

Mayor Allen To Make Good Jogging Promise Saturday

Some months back, Merkel's Mayor Lou David Allen told the Tri-Cities Baseball Project leaders that he would jog from Tye to Merkel if they could raise \$500 toward their goal to build a ball park. Well the group has done just that. With the receipts of the recent Lions Club sponsored pancake supper, the thermometer in downtown Merkel went over the top.

And the mayor plans to make good his promise this Trades Day Saturday. He will start his Tye to Merkel jog at 9 a.m. Saturday morning. It is anticipated that his Honor will arrive in Merkel between 10:30 and 11:00.

Officials of the baseball park project have invited everyone to accompany the mayor as he leaves Tye. "We are expecting a large crowd to meet the Mayor here and we would like to urge everyone who can to be in town for his arrival," the spokesman said.

SHOP MERKEL SATURDAY FOR TRADES DAY SPECIALS

New Gift Shop Opens in Merkel

A new business, Gifts Galore, has recently opened at 102 Edwards in Merkel. Owners are Lois Stautzenberger, Ann Talent and Catherine Griffith. They opened their shop March 31, and held their grand opening April 5.

Lois is a hairdresser in the Haute Cofleur which is also located at 102 Edwards. Lois and her husband, G.W., and their two children, Dexter, 16, and Ronnie, 15, live in Trent where Lois was raised. They lived in Houston for a while and moved back to Trent about a year ago. Her husband works at Hobart Sales in Abilene.

A 1964 graduate of Trent, Ann and her husband, Tommy and two children, Jo Anna, 8, and Poky 4, moved back to Trent about a year and a half ago. Prior to moving back to Trent recently they lived in Abilene 10 years where Tommy is still employed as a City

Fireman. The third partner, Catherine Griffith, also lives in Trent. She was raised in Sweetwater and married Calvin Griffith. They have three children, Ida Lee, 9, Ginny Lee, 5, and Gary Don, 3. Calvin works for Grimes Gas Plant, southwest of Trent. The Gift Galores shop has some unusual gift items which could be bought for all occasions.

Some of the items in their store are beaded leather jewelry, beauty aides, handmade shawls, pillows, ceramics, handpainted plaques and other assorted handpainted items, baby items, blown glass figurines, dough art, dolls, flowers, homemade Mexican checker games and other items.

Part of their gifts are locally made. They are taking homemade gifts to sell on consignment.



NEW GIFT SHOP - Shown from left to right are Catherine Griffith, Lois Stautzenberger, and Ann Talent, new owners of Gifts Galore, which opened recently in Merkel. They are holding some of their gift items which they have in their store. (Staff Photo by Kaye Lanham)



ACC TRACK COACH DON SMITH
...All-Awards Banquet Speaker

Little League Season Opens Thurs

The Merkel Little League will kickoff the baseball season with a parade Thursday through downtown Merkel at 5 p.m.

First game Thursday will pit the Bankers against the Braves at 6 p.m., with the Kilowatts meeting the Vets at 8 p.m.

The Little League teams and their sponsors are: Supers, Carson Super Market; Willies, Taylor Electric Co-Op; Kilowatts, West Texas Utilities; Vets, V.F.W. Post; Bankers, F & M National Bank; and the Braves, Boney Insurance.

Managers and coaches for the following teams are: Braves - Manager, Felix Acuna; coach, Frank Rodriguez.

Supers - Manager, Grady Knight; Coach, Kenneth Hays Willies - Manager, Calvin Wolf Sr.; Coach, Jimmy Leverich

Kilowatts - Manager, Finley Barnett; Coach, Billy Lucas

Vets - Manager, Danny Sanford; Coach, Derrell Farmer

Bankers - Manager, John Brady; Coach, Gary Hicks

T-Shirt Schedule will be announced in next weeks paper.

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Lifetime Merkel Resident Dies

Mrs. Sallie Moore, 85, of Merkel, died at 8:15 p.m. Friday at her home after a long illness. Services were at 3 p.m. Sunday in the Merkel United Methodist Church.

The Rev. Russell McAnnally, pastor, and the Rev. N. S. Daniels, associate pastor, officiated. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery, directed by Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born Jan. 23, 1890, in Milam County, she moved to the Merkel area as an infant. She married J. W. Moore

in 1936 in Abilene. Mr. Moore died May 27, 1946.

Survivors include a stepson, Arthur Moore of Merkel; three stepdaughters, Mrs. Edna Wilson of Mer-

kel and Hart, Mrs. Vera Wilson of Seymour and Mrs. Hallie Melton of Odessa; a sister, Mrs. Bettie Berryman of Merkel and several nieces and nephews.

Land, Houses Appraised By Tax Firm

The tax appraisal firm employed to equalize tax values in the Merkel Independent School District reports that houses and buildings have been checked and classified according to type and quality of construction. The appraisers have valued the land and buildings separately because different factors govern the value of each.

The courts have held that the value of land is the price it will bring on the open market between a willing buyer and a willing seller; however, since only a small percentage of land is placed on the market for sale, it becomes necessary to estimate the value of the land for tax purposes. This can best be accomplished by comparison after all factors have been considered. In any land value, its location and underlying advantages are the factors that gauge the valuation. The appraisers are now working on grading the rural land.

For tax purposes, appraisers consider four general uses of land which are classified as: business, industrial, residential and rural. In order to maintain equality in estimating land values, the appraiser will figure business and residential land on a front foot unit basis, industrial land on a square foot unit basis, and rural land on an acreage unit basis.

In appraising a building it must be kept in mind that a building is worth as much as the cost to reproduce it

and rural people. In a carefully worded resolution that pointed out the shortcomings in the new federal price support and target price legislation, the farm group urged President Ford to sign the legislation.

"Although the proposed changes in the farm program are totally inadequate to meet the needs of agriculture and to assure the consumer an adequate supply of food and fiber, we recognize that this is the best that we can expect out of this session of Congress, and until a comprehensive new farm program is passed, we urge President Ford to sign the

farm bill. If the President fails to do this, we urge Congress to override his veto," the Farmers Union Board stated.

