board have their terms expired this year. They are Bobby Toliver, Charles Jacobs and Johnny Teaff. The voters will also have to fill the unexpired term of Danny Doan. Doan resigned last month to take employment in San Angelo. His term has two years to run.

Superintendent Mack Fisher explained that persons wishing to run for trustee will have to indicate which place they wish to fill. The terms of the expiring board members will be for three years while the persons seeking Doan's unexpired term will be for two years. "We will have to have two columns on the ballots. One for persons seeking the three year term and one for persons seeking the two year term. Filing for re-election were Bobby Toliver and Charles Jacobs. Persons wishing to file have until March 5 to file.

The Trustees also named the election judges for the April 5th election. The Judge for Tye and his helpers are Floyd Kimmey, judge, and Elva Holloway and Buna Kimmey, assistants. For Merkel, Bill Hutson was named judge with Mrs. Mary Russon, Nina Bell Hughes and Troy Sloan serving as assistants. There will be two boxes for voters. One will be at the Tye Elementary School and the Merkel box will be at the school gym. Absentee voting will be held at the Merkel City Hall.

The Board met with a representative of Western Data Service Inc. of Waxahatchie. The firm specializes in computer tax service. After a presentation by the firm's representative, the board decided to have the firm put the Merkel Independent Schools tax roll on the computer. Cost will be about \$1,200 per year. Tax payers will receive notices similar to the ones Taylor County now uses. The firm also handles Taylor County. Mona Faye Bartlett also met with the board and said that she was pleased with the firm and that it would save her tax office a lot of work and money.

The board met with a representative of the First Southwest Company of Abilene. The firm has served as financial advisor to the district in the past. Joe Smith told the trustees that the Merkel District was in excellent financial shape with just over \$150,000 in outstanding debt. He explained what the procedure would be should the district decide to have a bond issue for construction purposes. He said that should the Trustees decide on a bond issue they would be better served to have the bond maturing in as short a time as possible. He said that 10 to 15 years would offer the district the best advantage.

The board heard a proposal for a pre-fabricated building from Big Country Construction Co. of Abilene. The building would consist of 2,160 square feet and could be used as a new home economic building or a class room facility. Estimated cost would be \$22,788 for the home economic use and \$19,400 for class room use.

The board extended all the Merkel principals new three year contracts. They are Gene Stuckey, Tye Elementary, John Cain, Merkel Elementary and Travis Davis, Merkel High School.

The board also accepted the resignation of Mrs. Binson and Mrs. Paul Osborn at the end of the current school year.

The trustees approved closing school in the event the Merkel Badger Basketball team wins their Bi-District contest with Knox City. The day would have to be made up later in the year. The possibility of closing school in the event of the team going to state was also discussed. The Board also ap-

proved running school buses to Lubbock in the event of the team winning.

A representative of Miss Softball America met with the board and asked permission to use some of the school

backstops this summer for practice and games. The board gave tentative approval pending working something out with the T-Shirt teams that have been using the facilities.

## Voters to Elect 2 Aldermen, Mayor

A City election will be held April 5, 1975 for the purpose of electing two aldermen and a mayor. The election will be held at the Merkel High School gym from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. with Betty Cypert as presiding judge.

City officials whose terms expire are Lou David Allen, Mayor, and Kent Satterwhite and Derrell Farmer, Aldermen.

Filing deadline for any of these positions is March 5th. Applications may be picked up at City Hall by persons wishing to file.

Absentee voting starts March 17th and ends April 5. Voting may be done from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the City Hall.

Roy Kimbrell has been appointed Clerk and Annette Melton will serve as Deputy Clerk.

## D. C. Hendricks Named Supervisor At Coleman Post Office

D. C. Hendricks has assumed the Number 2 position in the U.S. Post Office in Coleman over the weekend after working nine years

for the U.S. Post Office in Merkel.

Supervisor of Postal Operations is Hendricks' title in the Coleman post office. Terrell Graves is postmaster.

Hendricks had been a clerk in the Merkel Post Office under Postmaster Truett Thompson, but had been recently on loan to the Baird post office as officer in charge of operations.

He is married to the former Wanda Hester. They have two children, Kathy, 17, who is a senior at Merkel High and David, 15, who is a sophomore.

## Former Merkelite Buried Feb. 14

James L. Pannell, 86, of Chico, Calif., former Merkelite, died Tuesday, Feb. 11. He was buried Friday, Feb. 14.

Mr. Pannell was raised in Merkel. He moved from Merkel to Oklahoma in 1912 and then moved to California.

Pannell was a Full Gospel preacher and a barber. Survivors include his wife, Anita; two sons, Edward and John, both of California; one stepdaughter, Mary of Chico, Calif.; three sisters, Netta Perkins and Eulala Holland, both of Abilene and Ruth Reidenbach of Merkel and one brother, Rufus of Fort Worth.

## Former Trent Residet Dies

Mrs. Zora B. Johnson, 84, of Dallas, a former 50-year resident of Trent, died Wednesday in a Dallas hospital. Services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday in Trent Baptist Church.

Burial was in Trent Cemetery directed by Lucas-Funeral Home of Fort Worth.

A native Texan, Mrs. Johnson had lived in the Dallas area the last eight years. Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Fama Wash of Kermit and Mrs. Sarah Terry of Lewisville; a sister, Mrs. Agnes Buks of Trent; four grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

## CJC to Offer 2-Year Program at Clyde

Cisco Junior College revealed plans to expand its off-campus operation at the Clyde Educational Center to a full-fledged two-year college program, and the Cisco school also announced plans to significantly increase its occupational course offerings in Abilene as well as in Clyde and other extension locations.

Beginning with the fall semester of 1975, the Clyde Educational Center will offer regular day classes in a complete variety of basic academic courses leading to a college degree so that a student may attend school full-

time in Clyde. CJC officials have announced. The Clyde operation will also have full-time administrative and counseling services according to present plans. The CJC extension there currently is operating a complete schedule of night courses which will not be affected by the expanded day program.

Persons interested in more details concerning the CJC programs at Clyde and Abilene as well as the school's other off-campus extensions in Coleman, Merkel, and Graham can telephone 817-442-2500 in Cisco.

## Wilber Criswell Services Held

Wilber Criswell, 67, of Merkel, was found dead in his car at 11:30 p.m. Friday by a passerby one mile southwest of Merkel on a country road.

Justice of the Peace Lewis Millett ruled death due to natural causes, apparently of a heart attack.

Services were held at 4 p.m. Monday at the First Baptist Church with Rev. Kenneth Jones officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery under direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Mr. Criswell came to the Merkel area in 1923. He married Monty Reece in Merkel in 1939 and moved to the Plains on 1949. He moved back to Merkel in September of '74.

Survivors include his wife of Petersburg; two sons, Michael of Amarillo and Terry Mac with the U.S. Army in Germany; two daughters, Mrs. Brenda Sel of Dumas and Mrs. Carolyn Hearn of Petersburg; two brothers, Albert of Merkel and Elmer of Plainview, one sister, Mrs. Otha Hart of San Angelo and six grandchildren.

## Horseshoeing Offered at TSTI

Registration will remain open through Saturday, February 22, for a short course in horseshoeing at the Rolling Plains Campus of Texas State Technical Institute. According to school officials, the short course started on Saturday, February 15, at 1 p.m. at the Sears' Arena.



KATHARYN DUFF  
... Lions Club speaker

## Katharyn Duff Lions Club Speaker Tuesday

Katharyn Duff, Page One columnist and Assistant Editor of the Abilene Reporter-News, told members of the Merkel Lions Club that the biggest disadvantage this area has is lack of representation. "Our political stick is getting shorter. The area from Weatherford to El Paso has the same number of representatives as the Dallas-Fort Worth complex has," Miss Duff said. This wasn't true of a few years ago. She cited the need for better quality representatives to serve the area.

Miss Duff said that the people in our area are fortunate that we are being spared the economic woes of the heavy industrialized states of the north. "Using the Bi-Centennial as the theme of her speech, Miss Duff said that this year may be more in the spirit of '76 than we realize. "Our nation is troubled. Ford is unable to run the country and we might be worse off if the Congress decides to run it," she said.

She compared our area to a house that had been through a hail storm. "The roof may have suffered a little damage but the foundation is still solid," Miss Duff said. She listed the area's assets as



J. A. SADLER  
... city coordinator

## Library Fund Drive Still Short Of Needed Funds

The Merkel Library was one of the agencies of the Merkel Community Chest and has depended upon it for financial support. The Community Chest was discontinued two years ago because of lack of workers during the drive. Since that time the Merkel Library has been operating on reserves and

book fees. The financial condition has steadily gotten worse and at the present time the Merkel Library is in dire need of monies to operate.

A collection was made last week of the downtown merchants which netted \$290.00. Contributions were received from Fred Starbuck, Mrs. Mae Seago, Sybil's Beauty Nook, Ben Franklin Store, Merkel Drug, Starbuck Company, Adcock Cleaners, Carson Super Market, Hicks Auto Supply, Boney Insurance Agency, West Texas Utilities, Castille Hardware, Taylor Electric Cooperative, Farmers and Merchants National Bank, Taylor Telephone Cooperative, and Wilson Food Store.

Additional funds will be needed to continue the operation of the Merkel Library. If any person would like to contribute to the Merkel Library Fund, an account has been set up at the F & M National Bank.

The Library is a vital part of Merkel and surrounding area. The success depends upon the local support it receives. Any contribution would be appreciated.

The fund-raising drive was part of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce project.

## N.H. Eoff Dies, Burial Sunday

N. H. Eoff, 74, of Sweetwater, retired farmer and dairyman, died at 12:45 a.m. Friday in Simmons Memorial Hospital after a long illness. Services were held at 4 p.m. Sunday in Gate-Spencer Funeral Home Chapel.

Preston Cotham, minister of College Hill Church of Christ in Fort Worth, officiated. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery in Merkel.

Born Aug. 21, 1900, in Falls County, Mr. Eoff moved to Roscoe in 1909. He married Beatrice Patton on Dec. 19, 1923, in Merkel. He moved to Sweetwater where Mr. Eoff was employed by Home Dairy for several years.

Survivors are his wife; a daughter, Mrs. Sandra Joy Treby of Richardson; a sister, Mrs. P.E. Harkins of Snyder; and a granddaughter, Miss Holli Diane Treby of Richardson.

## Douglas Cothorn Honor Student

COLLEGE STATION - Douglas C. Cothorn of Merkel has earned "Distinguished Student" ranking at Texas A&M University, announced Registrar Robert A. Lacey.

The undergraduate honor is awarded students who have excelled academically. Recipients must earn at least a 3.25 grade point ratio (out of a possible 4.0) during the most recent grading period. Cothorn, son of Harold T. Cothorn, Rt. 1, is a freshman computing science major.