The farm organization went on record in support of intrastate price regulation of oil, natural gas, a pipeline gas tax, a strong utilities commission including provisions for territorial integrity to rural electric cooperatives, regulation of corporation farming, a state indemnity payment for brucellosis losses and lower ad valorem taxes on agricultural land.

(less accrued depreciation depending on material and labor costs which fluctuate from year to year. Construction costs should be based on the actual current local prices of material and labor. New buildings are being constructed each year and it is necessary for the taxing district to appraise these new buildings at the same unit costs as older buildings of similar construction in order to maintain equalization; the difference in value being

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Cong. Bureson Announces Loan

Congressman Omar Bureson announces the approval of \$1,508,000 REA loan to the Taylor Telephone Co-Op with headquarters at Merkel. Serving Taylor, Callahan, Coleman, Fisher, Jones, Nolan, Shackelford, Coke and Runnels County.

The purpose of the loan is to finance facilities to connect 278 additional subscribers, to construct 15 miles of new line, to upgrade service to all one party line, to upgrade service to all one party line in the Potosi exchange, and to finance system improvements.

Derrell Farmer is the manager of Taylor Telephone Co-operative.

Merkel High Students Honored At Awards Banquet

Abilene Christian College Head Track Coach Don Smith told student and parents attending the Merkel High School All-Awards Banquet Saturday night that "our youth are not going to the dogs." The coach went on to tell the Hilton Inn banquet crowd that "a lot of outstanding accomplishments have been achieved because of students like these assembled here tonight."

Smith admonished the students to give their mothers and fathers thanks for the support they had afforded the students. "I think it is great that a community has come together like this to honor you students," he said. After relating a few humorous stories Smith told the students to set goals and get involved for them to achieve a successful life. "I have studied these people and 'I have tried to pattern my life after successful people. There is one thing that successful people have in common—goals and involvement,'" Smith said. He went on to cite the case of Pinto Bean of Abilene. He said that Bean set a goal of becoming state champion pole vaulter after suffering a crushing defeat. "He set a goal and got involved. The result was that he became state pole vault-

ing champion," he said. Travis Davis, Merkel High School Principal, was master of ceremonies. He called on the individual teachers to present the awards. Those receiving awards were: Speech and Drama: Tommie Jones and Greg Treadwell. Social Studies: Christie Neece. Spanish and Social Studies: Mark Wilkerson and David Booth. Girls Athletics: Netta Stephan. Biology Award: Jerre Kay Smith.

Chemistry Award: Mike Magee. Homemaking and Family Living: Phyllis Shanks and Donna White. HECC Award: Beverly Mawson. Student Council: Tonja Crenshaw. Physical Education Award: Girl, Rosetta Cocker, boy, Jerry Butman. Outstanding Band Students: boy, Jim Wharton, girl, Janie Clark. Most Valuable Pep Squad Member: Gayle Ware. Head Cheerleader Award: Gayla Tolliver. Agriculture Award: Harry Kriner.

First Baptist Church Revival Set May 4-11

Evangelist Michael Gott, of Tyler, will be guest speaker for a series of revival services at Merkel's First Baptist Church, May 4-11, pastor Kenneth F. Jones has announced. Sunday services will be at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., with week-day services set for 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Mr. Gott has travelled extensively in Great Britain,

Scotland, Switzerland, and the Soviet Union, on preaching missions, and is well-informed on views of young people in these areas, concerning religion and Christianity. His appeal to young people has made him a most popular speaker with regard to the habits and customs of youth in other lands, and he is expected to share a great deal of information with the youth in our area during the week of revival services.

All-Sports Banquet Tonight

The annual Booster Club All-Sport Banquet will be held Thursday night at 8 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

The all-sport banquet will honor students who have participated on athletic teams for Merkel High School this year. Each athlete will be recognized individually and the outstanding athlete will be recognized in the major sports. This year's banquet will be catered by Mack Epley's of Abilene. Tickets are \$3.50 each and will be available at the door. Larry White will be emcee for the banquet.

Mr. Gott and his wife, Jan, collaborate together in special program presentations to children with a puppet ministry. Special evenings are planned for the week of revival services, in which children's programs will be presented through this media.

Mr. Roy Davis will serve as music director for the revival, pastor Jones said, and each evening worship service will feature special music by the choir, Mr. Davis, and Mrs. Gott.

"We extend a friendly invitation to all the folks in our area to attend these services," pastor Jones stated. "Our nursery facilities will be open for every service, and we are really looking forward to a good week of revival."

Merkel Student Wins In Snyder

David Booth, student at Merkel High School, was among the high school students entering the Social Sciences Contests held Friday, April 25, at Western Texas College in Snyder. Shown with him is Don Holloway, faculty sponsor. More than 100 high school students were at WTC for the competition.

High school seniors from Rotan, Snyder and Sweetwater were awarded scholarships at the conclusion of Social Sciences contests held at Friday at Western Texas

The contests, attended by more than 100 students, were sponsored by the Social Science division of the college. Schools were divided into classes according to Univer-

sity interscholastic League guidelines for competition in four categories: American History, Texas History, Government and Current Events.

Handbook Available

In time of "EMERGENCY", a citizen's handbook on nuclear attack and natural disasters, has been provided by the Division of Disaster Emergency Service of the City of Merkel for the benefit of the Public and may be checked out by using normal library procedures.

Local Residents Attend TFU Meet

The Farmers Union Board stated that the farm organization went on record in support of intrastate price regulation of oil, natural gas, a pipeline gas tax, a strong utilities commission including provisions for territorial integrity to rural electric cooperatives, regulation of corporation farming, a state indemnity payment for brucellosis losses and lower ad valorem taxes on agricultural land.



ROBBIE FREEMAN
...Sweetheart
Miss Freeman Trent FFA Sweetheart

The Trent FFA and FHA Chapters held their annual Mother-Daughter, Father-Son Banquet last Thursday night in the school cafeteria.

Mrs. R. L. Bland was selected as the Future Farmers Honorary Chapter Farmer, and Mrs. B. W. Hamner was awarded the Honorary Homemakers Award from the Homemakers Chapter. These women were selected for their service to both the organizations and the community. They received engraved plaques from the Chapters.

The FHA Girls selected Randy Scott, a senior, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Scott for their Romeo, the other candidates were Rocky McKinney, Alan Morse, and Bobby Brazellon.