## City Council Hires City Coordinator

A City Coordinator was appointed in a special called meeting of the City Council Monday, Feb. 17th.

J. A. Sadler, 49, former City Manager at Colorado City, will assume the job of City Coordinator for the City of Merkel Monday, Feb. 24th. Sadler's job will be to coordinate the efforts of the City deposits and the City Council. He will be over all departments. His job is the same as a city manager.

A native of Colorado City, Sadler has been City Manager for Colorado City for seven years. He has been in city government for 19 years.

He and his wife, Yvonne, have two sons, Mike 26, and Pat, 23, who is in the Air Force. Pat is home on leave now and will be stationed next in Dover, Delaware. Mike is married to the former Sharon Byrne. They live in Lubbock and are expecting their first child in June. He works for Motorola.

The Sadlers will be moving to Merkel as soon as they can find a house. Sadler's experience in city administration started with his service in 1955 with the

Colorado City Fire Department. In the ensuing years up to 1959 he worked for the police department as well as the fire department. He also served as dispatcher and relief patrolman for the C-C Police Department. In 1960 he was named water superintendent and was advanced to Director of Public Works in 1965. These duties included responsibility for streets, sanitation, water and sewer, parks and recreation, and building and zoning. He also work in the tax department for the city, school and county.

He became city manager in 1968.

While serving in the fire department, Sadler was secretary for 3 years and fire chief for 2 years. He served in the Fire Department until becoming City Manager.

His salary has been set at \$11,000 annually.

## Adult Education Classes At Trent

Trent Schools have entered into contract with the Texas Education Agency to conduct two Adult Vocational Education Classes for the spring term.

Classes will be conducted in welding and typing. All residents of the surrounding area that do not possess employment skills in welding or typing are eligible to enroll in the classes.

Classes will be conducted at Trent Schools two nights each week for a total of 72 hours of instruction.

Persons interested in the program should contact Dean King, Superintendent of schools, or Clayton Brazelton, Business Manager, at 862-2411 or 862-3411 for enrollment information.

## Trent Trustees Set Election

The Trent Board of Education has set April 5, 1975, as the election date to elect two Trustees to the Board of Education of Trent Schools.

Present board members whose terms expire are Billy Wayne Hamner, Vice-President of the board, and Frank Brnovak.

Residents who are interested in running for the two positions may have their names entered on the ballot by contacting Clayton Brazelton, Business Manager at Trent Schools.

## Mrs. Ida Mae West, 99, Longtime Merkelite Buried

Mrs. Ida Mae West, 99, of Merkel, died at 7 p.m. Friday in Starr Nursing Home. Services were held at 3 p.m. Sunday in First Baptist Church.

The Rev. Kenneth Jones, pastor, and the Rev. N. S. Daniels, associate pastor of United Methodist Church, officiated. Burial followed in

Rose Hill Cemetery, directed by Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born Jan. 25, 1876, in Spring Town, Indian Territory, Oklahoma, she was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles McDaniel. She married Charlie West on Dec. 12, 1898, in Rynn, Okla.

The couple later moved to Merkel where Mr. West was a long time Barber. Mr. West died in 1941. Mrs. West was a member of First Baptist Church where she was adult superintendent from 1921 to 1949.

Survivors include a sister-in-law, Mrs. Houston Clark Sr. of Merkel; four nephews, J. H. Clarke Jr. of Merkel, Charles Tipton of Anson, Bernard Clark of Abilene and Woodrow Clark of Girard, Kan.; three nieces, Mrs. Joe McDuff of Merkel, Mrs. M.B. Jones of Lubbock and Mrs. Billie Criswell of Lawton, Okla.

## CJC to Offer Nurses Training

Cisco Junior College's Vocational-Technical Division is planning to offer a new course in Nurses Aide Training in Abilene in the near future, providing there is sufficient demand, CJC Vocational-Technical Dean Gerald Birt has announced.

Dean Birt said the course would meet for five weeks, thirty hours per week, and would qualify students for Nurses Aide positions.

## Roy Neff Named Trent Superintendent

Roy Neff, who is presently principal of Trent ISD, was named Superintendent last Monday night in a regular meeting of the Trent Board of Education.

Neff received a B.S. degree from West Texas State University in 1968, after previously attending South Plains College in Levelland. He also holds a M. Ed. degree and his administrator's certificate from Texas Tech University.

Professional organizations of which he is a member include TSTA, THSCA, and TASSP. Neff and his wife Lynn are the parents of a 3-year old daughter, Tami. Neff will assume his new duties July 1 from Dean King, who is moving to Sundown.

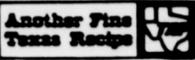


ROY NEFF  
... new superintendent

## Cemetery Donations

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### GRAPEFRUIT PIE

1 1/3 cups sugar  
1/2 cup water  
1/2 cup tapioca flour  
1/2 cup water  
1 Tbsp. lemon juice  
1/8 tsp. salt  
3-4 drops red food coloring  
7-8 RUBY Red grapefruits  
1 9-inch pie shell  
Whipping cream

Mix sugar and water and bring to boil. Dissolve tapioca flour in water. Combine two mixtures and cook 10 minutes on low heat. Blend lemon juice, salt and food coloring. Cool and pour over grapefruit sections. Mix gently and place in baked pie shell. Chill. Serve with whipped cream.

For additional recipes write Commissioner John C. White, Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711.