The FFA Chapter selected Robbie Freeman, Freshman, Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Freeman as their Chapter Sweetheart. The Vice President, Steve Shugart presented her with a bouquet of Red Roses.

The nominees for FFA Sweetheart this year were Leanna West, Robbie Freeman, Teri Hamner and Connie Cross.



DAVID HOLLOWAY, DAVID BOOTH
... sponsor, winner

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PANTS	VALUES TO \$12.00	\$6.99	
DOUBLE KNIT			
BLOUSES	VALUES TO \$17.00	\$7.99	
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-BROWN-RED-WHITE			
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ROCKS FOR HIS BIRTHDAY - Stanley Toombs celebrated his 56th Birthday last Thursday. A sign was put up at his business stating that "Today Is My Birthday, Bring Me Rocks." The sign wasn't put up by him, but now he asks everyone to bring him rocks. He hasn't decided as yet what to do with them. It was also his sister Peggy Dennison's birthday. Toombs has lived all his life in Merkel. (Staff Photo by Jennye Martin).

Merkel Group Attended
Firemen's Convention

The Semi-Annual Firemen and Fire Marshals Convention of Mid-West Texas was held at Rctan Saturday, April 12. Registration was held Saturday morning with 22 members and two guests registering from Merkel.

The Ladies Luncheon and business meeting was held in the First United Methodist Church. Elaine Bell of Baird presided over the business meeting.

Election of officers were as follows: President, Connie Harris, Merkel; 1st Vice President, Aletha Woods, Snyder; 2nd Vice-President, Sharon Nabors, Roby; Sec.-Treas., Johnnie Lawson, Stamford; Historian, Nell Scott, Snyder and Chaplain, Sarah Lucas, Merkel.

Trudy Woods will represent the ladies of the district as a candidate for 4th Vice-President of the State Ladies Auxiliary.

Attending the Ladies Luncheon from Merkel were Connie Harris, Sarah Lucas, Cindy Bryant, Nita Harris and guest Jean Scott.

Election of officers high-

lighted the men's business meeting. Elected President was Sonny Reynolds, Haskell; 1st Vice President, Billy Lucas, Merkel; 2nd Vice President, Bill Scarlett, Throckmorton; Sec.-Treas., Robert Harris, Merkel and Chaplain, Lon Robertson, Colorado City.

Bill Barrett of Spur and 4th Vice President of the State Association gave a brief talk on bills the State Association will back for the coming year and the State Convention to be held in June in Houston.

Races were held for both men and women with Merks results as follows: Ladies 2-man - no time; Men's 2-man, no time; pumper, 5th place; 6-man, 1st place.

Firemen and wives attending from Merkel were Messrs. and Mmes. Joe Bryant, Billy Lucas, Robert Harris, Raymond Monroe, Richard Hernandez, Jerry Horton, Roy Schultz and Jerry Horton.

Also Mary Goodman, Ikie Garrett, Donnie Clay and guest Mr. and Mrs. David Scott.

MERKEL-TYE
MENU

MONDAY

Enchiladas, Lettuce - Tomato Salad, Choice of Dressing, Pinto Beans, Crackers, Chocolate Cake and Milk.

TUESDAY

Chicken Fried Steak and Gravy, English Peas, Whipped Potatoes, Hot Rolls Apple Sauce and Milk.

WEDNESDAY

Turkey and dressing with giblet gravy, celery sticks stuffed with cheese, green Beans, Hot Rolls and Fruit Salad.

THURSDAY

Fried Fish with Tartar Sauce, Cole Slaw, French Fries/Catsup, Batter Bread, Lemon Pudding and Milk.

FIRDAY

Chili dogs, Pickle Relish, Sliced Onions, School-Made Buns, Coconut-Chocolate Chips, Orange Juice and Milk.

MISSIONETTE
NEWS

The Missionettes have set the date for their mother-daughter banquet as May 10. The time and location will be announced at a later time.

The Missionettes have been invited to attend the showing of "What the Missionettes are For" on May 3 at the Glad Tidings Assembly in Abilene. The film will be shown at 6:30 p.m. All parents of Missionettes are invited to attend. The girls are to meet at the Assembly of God Church here and will go together to Abilene.

The girls will have a bake sale May 17 beginning at 10 a.m.

There were 20 girls present at the meeting on April 28. They worked on their butterflies.

MISS SOFTBALL NEWS

The contest going on with girls who plan to play softball will end Saturday, May 3, at 11 o'clock. All money and pens must be turned in by this time.

Several nice prizes have been donated such as gift certificates from Circle A Western House and baseball gloves from Castille Hardware and Athletic Supply, Abilene. Also other prizes from Wilson Food Store and Merkel Drug.

Any girl who hasn't gotten any pens yet, call 928-4883. We have several left to sell. Pens sell for \$1.00 each and money goes to help build two baseball parks for both boys and girls.

There will be girls in town Saturday selling pens. If anyone would like to purchase one

call 928-4883 and we will send a girl out.

We thank those who have already purchased pens and hope others will too.