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## Rep. Elmer Martin Elected Vice President Of West Texas Delegation

AUSTIN - State Rep. Elmer Martin of Colorado City has been elected vice president of the far-reaching West Texas delegation in the 64th Texas Legislature.

Martin, who represents the 61st District of Nolan, Fisher, Jones, Mitchell and a

major part of Taylor County, was named at a Thursday breakfast meeting sponsored by the West Texas Chamber of Commerce.

New president of the delegation, which includes 54 State Representatives and 10 Senators from an area stretching from Fort Worth to El Paso, is State Rep. Dave Finney of Fort Worth. Finney succeeds Rep. E.L. Short of Tahoka, the delegation's president the last 2 years.

The West Texans elected Mrs. Susan Gurley McBeck, first-term legislator from Del Rio, as their delegation secretary.

It has been a long-standing tradition for West Texas Representatives and Senators to organize their delegation for each legislative session. "It has proved to be a working and worthwhile organization as a forum for exchanging information for coordinating and influencing policy concerning legislation and governmental programs affecting West Texas," said Rep. Martin.

Joining his fellow West Texans at the delegation's first meeting of the current Legislature was Speaker of the House of Representatives Bill Clayton of Springlake.

## Country Store' Postponed

AUSTIN--Cutbacks in funds and personnel has forced the Texas Department of Agriculture to postpone the opening of a country store museum in department headquarters in the Stephen F. Austin Building.

Agriculture Commissioner John C. White extended his appreciation to persons who



PHYLLIS SHANKS ... to wed June 21

## Miss Shanks, Mr. King Engagement

Mrs. Hal Shanks and the late Mr. Shanks announce the engagement of their daughter, Phyllis, to Mike King, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don King of Merkel.

The couple will be married June 21 in the Grace Presbyterian Church.

They are both members of the 1975 High School graduating class.

## Taxpayers Urged To Use Labels

Taxpayers expecting refunds on their income tax can speed up those refunds by filing now and using the pre-addressed label and envelope that came with their tax packages that came with their tax packages.

Arthur Fogle, Director's Representative of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) for the Abilene area, said taxpayers filing their returns now can expect to receive their refund within four to five weeks. Those who wait until March or April to file, he said, could face a delay of up to 12 weeks.

Fogle explained that the Austin Service Center can process returns faster if they arrive with the labels affixed

and in envelopes provided by the IRS. The envelopes are magnetically coded, automatic sorting and the pre-printed labels are designed to save time in the actual processing of the return.

Even if you have moved or some information is printed incorrectly on the label, the IRS prefers for the taxpayer to simply correct the label rather than discarding it.

"We're obviously very busy at this time of year," Fogle said, "but we try to get the refunds back to taxpayers as soon as possible. With many people a little short of cash right now, we hope taxpayers will help themselves by using these time-saving features."

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CATHERINE FARELLO ... engaged

## Fariello To Wed March 15th

M. Sgt. and Mrs. William J. Fariello of Merkel announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Catherine Joy to Mr. Jimmy Rex Foster, son of Mr. and Mrs. Keeton A. Saunders of Conroe, Tex.

Miss Fariello, a 1974 graduate of Merkel High School, is employed as a Nurses Aid at the Star Nursing Home in Merkel.

Mr. Foster is a 1968 graduate of Smiley High School, Smiley, Texas, and is an apprentice lineman employed in Baton Rouge La.

The couple have chosen March 15th as their wedding date in the First Baptist Church, Merkel.

## Becky Ely To Tour With McMurry Band

The McMurry College Band, directed by Roger Rush, will begin its annual spring tour Thursday, Feb. 27. The tour will last five days and carry McMurry musicians to seven cities.

Making the tour with the McMurry band will be Becky Ely of Merkel. She plays a B Flat clarinet.

The tour will begin with a band clinic at Big Spring High School at 8:30 a.m. Thursday morning, and will continue that evening with a worship service at 7:30 p.m. in First United Methodist Church in Pecos.

On Friday, Feb. 28, the band will present a program at 11 a.m. at Van Horn High School in the morning and a concert at Asbury UMC in El Paso at 7:30 p.m. that evening.

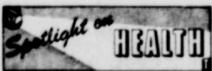
After a sightseeing excursion into Mexico Saturday morning, the band will perform for a youth rally at 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul UMC in Las Cruces. They will also present the morning worship service at 11 a.m. there on Sunday, March 1.

Sunday evening, they will conduct the worship service at 7 p.m. at Grace UMC in Alamogordo. The concluding concert will be performed at Ruidoso High School at 9 a.m. Monday morning, March 3.

The tour's program will include works by two of McMurry's music professors. The first, "Fanfare, Andante and Fugue," is by Macon Sumerlin. The second is a woodwind choir arrangement of "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" by director Rush.

Other selections include "Chorale and Shaker Dance" by John Zdechlik; "Pas Redouble" by Camille Saint-Saens; "Symphony for Band" by Vincent Persichetti; "La Bamba de Vera Cruz" by Terig Tucci; "Symphonic Songs for Band" by Robert Russell Bennett; and "March-Symphonic" by Edward Madden.

Also on the program will be the Carman Dragon arrangement of "America, the Beautiful"; "The Six Wives of Henry VIII" by Rick Wakeman; "Festival of Hymns" by John Constantine; "A Sacred Suite" by Alfred Reed; "God Is My Strong Salvation" by Wayne Scott; and the Jack Bullock medley of songs from the musical "Godspell."