SENIOR CITIZENS
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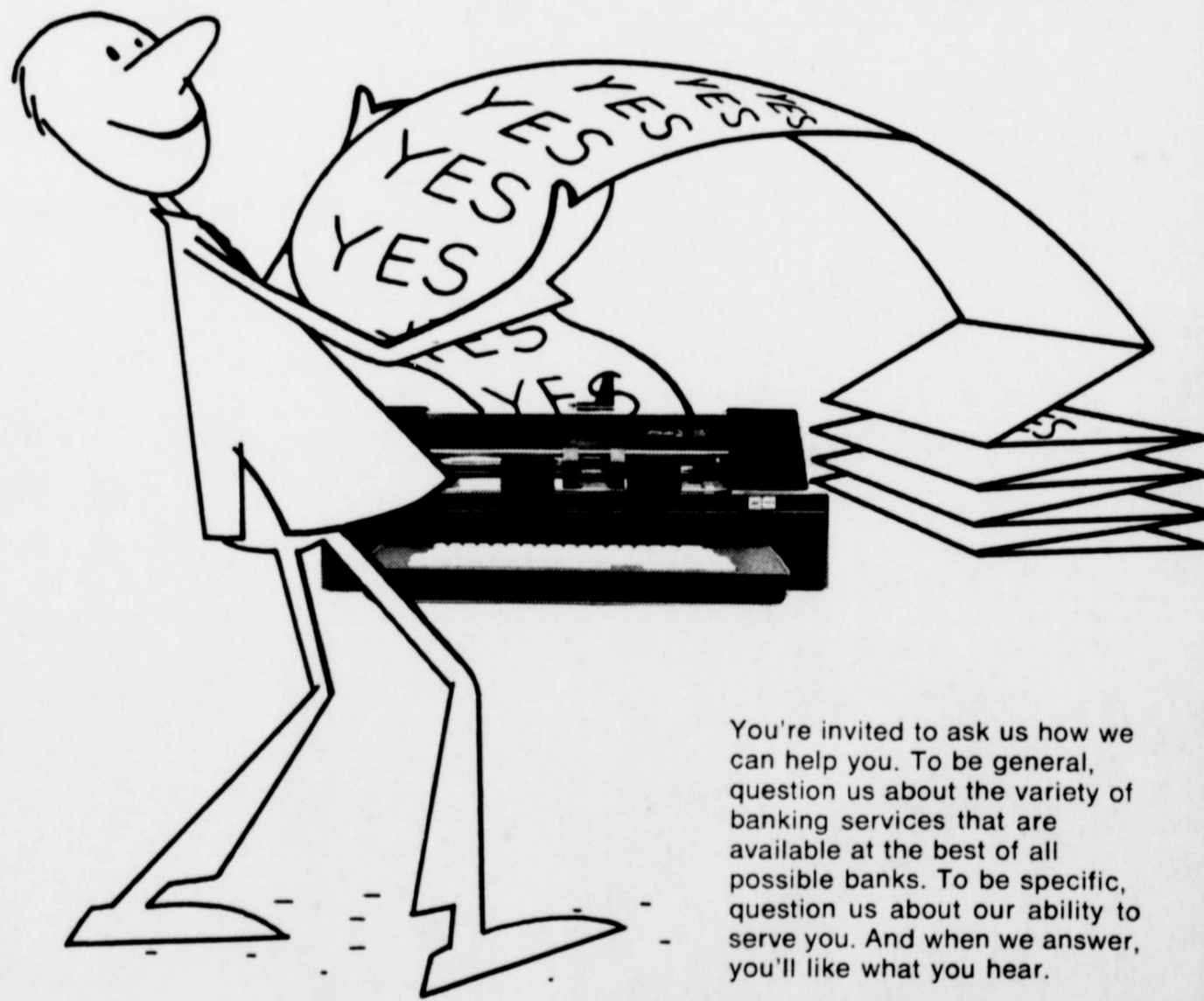
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PINEAPPLE JUICE DEL-MONTE 46 OZ. CAN **¢**

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Lambda Beta Attends Founder's Day Celebration

The Beta Sigma Phi 44th Annual Founder's Day Celebration was held at the Abilene Civic Center on April 26, 1975. The evening's activities began with a banquet catered by Mack Epley's. Using the theme: "Southern Bell" the Beta Sigma Phi "Women of the Year" were presented. Pat Castille was chosen by the Lambda Beta Chapter, to represent their "Woman of the Year 75-76". The "Man of the Year" presentation was also held, which is kept incomplete surprise until the event. Rosey Castille was presented that honor. Rosey received a mug with "Playboy of the Year 75" engraved on it. The evening ended with a Founder's Day Dance. Attending the banquet were: Mr. and Mrs. Lee Yaddow, Mr. and Mrs. Rosey Castille, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Bob Neff, Mr. and Mrs. James Altday, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hohertz. Attending the dance was Paula Douglass and escort.

Hayes Quartet To Entertain

The Hayes Quartet of Abilene will entertain at the Senior Citizens Building Monday, May 5, at 7 p.m. This is the Senior Citizens regular Monday night singing. No admission will be charged. "Everyone is invited to attend," said Lena May Criswell, president for May.

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS
Defendant, Greeting:
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 27th day of May A.D. 1975, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 1st day of April A.D. 1975, in this cause, numbered 10,429-DR on the docket of said court and styled Marie Krauss, Plaintiff, vs. Alvin Edwin Krauss, Defendant.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Alvin Edwin Krauss,

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS
To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas - GREETING:
You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for four consecutive weeks, the first publication to be at least twenty-eight days before the return day thereof, in a newspaper printed in Taylor County, Texas, the accompanying citation, of which the herein below following is a true copy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Verda Jean Foil, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 22nd day of May A.D. 1975, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 10th day of April A.D. 1975, in this cause, numbered 10,469-DR on the docket of said court and styled David Eugene Foil, Plaintiff vs. Verda Jean Foil, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Parties were married on or about February 5, 1960 and separated on or about January 4, 1971; Following children were born to this marriage, David Lee 10-20-61, Anita Jean, 4-4-63, Jason Carl, 9-19-65, managing conservator is Beula Wynne Love, no service necessary at this time; children are presently in the Hendricks Home for children; certain community property has been accumulated; as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: James Alford Lott, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 5th day of June A.D. 1975, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 9th day of January A.D. 1975, in this cause, numbered 10,152-DR on the docket of said court and styled Rhonda Gail Lott, Plaintiff vs. James Alford Lott, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: parties were married on or about the 8th

Card of Thanks

I WOULD LIKE TO Thank everyone for the flowers and many congratulations I received upon the opening of the Beauty Shack.
Judy Pape
10-1tp

Card of Thanks

I WOULD LIKE TO Thank everyone for the cards, flowers, prayers and food I received during and after my stay in the hospital.
Winnie Cypert and Family
10-1tc

Card of Thanks

TO THOSE WHO Expressed their sympathy in so many beautiful and practical ways during our recent bereavement, we extend our heartfelt thanks.
The Sally Moore Family
10-1tc

Card of Thanks

MAY WE TAKE this method of thanking our neighbors and friends for their kind expressions of sympathy in our bereavement. These expressions have been deeply appreciated.
We would also like to thank Dr. Sadtler and Vivian for their help.
The Family of Mrs. Eva Lena Blackburn
10-1tp

Ladies Golf

By ANNETTE CLARK

Last Tuesday, the game was golf at the Merkel Country Club. Everyone kept their score, especially the hits from the roughs. The winner for that week's prize will be the fewest shots in the rough. Last Tuesday Sherry Aldridge and Murel Thompson played in the Ladies Golf Tournament at Dyess. At presstime, we didn't know the results. But good luck girls. Ladies get out to play and post your score - getting your handicap ready for our Tournament coming up soon.