### TEEN TOPICS

To win teenagers back to dental care, a psychoanalyst suggests that the "buddy system" be encouraged for office visits and that they be treated as adults.

Using technical words makes teens and adults feel inferior, the analyst points out. Also, because "teenagers feel invincible about the future, any warnings about the consequences of neglecting their teeth will only go unheeded."

## Mulberry

## 4-H News

By CINDY HUTCHINGS

President Beverly Gilmore called the Feb. 10th meeting to order. The pledge to the flag was read by Cindy Hutchings. Sherri Williams lead the 4-H Prayer and pledge. V. P. Eller read the minutes of the last meeting. Teresa Clemmer gave a report on the rifle club meetings.

Sherri Williams gave a council delegates report. Dee Dee Masonheimer introduced our speaker, Kay Manning. Mrs. Mannings' program was on leadership.

Results of the food show were: Dee Dee Masonheimer-2nd food and Leslie Masonheimer-1st Bread group.

Results of the Taylor County Show were: Beverly Gilmore-1st fine wool lamb, 3rd heavyweight, 1st lightweight, and 1st ruttons. Grandchampionship-muttons. Vinte Eller-3rd lightweight, 2nd mutton. Sheep showmanship award; Kenny Eller-3rd mutton; Mike Brown-2nd lightweight, 3rd lightweight; Lesa Swinney-5th and 7th Southdown; Tommy Swinney-Championship Mutton Southdown, 1st Mutton lambs; Sheila Swinney-6th and 9th sheep, Teresa Clemmer-1st heavyweight, Grand champion lambs, 3rd lightweight; Patricia - Steer showmanship, Championship pen of 15 lambs.

We had a visitor, Cindy Doome. Other members attending: Lisa Hughes, Doug Hutchings, Teresa and Dwan English.

## Sorority To Hold

### Country Fair

SWEETWATER - Members of Beta Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi are presently making plans to sponsor a Spring Country Fair featuring their annual arts and crafts show on Saturday, April 26, in Nolan County Coliseum Annex.

The show portion of the event of the event will feature 19 categories of three major divisions - art, crafts, and needlework. First, second, and third place awards will be presented in each of the following categories: oils, pastels, water color, acrylics, charcoal, collage, mixed media, sculpture, decoupage, toile painting, china painting, ceramics, open crafts, knitting, crocheting, needlepoint, quilting, embroidery, and open needlework. In addition, a grand prize will be awarded for the outstanding entry in each of the three major divisions. Work entered in the show may also be displayed for sale.

The second portion of the fair will be the display and sale of wares by area artists and craftsmen. Persons may inquire about the procedure for entering work and renting booth space by contacting Janice Wagner (236-6928) 1313 Josephine; Dixie Beattie (235-2921) 1101 E. 13th; Mary Esch (235-2268) 1403 Stanley.

## Cub Scout

### News

At the January Pack meeting held at the Scout Hut these Webelos received awards: Kyle Wolf-Scientist award; Eddie Martin, Scientists; Michael Tutt, Scientist and Artist; W. A. Kinder-Scientist; Eugene Ford-Scientist; Calvin Cooley-Scientist and Artist; Greg Arwine, Citizen, Scientist, and Artist; and Greg Dickerson-Scientist.

The Cub Scouts are having their Blue and Gold Banquet on February 27th at 6:30 p.m. at the school cafeteria. It will be a "Pot Luck" Supper. Each family is asked to bring enough food, drink, paper plates, napkins, cups and silverware for their family.

At this meeting the parents will have to re-register their boys. The yearly fees \$1.00. The "Boys Life" magazine is \$3.00 per year, and the weekly dues will be \$2.00 for 6 months.

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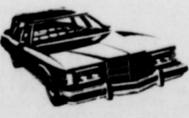
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### Card of Thanks

WE ARE sincerely grateful to friends and neighbors for their many kind acts of sympathy during the loss of our loved one.

We would like to thank everyone for the flowers, food and prayers extended to us. Such kindnesses and neighborly thoughtfulness can never be forgotten.

The Wilber Criswell Family  
Mr. and Mrs. Albert Criswell  
Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Criswell  
The Wilmer Criswell Family  
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hurt

### Card of Thanks

Mrs. Charlie West - Our Aunt Mae - appreciated her friends and neighbors who visited her and the doctors who cared for her. We would like to add our appreciation for each act of kindness and love shown to her.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF CITY OFFICERS' ELECTION  
THE STATE OF TEXAS  
CITY OF MERKEL

TO THE RESIDENT QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY OF MERKEL, TEXAS: TAKE NOTICE that an election will be held on the 5th day of April, 1975 in the City of Merkel, Texas, at the place, in the manner, and for the officials set forth in the attached copy of an order for City Officers' Election, duly adopted by the Mayor of said City on the 14th day of February, 1975. Said attached order for City Officers' Election being made a part of this notice for all intents and purposes.

Roy J. Kimbrell  
City Secretary/Clerk

AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING  
NOTICE OF CITY OFFICERS' ELECTION

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
CITY OF MERKEL,  
BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Roy J. Kimbrell, City Secretary/Clerk of the City of Merkel, Texas, who after being by me duly sworn deposes and says:

That the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Notice of City Officers' Election giving notice of the election therein mentioned, and that I posted a true and correct copy of said Notice of City Officers' Election at each of the following places, to-wit: In Election Precinct No. 24 at City Hall & Boney Insurance Agency; within the boundaries of said city on the 18th day of February, 1975, which posting was done not less than 30 full days prior to the date fixed for said election.

I further certify that I delivered a copy of the order for City Officers' Election to each of the persons appointed Presiding Judge in said order for said election.

WITNESS MY HAND this 18th day of February, 1975.

Roy J. Kimbrell  
City Secretary/Clerk

Fannelle G. Boney  
Notary Public, Taylor County, Texas  
(SEAL)

ORDER FOR CITY OFFICERS' ELECTION

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I, Lou David Allen, in my capacity as Mayor of the City of Merkel, Texas, do hereby order that an election be held in said City on the 5th day of April, 1975, for the purpose of electing the following officials for said City: two (2) Aldermen one (1) Mayor

That in accordance with an order adopted by the City Council, Commission of said City, said election shall be held at the following place... in said City, and the following named persons are hereby appointed officers for said election.

In Election Precinct No. 24 at Merkel High School Gym Building, in said City, with Betty Cybert as Presiding Judge, and said Presiding Judge shall appoint the necessary clerks to assist him which shall not exceed..... clerks.

Roy J. Kimbrell is hereby appointed Clerk for absentee voting, and Annette Melton is hereby appointed Deputy Clerk for absentee voting.

The absentee voting for the above designated election shall be held at City Hall within said City and said place of absentee voting shall remain open for at least eight hours on each day for absentee voting which is not a Saturday, a Sunday, or an official State holiday, beginning on the 20th day and continuing through the 4th day preceding the date of said election. Said place of voting shall remain open between the hours of 8 A.M. and 5 P.M. on each day for said absentee voting.

That said election shall be held in accordance with the Election Code of this State and only resident qualified voters of said City shall be eligible to vote at said election.

That the City Secretary/Clerk shall give notice of said election by posting a copy of this order in each of the election precincts of said city, which posting shall be done not less than 30 days prior to date fixed for said election.

That immediately after said election is held, the officers holding the same shall make returns of the result thereof to the Mayor of this city as required by the Election Code of this State.

A copy of this order shall also serve as a writ of election which shall be delivered to the above appointed Presiding Judge....., for said election.

Lou David Allen  
Mayor

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## Badger Tracks

By WANDA BRAUNE

The third and final quarter began on Tuesday morning. Report cards came out Wednesday, which created a great deal of moans and groans.

Our Mighty Merkel Badgers played Wall this past Friday night. The final score was 81-62 with Merkel on top. Top scorers were Buddy Morgan, Jackie Sims, David Copeland and Paul Tucker. At 7:30 this Thursday night the Badgers will play Breckenridge in a practice game at Rosefield House on the H-SU campus.

The big game of the season comes up February 25. It is the bi-district game with Knox City. The game will be one of the best of the season so we all need to come out and support the great Badgers.

There will be a practice UHL meet at Stamford on Saturday. Time and nerves are getting short.

Guess that's all for now.



AUSTIN—Although the 64th Legislature has done little that is spectacular, it has managed to spend about a million dollars a day on the average during its first month of operation.

Since reporting for duty here January 14, lawmakers have passed so-called emergency measures totalling \$314.8 million. And work on the new biennial budget is just getting started good in House appropriations and Senate finance committees!

A significant part of the total—\$123.8 million for increased retirement benefits for state employees and school teachers—is contingent on adoption by voters of a Constitutional Amendment April 22.

The amendment would raise the ceiling on state matching contributions to the retirement systems. If voters won't permit that, the appropriation voted by lawmakers this month will be nullified.

One of the first of the appropriations bills speeded through both houses provides \$93 million for immediate pay raises to state employees. More raises will be included in the budget for the new 1976-77 fiscal period.

Another \$80 million was allocated as an emergency grant fund to aid school districts which are having a hard time making ends meet.

Another \$18 million went to the junior colleges which have been experiencing unexpected growth.

A variety of other smaller appropriations measures, totalling several million dollars more, are being acted on speedily.

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# Tri-City Baseball

By JOCILLE BRADY

The weekly meeting of the Tri-City Baseball Project was held Monday at the Asteroid with six persons attending. L.D. Lockwood, Field Representative for the Woodman of the World was at the meeting to further develop plans which their organization has offered for helping the project.

The main business discussed was the progress on purchase of land for the fields. The location next to the Little League Park cannot be obtained and work is underway on the purchase of a location on the north side of town.

The project has \$1,358.14 in the bank at present.

Next meeting will be Monday, Feb. 24 at 8 p.m. at the Asteroid. It is very important that all baseball team managers attend this meeting. It is hoped that a definite location be announced at this meeting.

Donations to the Tri-City Project:  
Mr. and Mrs. Brandon Wade.....\$50.00



REV. AND MRS. NEWT DANIEL  
...celebrate 50th

## Rev., Mrs. Newton Daniel Have 50th Anniversary

Rev. and Mrs. Newton S. Daniel of Merkel will be celebrating their fiftieth wedding anniversary with a reception to be hosted by their sons and families on Sunday, March 2nd, 1975, from 2 to 4 in the Fellowship Hall of the United Methodist Church of Merkel.

Newt Daniel was married to the former Thel Linkenhog in Plainview, Texas, on February 20th, 1925. They are now retired from the Methodist ministry and live in Merkel. They served pas-

torates at Vigo Park, Avoca, Meadow, Rochester, Lefors, Lockney, Andrews, Phillips, Seminole, Meriel and Longworth.

Their sons and families who will be hosting the celebration are Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Daniel of Littlefield, Rev. and Mrs. Hugh Daniel of Lockney, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Daniel of Seward, Alaska; and Phil of Juneau, Alaska.