May 13th is our Play, Supper and Business meeting. Husbands will be guest and the game will be Hulley Guley. Prizes for the months Play Days will be awarded during the business meeting.

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THE KINDNESS AND Sympathy of neighbors and friends in our recent sorrow will always remain with us as a precious memory. Our sincere thanks and gratitude for all those comforting acts. We want to especially thank the people of the Calvary Baptist Church for their courtesy and all the food.
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Appraisal

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the amount of depreciation allowed for deterioration and obsolescence of the older buildings. It is not possible for the appraiser to determine the exact cost of each given building for tax purposes; this would be impossible when you consider the number of buildings to be appraised each year. It has been found acceptable for tax appraisals to find an average cost per square foot of floor space, and apply this average cost to buildings of similar construction and size.

In order to assure that the values placed on all improvements will be uniform, a schedule of building costs has been prepared based on a conservative current market value. In this respect, dwellings have been classified according to the quality and type of construction and deviations have been made with any degree of equality or uniformity. Building cost schedules must be used in tax work because by utilizing the same cost schedule and putting each building into its proper classification, all assessments will be made in accordance with the uniformity clause of the Constitution of the State of Texas. Separate classifications have been set up in the building cost schedule ranging from the cheapest single wall type of construction to the more expensive brick structures.

After all property in the Merkel Independent School District has been appraised, each property owner will be notified of the assessed value placed on his property. He can then discuss the value with the appraisers or make comparisons of this value with that placed on similar properties throughout the district. After an explanation by the appraiser and a comparison, if the property owner is still not satisfied that he is being taxed in the same manner as similar properties throughout the district he will have an opportunity to appeal the assessment to the Board of Equalization.

Grand Opening A Success

Sixty-two persons registered at the Beauty Shack's open house Sunday, April 20. The open house marked the grand opening of the Beauty Shack owned by Mrs. Judy Pape and located at 705 S. 3rd.

Drawing winners were Perry Henshaw, a permanent; Florence Berry, shampoo and set; and Lola Saffel, hair cut.

Mrs. Merrit, Former Resident Died Saturday

Mrs. Hattie Merritt, 66, of 1209 Green, Abilene, died at 2:45 p.m. Saturday in Stamford Memorial Hospital after a long illness. Services were held at 2 p.m. Monday in Starbuck Funeral Chapel.

Fire Dept. News

Members and their families of the Merkel Fire Department met Tuesday, April 22, for a fish fry. An excellent meal of fish, french fries, hot puppies and cole slaw cooked by Kent Satterwhite, Robert Harris, Rex Martin and Jerry Horton was enjoyed by all.

Present were: Mr. and Mrs. Pat Pollarez and children; Bob Reynolds, Mrs. Gertrude Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Chancey, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harris and Melissa, Vernon Wade and Lynn, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Austerman and family, Roy Kimbrell, Mr. and Mrs. Waymon Adcock, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wimberly, Lewis Millett and Elizabeth, Tim Millett, Ike Garrett, Mr. and Mrs. Kent Satterwhite, Kim, Donnie and Cloyd, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Harris and Eddie, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Havira, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Starbuck, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Goodman, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hernandez, Mr. and Mrs. George Starbuck and Johnny, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bryan and Curt, Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Cannon and children, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Cox and son, Mr. and Mrs. David Seymour and Phillip, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Schultz and Steven, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Lucas and family, Mr. and Mrs. English and family, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Moreno and Ramon, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Horton, and guest Garland Childress.

OES Sale For Kidney Machines

Chapter 212 of the Order of the Eastern Star in Merkel will sponsor a garage sale Saturday, May 3, at 125 Kent Street in Merkel next door to Cypert's Tax Service.

The garage sale is in conjunction with a state-wide project of the O.E.S. with proceeds to go toward the purchase of kidney machines, according to the Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Patricia Nienast.

If you have any articles you wish to donate to this cause, please bring them to 125 Kent Street before May 3. Your patronage and your donations will be greatly appreciated.

The Rev. P. T. Stewart, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Merkel, and the Rev. Kenneth Jones, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiated. Burial was in Rhoads Hill Cemetery.

Born Aug. 2, 1908, she married B. W. Merritt Jan. 22, 1927, in Colorado City. They moved to the Merkel area in 1942, where she established and was manager of the Merritt Plumbing Co. for several years.

She was a member of the Elmwood West Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband; a sister, Mrs. Rosebud Smallwood of Law; a daughter, Mrs. J. T. Curtis of Corpus Christi and several nieces and nephews.

Connie Harris Named Aux. President

The Ladies Auxiliary to the Merkel Fire Department met Tuesday, April 22 for the purpose of electing officers for the coming year. Mrs. Connie Harris was elected president, Mary Goodman, 2nd vice president, Helen Moreno, secretary, Francis Cannon; treasurer, Cindy Bryan, Reporter, Audra Horton; and chaplain, Johnnie Adcock.

The following were named to head the various committees for the year: telephone, Nita Harris; social, Debi Schultz; and ways and means, Mary Goodman.

Present for the meeting were Meses, Ray Schultz, Billy Lucas, Raymond Moreno, Richard Hernandez, George Starbuck, Joe Bryan, Dean Goodman, Waymon Adcock, David Seymour, Walter Harris, Jackie Cannon, Jerry Horton, Robert Harris, George English and Ben Cox, 222

Scouts Win At Scout-O-Rama

Boy Scouts from troop 18 in Merkel won first place honors at the annual Scout-O-Rama in Abilene Saturday, April 26.

The boys demonstrated the correct and incorrect ways to display the American Flag. This is the third consecutive year the Merkel scouts have won first place at the Scout-O-Rama.

Boys attending the Scout-O-Rama were Alan Mawson, Ronnie Whisenhunt, Kelley Wolf, Brad Wade, Drew Mawson, Scott Cain, Larry Davis and Terry Owens. The scoutmaster is Calvin Wolf.

Dickerson Reunion Held in Trent

The family of Mrs. F. W. Dickerson met Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Odell Dickerson in Trent for a covered dish luncheon.

Nine of the ten children present were Mrs. Minnie Carey, Mrs. R. V. Carey, Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Dickerson, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Dickerson, Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Noah of Merkel, Roy Dickerson of Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Booe of Seminole, Mrs. Linnie Hatfield of Midland, and Mr. and Mrs. Odell Dickerson of Trent.

Other family members present were Jesse Hatfield of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hopkins of Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie O'Dell, Carey, Gary, and Paul of Amarillo; Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Brooks and Kay, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Green and Amy, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Carey, Alice and Truman of Abilene, Margie Bird and Patti of San Antonio, Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Gann and Dana of Anson, Karen Booe of Lubbock, Ronda Booe, Seminole, Mrs. Don Dickerson and Missy and Buddy Carey of Merkel and David Dickerson of Trent.

Bake Sale
Sat. May 3 9:00-7:00
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Starr Nursing Home Receives Visit

The Lambda Beta of Beta Sigma Phi visited the Starr Nursing Home April 22.

The members and their children visited each room and presented residents with love gifts. They also brought cakes for residents.

Those attending were Pat

Castile and daughter Judy, Marie White, Barbara Welch and children Pete and Pattie, Jo Moore and children, Dusty and Christi, Faye Jones and children, Robin and Barry, and Ginny Yaddow and son Todd.

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Consolidated Report of Condition of Home State Bank of Trent in the State of Texas and Domestic Subsidiaries at the close of business on April 16, 1975.

	DOLLARS	CTS.
ASSETS		
1. Cash and due from banks (including \$ 264,705.05 unreported deposits)	264,705	05
2. (a) U.S. Treasury securities \$ 120,000.00 (Total items 1 & 2) xxx 384,705 05	120,000	00
3. Obligations of other U.S. Government agencies and corporations - 00 (Total items 1, 2 & 3) xxx 384,705 05	-	-
4. Obligations of States and political subdivisions - 00	-	-
5. Other securities (including \$ 3,750.00 corporate stocks) - 00	3,750	00
6. Trading account securities - 00	-	-
7. Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell - 00	300,000	00
8. Bank premises, furniture and fixtures, and other assets representing bank premises 352,228.50	352,228	50
9. Real estate owned other than bank premises - 00	-	-
10. Investments in subsidiaries not consolidated - 00	-	-
11. Customer's liability to this bank on acceptances outstanding - 00	-	-
12. Other assets (Item 6 of "Other Assets" including \$ - 00 direct lease financing) 135.77	135	77
14. TOTAL ASSETS \$ 1,110,247.70	1,110,247	70
LIABILITIES		
15. Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations - 00	879,060	90
16. Time and savings deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations - 00	-	-
17. Deposits of United States Government - 00	52,331	62
18. Deposits of States and political subdivisions - 00	-	-
19. Deposits of foreign governments and official institutions - 00	-	-
20. Deposits of commercial banks - 00	-	-
21. Certified and officers' checks, etc. - 00	-	-
22. TOTAL DEPOSITS \$ 931,392.52	931,392	52
(a) Total demand deposits xxx 879,060 90	879,060	90
(b) Total time and savings deposits xxx 52,331 62	52,331	62
23. Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase - 00	-	-
24. Other liabilities for borrowed money - 00	-	-
25. Mortgage indebtedness - 00	-	-
26. Acceptances executed by or for account of this bank and outstanding - 00	5,035	29
27. Other liability - 00	-	-
28. TOTAL LIABILITIES \$ 936,427.52	936,427	52
RESERVES ON LOANS AND SECURITIES		
29. Reserve for bad debt losses on loans (net up pursuant to Internal Revenue Service rulings) - 00	-	-
30. Other reserves on loans - 00	-	-
31. Reserve on securities - 00	-	-
32. TOTAL RESERVES ON LOANS AND SECURITIES - 00	-	-
CAPITAL ACCOUNTS		
34. Capital notes and debentures (Specify interest rate and maturity of each issue outstanding) - 00	-	-
35. Equity capital, total 173,819.89	173,819	89
36. Preferred stock-total par value - 00	-	-
(No. shares outstanding) - 00	25,000	00
37. Common stock-total par value 250 (No. shares authorized) 250 - 00	48,819	89
38. Surplus 100,000.00	100,000	00
39. Undivided profits 48,819.89	48,819	89
40. Reserve for contingencies and other capital reserves - 00	-	-
41. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS \$ 173,819.89	173,819	89
42. TOTAL LIABILITIES, RESERVES, AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS \$ 1,110,247.70	1,110,247	70
MEMORANDA		
1. Average of total deposits for the 15 calendar days ending with call date 951,231.73	951,231	73
2. Average of total loans for the 15 calendar days ending with call date 657,776.40	657,776	40
3. Unearned discount on installment loans included in total capital accounts 4	4	00
4. Monthly letters of credit 343.45	343	45

J. G. Wilks, President of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that this report of condition is true and correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Correct - Attest: *[Signature]*

[Signature] Director

State of Texas, County of Taylor, day of April, 1975.

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Merkel Resident's Brother Dies In New Mexico

Donald Fox, 61, of Farmington, New Mexico, brother Ollie Fox of Merkel, died April 27 at 8 a.m. in Farmington. Funeral was held April 30.
Survivors include a son; a daughter, Mrs. Bill (Donna) Curry of Farmington; two brothers, Ollie of Merkel and J. D. of Fort Sumner, New Mexico; two sisters, Mrs. D. O. Fincher of Oklahoma and Mrs. Bill Kimble of Amarillo.



MERKEL 4-H CLUB ... painting tractor tires for City Park

BADGER TRACKS

With only three weeks of school left, the teachers have begun to pile on those last minute assignments. Will they ever end?
Congratulations go to one of our graduating seniors, Beverly Mawson. She has been accepted as a member of the University of Texas at El Paso band for the upcoming year.
An unusual event took place Tuesday night. The Senior girls put aside their blue jeans and donned dresses for a tea given by the Young Homemakers. This sacrifice was appreciated by the hostesses and the girls' mothers.
For now that's all, but will be back again next week.