All friends are cordially invited. The family requests that no gifts be presented.

# TIPS FOR OUTDOORSMEN

by Vern Sanford

If you're any kind of a shooter you'll be interested in what Bill R. Davidson had to say following the World Shooting Championship held in Phoenix several years ago, especially if you're a woman.

Bill is a contributing editor to The American Rifleman and reported some very interesting and important comments made by the coach of the American team, retired Marine Colonel Walter Walsh.

America's team placed second to Russia, which country entered 42 shooters against 34 on the U. S. squad. Russia won 45 medals, U. S. 34.

Coach Walsh stated that revived government support of civilian shooting is necessary if the United States is to surpass the Soviets in International shooting competition.

In Walsh's opinion virtual abandonment of the

citizen marksmanship programs by the government had seriously harmed American shooting. He pointed out that we didn't have enough top junior talent coming along; that there must be some kind of government support of the civilian marksmanship program; and we must reorient our thinking away from the public's growing idea that anyone who fires a gun is some kind of nut.

Lack of interest on the part of the female shotgun shooters was pointed out by Walsh, who commented that we have a good many high-skilled women "who could have competed successfully" but they didn't show up for the team try-outs.

"The basic American attitude toward the International shooting game must change too," said Coach Walsh, who emphasized that it is quite different

from the domestic kind and is not familiar to many Americans, therefore we sometimes don't develop as broad a base of skill and support as we might.

International courses do present a greater challenge," said the coach, "since they are more difficult, but many shooters, especially shotgun shooters, don't like to see any but perfect scores come up after their names."

This is commendable, but said Walsh, "when we have only a handful of shooters engaged periodically in international competition, we are bound to suffer to some extent."

Evidently the coach's recommendations were heard for there is now much greater interest and participation among women than ever before — and today we have many outstanding dead-eye shooters among the feds.

## Plan Grazing System for Spring

ULVALDE—Ranchers looking for ways to ease the present pain in their pocketbooks should take a close look at an improved grazing system.

And the time to plan a grazing program for the coming year is now, so that it will be ready to put into practice by the time maximum forage growth begins in spring and early summer.

"A properly planned and operated grazing system can mean lower operating costs per head, better breeding efficiency, greater gains per acre, reduced costs for vehicles and labor, and reduced supplemental feeding," says Dr. Richard Bjerregaard, area range specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"Most ranchers can initiate a deferred rotation grazing system with little or no initial expense if a moderate amount of cross-fencing and stock water development has already been done," points out Bjerregaard. "In some cases all that is required is to close gates between pastures and to move livestock from one pasture to the next in a planned time sequence that is compatible with management goals."

A grazing system need not be complicated, emphasizes the Texas A&M University System specialist. Two pastures and one herd make a working system. However, size and complexity depend on what a rancher wants to accomplish in terms of improved livestock and rangeland production in light of available resources.

"There are about as many grazing systems as there are livestock producers," notes Bjerregaard. "However, in every case the goal is the same; to grow more and better quality forage on fewer acres at less expense."

Information for planning and operating a successful grazing system is available from county Extension agents and Extension range specialists.



In one recent year, some 1,600,000 persons were under care in public and private mental institutions, according to the National Association for Mental Health. Why not utilize your spare time by volunteering to help hospital personnel in their care?



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## Much Of Cotton Crop Waiting To Be Sold

AUSTIN—Around 62 percent of the 1974 Texas cotton crop was unsold and still in the hands of

producers through the latter part of January. Agriculture Commissioner John C. White has announced.

Of an estimated 2.33 million available running bales, about 1.44 million bales were unsold, White said.

"This slump in the market clearly shows the reason for the cutback in cotton acreage for the 1975 season," said the commissioner.

Percentages of unsold cotton around the state are as follows: Lower Rio Grande Valley, 20 percent; Corpus Christi area, 50 percent; Austin area, 75 percent; Dallas area, 65 percent; Abilene, including Munday area, 70 percent; Lubbock area, 70 percent; Memphis, Eastern Panhandle and four north Texas counties in the Vernon-Quanah areas, 70 percent; and Pecos-El Paso area, 50 percent.

It was estimated that 12 percent of the Texas crop was "field" contracted compared with 65-75 percent in 1973.

Over 200,000 American babies are born with birth defects each year, the March of Dimes reports.

## Farm-facts

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Good News For Cotton and Hogs... 94, 74, 72... Out Of Sight... Cut In Half.

At long last, the cotton market situation may be turning around. Cotton yarn spinners are becoming active again in the markets. Long-term contracts are being sought because inventories are being depleted.

While many other factors continue to depress cotton prices, the activity of cotton yarn buyers is a change from the hand-to-mouth purchases which were the rule for the past many months.

Some cotton specialists believe this may signal brighter overall market for cotton which may begin as early as the second quarter of this year.

It's now estimated that 62 per cent of the Texas cotton crop is unsold and still in the hands of producers; that would amount to about 1,440,000 bales.

Another part of the state's agricultural economy also has some good news. Swine producers have reason for the coming year to be optimistic.

Part of this is due to the reports of a fairly sharp reduction in pork supplies. Market hog numbers as of Dec. 1 last year were nine per cent below a year ago. Sows kept for breeding purposes were reduced by 15 per cent.