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6:00 P. M.				8:00 P. M.			
May 1	Thurs.	Bankers	vs	Braves	Kilowatts	vs	Vets
May 2	Fri.	Vets	vs	Willies	Braves	vs	Supers
May 6	Tues.	Vets	vs	Bankers	Kilowatts	vs	Braves
May 8	Thurs.	Braves	vs	Vets	Willies	vs	Supers
May 9	Fri.	Supers	vs	Kilowatts	Bankers	vs	Willies
May 13	Tues.	Braves	vs	Vets	Bankers	vs	Kilowatts
May 15	Thurs.	Supers	vs	Vets	Braves	vs	Willies
May 16	Fri.	Willies	vs	Bankers	Kilowatts	vs	Supers
May 20	Tues.	Supers	vs	Braves	Willies	vs	Vets
May 22	Thurs.	Kilowatts	vs	Willies	Bankers	vs	Supers
May 23	Fri.	Braves	vs	Bankers	Vets	vs	Kilowatts
May 27	Tues.	Supers	vs	Kilowatts	Bankers	vs	Willies
May 29	Thurs.	Braves	vs	Kilowatts	Bankers	vs	Vets
May 30	Fri.	Supers	vs	Willies	Vets	vs	Braves
June 3	Tues.	Kilowatts	vs	Vets	Bankers	vs	Braves
June 5	Thurs.	Willies	vs	Braves	Vets	vs	Supers
June 6	Fri.	Supers	vs	Bankers	Willies	vs	Kilowatts
June 10	Tues.	Vets	vs	Willies	Braves	vs	Supers
June 12	Thurs.	Kilowatts	vs	Bankers	OPEN		
June 13	Fri.	Willies	vs	Braves	Vets	vs	Supers
June 17	Tues.	Kilowatts	vs	Bankers	Supers	vs	Willies
June 19	Thurs.	Braves	vs	Kilowatts	Bankers	vs	Vets
June 24	Tues.	Supers	vs	Bankers	Willies	vs	Kilowatts

First team listed for each game is the HOME TEAM and will occupy the WEST DUGOUT.

1st Game starts at 6:00 p.m. - No inning will start after 7:30 p.m.
2nd Game starts at 8:00 p.m. - No inning will start after 9:30 p.m.

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Daniel Lemar, Respondent, Greeting:
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County, Texas at the Courthouse in said County, in Abilene, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of twenty days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of Christian Homes of Abilene, Inc., Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 23 day of April, 1975, against Rita Claudette Boyd, Natural Mother, and Daniel Lemar, Natural Father, Respondents, and said suit being numbered 10,520-DR on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In the interest of Joyce Marie Boyd a child and/or children," the nature of which suit is a request to terminate Parent-Child Relationship.
Said Joyce Marie Boyd was born the 20th day of April, 1975, in Abilene, Texas, Taylor County.
The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the child's interest which will be binding upon you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption.
Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this 23 day of April, 1975.
(SEAL)

Attest: Irene Crawford Clerk, Domestic Relations Court in Taylor County, Texas; By Faye Terry, Deputy.
10-11c

Merkel Riding Club News

The Merkel Riding Club held its weekly play night April 26.
Results were:
Western Pleasure (12 and under) - 1. Ann Melton, 2. Brooks Boyd, 3. Leslie Masonheimer, 4. Eddy Sparks, 5. Dee Dee Masonheimer.
Western Pleasure (13 and over) - 1. Karlen Mashburn, 2. Jan Beck, 3. Cindy Byrd, 4. Shell Stout, 5. Gail (Boone) Shackelford.
Boot Race (5 and under) - 1. Kyle Coker, 2. Denise Pursley, 3. Graham Odom, 4. Lucie Masonheimer, 5. Brandon Boyd.
Boot Race (6-8) - 1. Kevin Coker, 2. Brooks Boyd, 3. Missy Simpson, 4. Mike Dokey, 5. Robbie Williams.
Barrels (12 and under) - 1. Ann Melton - 19, 2. Vicki Campbell - 20.5, 3. Leslie Masonheimer (tie) 21.9, 4. Cindy Boone and Benny Melton (tie) 19.2, 5. Deanna Pursley - 19.4.
Flags (12 and under) - 1. Dee Dee Masonheimer - 11.9, 2. Ann Melton - 12.0, 3. Leslie Masonheimer - 12.1, 4. Lisa Dokey - 12.5, 5. Vicki Campbell - 13.0.
Flags (13 and over) - 1. Lynn Dokey and Cindy Byrd (tie) - 10.1, 2. Cindy Boone and Karlen Mashburn - 10.3, 3. Jay Boyd - 10.5, 4. Fran Barker - 10.6, 5. Jeff Toombs - 10.8.
Poles (12 and under) - 1. Leslie Masonheimer - 28.5, 2. Ann Melton - 29.5, 3. Jan Melton - 31.2, 4. Eddy Sparks, 32.0, 5. Vicki Campbell - 33.2.
Poles (13 and over) - 1. Jeff Toombs - 25.5, 2. Jarrett Pinckley - 25.9, 3. Cindy Byrd - 28.5, 4. Benny Melton, 29.2, 5. Patricia Boyd - 24.0 plus 5.
Mount Change 1. Jarrett Pinckley and Felix Boyd - 13.1, 2. Benny Melton and Jerry Byrd (tie) and Charles Hatfield - 15.7, 3. Cindy Byrd and Jan Beck - 16.1, 4. Dianne McClendon and Lyn Dokey - 19.1, 5. Sherri Williams and Lisa Dokey - 20.5.

The March of Dimes supports programs for intensive care of "high-risk" pregnant women and sick newborns to help improve maternal and infant health.

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Merkel Cancer Crusade Drive Exceeds \$500

The Merkel Cancer Crusade Drive held Monday in Merkel was a success, according to Paula Douglas, Drive Chairman. "Our goal was \$500 and we have exceeded that amount. We are very grateful for all the people who helped us make the drive the success it was," she said.

The dollar and cents side of cancer is quite a story - but it could have a happier ending if we did some math.