Production for the first half of this year is expected to be down 10 to 12 per cent, which should increase prices to pork producers. Generally, hog prices in Texas should range from \$42 to \$44 to the end of this first quarter. Prices are expected to decline somewhat during the second quarter but the outlook for the latter half of the year is bright.

FROM 94 to 72 in a year; that's a drop of 22 percentage points in parity for agriculture producers. The latest parity is set at 72, and that is down two points from a month ago.

All in all, it means continued declining prices for farmers, ranchers, dairymen, poultry producers, and others who are engaged in food and fiber production.

Officially, the all farm products index is at 433; this is a drop of 25 points or five per cent from a month ago and is 25 per cent under a year ago. The livestock index is 35 per cent below a year ago.

Perhaps the most significant thing about the price report is that all feed grains (oats excepted) showed declines. Continued downturns in feed grains can mean an increase later on in cattle on feed.

All classes of livestock except sheep are at below parity levels. Hogs are \$10 under parity; beef cattle are half of parity; calf prices are a third of parity; sheep are 40 cents about parity.

NATIONWIDE and Texaswide, cattle numbers are up as of Jan. 1. In Texas, the inventory of Texas cattle and calves totaled 16,600,000; this is two per cent above a year ago. And there were five per cent more calves born on Texas farms and ranches, which is five per cent above the previous year.

Nationwide, there is a three per cent increase in the cattle and calf category. But indications are that a decline in cattle numbers will continue through 1975.

A 53 PER CENT decline in sheep and lamb feeding is reported in Texas Feb. 1 compared to a year ago.

Placements during January totaled 24,000 head. Marketings are 49 per cent below those sold during January of 1974.

## 'GORILLA GRAFFITI'

By Mrs. Dean King



The big yellow bus, loaded with 9 Trent Seniors and 2 sponsors and luggage enough for a month's stay, rolled off toward Colorado last Friday about 3:00 p.m. The first night they got to Trinidad, Colo., it was reported. They will be returning this Thursday, full of tales about their Senior Trip. We saw Steve Bland and Steve Shugart the night before they left, and Steve B. said he was "craving some road..." He also is the author of some cute poetry about the Senior Trip and the school faculty which have appeared on the bulletin board in the halls of T.H.S. under the penname, "muffy."

Last week, Mrs. Jere Thomas supervised the Freshman induction ceremony into FHA in the Home Economic Department. A salad supper for Moms and Daughters followed. New Freshman members are Robbie Freeman, Pam Evans, Neil Kirk, and Penny Hatfield.

The Valentine Sweetheart Banquet was held at the First Baptist Church last Thursday night at 7:30. The kiddoes Jr. High age through High School got spruced up in formal attire for the occasion and were served a delicious meal by the church ladies. Bob Campbell was in charge of the program and was assisted by Rev. Wayne Oglesby and his wife Lynn.

The term "fresh ham" means meat from the hind leg of pork which has not been cured or smoked. It looks and tastes more like a pork roast than ham, say Texas Department of Agriculture home economists.

who sang a number for the group and accompanied herself on the ukelele. Wayne and Lynn, incidentally, are the new parents (about 2 months and a week, now) of the most precious baby boy — we saw him in church Sunday in a little red bandana shirt — and he is just a doll. He would be quite

easy to spoil, cause you'd just hate to put him down. His name is Rusty.

The last week in February, many of our bunch will be trudging off to the Houston Livestock Show... and some will sashay back by Austin the weekend of Feb. 28 and Mar. 1 for the Girls' State Tournament which will be in progress.

Trent has a new citizen — and another darling baby — in the person of 10-month old Tracy Alan Neff, new son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Neff. And last Sunday after church, the Sunday School Class at the First Baptist Church, of which the Neffs are members, honored Tracy with a little surprise gift-luncheon at the Clayton Brazelton's. On Monday, after a day of in-service training, the Trent faculty surprised Lynn and baby son dropping in after school to shower them with more gifts. On Wednesday, from 4:00-5:00, a baby shower was given for Tracy in the home of the Ronnie Freeman's. That's just the way Trent people are — they make you feel really welcome — and everyone is happy for Roy, Lynn, and Tami and their new addition.

Someone else that we are real proud of around this

community is Jo Lackey — and we are letting her know how much we love her and appreciate her this Friday night, with a gift-tea at our home, from 8:30-8:00. Wedding bells are in the offing and we wanted to let Jo and Bill Mize know that we are happy for them. And we are looking forward to seeing everybody Friday night.

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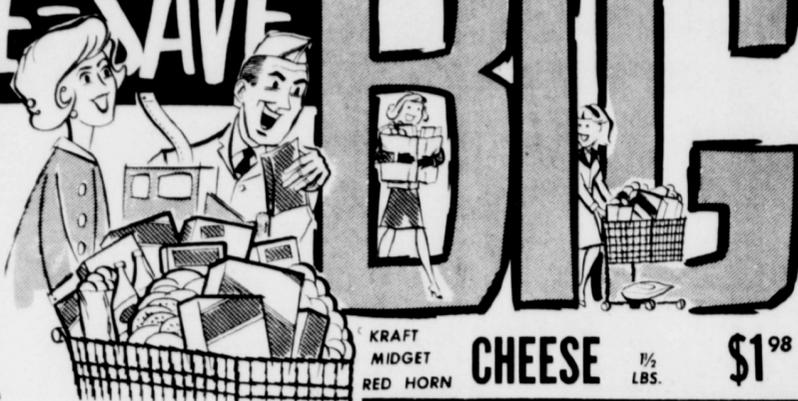
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