Although he is not a mathematician, Sam Chase, Crusade Chairman of the Taylor County Unit of the American Cancer Society, has some numbers that are pretty staggering: "The direct cost of diagnosis treatment and care of cancer patients this year will probably total some \$3-billion! And, American workers will lose about \$250-million in wages because of cancer while their disability

will cost industry some 72 thousand man-years of productivity."

All of this would just be a pretty big bill and a lot of statistics if there weren't something to be learned. "We know that many forms of cancer are curable if diagnosed early and treated promptly," he said, "and we've been convincing business leaders that it is in their own best interest to help us educate their workers to cancer's warning signals and safeguards."

The Taylor County ACS spokesman noted that although the Society is best known for its support of research, it does a crucial job of educating the public and CS employee programs offer one way. "Businessmen and union leaders across the country are cooperating, we're happy to say."

There is another job of education that the ACS undertakes. "It's the difficult one of alerting people to the danger, indeed the utter disaster, of following unproven methods of cancer diagnosis and treatment. As I explained cancer must be caught and treated early, it's one disease that doesn't go away or get better in time. Therefore, when misguided people waste this precious time with something that hasn't been proved scientifically - well, they're throwing their lives away."

It's hard to put price tag on cancer quackery but in one large state, California, authorities estimate that health frauds of all kinds cost the consumer \$200-million annually.

Poster Winners Named at Roby

Winners in the Poster Contest at the 73rd semi-annual meeting of the Mid-West Texas Firemen and Fire Marshal's Association at Roton April 12 were:

Primary - Eddie Martin, Merkel
Elementary - Sheila Adair, Merkel

Jr. High - Monty Allen Moller, Haskell

The posters will be carried to the State Meeting June 9 at Houston to be judged.

Hensley Elected Asst. Treasurer Of ALAT

The American Lung Association of Texas (ALAT) held its annual meeting in Fort Worth on April 19. Don W. Hensley, president of Farmers and Merchants Bank in Merkel, was elected Assistant Treasurer of the state organization at this meeting and will chair the ALAT committee on Fund Raising for the 1975-76 year. Wilmer Smith of Wilson is incoming president of ALAT.

Abilene resident James M. Binion was present representing the Big Country Area along with Don Hensley. Travis Smith, M.D. of Abilene, ALAT Director-at-Large presented the Nominating Committee report to the board of directors.

During the meeting, a motion was made to ban smoking at all future meetings in accordance with a policy set by the National American Lung Association board that all board and staff of the Lung Association business. Meeting rooms were noticeably smoke free during all educational and business sessions at the Fort Worth meeting.

Three educational meetings were in session simultaneously during the two day

ALAT annual meeting. The Texas Thoracic Society, medical arm of the Lung Association met in scientific sessions; programs on Chronic Obstructive Lung Diseases were held for nurses and respiratory therapists; and a special board session presented information on Structure, Function Administration and Fund Raising of the Lung Association.

Gail Smith of Odessa, in attendance at the annual meeting, will report on the ALAT special board session at the Big Country Area Board meeting in San Angelo on May 3.

Offices of the Big Country Area, ALAT are at 1962 W. Beauregard in San Angelo.

PUBLIC NOTICE

To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas - Greeting:
You are hereby commanded to cause to be published one time in a newspaper which the herein below following is a true copy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: Whom It May Concern, Respondent, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County, Texas at the Courthouse in said County, in Abilene, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of twenty days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of Christian Homes of Abilene, Inc., Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 25th day of April, 1975, against Cheryl Ann Perry natural mother and unknown natural father, Respondents, and said suit being numbered 10,535-DR on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In the interest of Baby Boy Perry a child," the nature of which suit is a request to terminate Parent-Child Relationship.

Said Baby Boy Perry was born the 22nd day of April, 1975, in Abilene, Taylor County, Texas. The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the child's interest which will be binding upon you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption. Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this 25th day of April, 1975. (SEAL)

Attest: Irene Crawford Clerk, Domestic Relations Court in Taylor County, Texas; By Sandra Van Cleave Deputy, 10-1tc

Garden Club To Tour

The annual Abilene Garden Club Home and Garden Tour will be Friday, May 2, from 10 to 12 a.m., 1 to 5 p.m., and 6:30 to 8 p.m. Seven (7) locations will be on the tour and variety introduced with the inclusion of condominium apartments and remodeled homes.

Homes to be toured are Mr. and Mrs. Jim Boykin, No. 8 Trafalgar Square; Mrs. Marshall Boykin, No. 6 Trafalgar Square; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Butler, 1835 South 7th; Mr. and Mrs. S. Richard Fletcher, 1408 Tanglewood (garden only); Mrs. Clifford Fowler, 2815 Caton Place; Mr. and Mrs. Warren Goldsmith, 1545 North 5th; and Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Jackson, 2334 Crescent.

Tickets are \$2.00 each and may be purchased at the Abilene Garden Center, 300 Westwood or at any home on the tour. The public is invited. Mrs. Herb Roberts is Tour Chairman.

Two On Dean's List At NTSU

Two Merkel students were listed on the 4.0 honor roll at North Texas State University for the fall semester.

Terry Lee Derington, a 1970 graduate of Merkel High School and Mrs. Patricia G. Jenkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Gentry of Merkel were among the 345 students who earned all "A's" to make the 4.0 honor list.

The announcement of honor students was made by Dr. Gustave Ferre, vice president of academic affairs at North Texas State University.

'GORILLA GRAFFITI'

By MRS. DEAN KING



Twirlers from the Trent High School Bold Gold Band were selected recently, for the school year 1975-76. They are Brenda Griffith, a Junior; Penny Hatfield, a sophomore; Nell Kirk, a sophomore; and Jackie Reed, a freshman. Alternate twirler will be Teresa Brazelton, an 8th grader.

Cheerleaders for next year in high school will be Robbie Freeman, Teri Hamner, Pam Evans, and Shirley Brenem, Jr. High Cheerleaders are Patricia Powell, Rebecca Sipe, Dee Dee Masonheimer, and Tammy Hicks.

Trent had a good representation at District UIL Literary Events, held at Eula. Winning 1st place in Oral Reading was Vondi King, a 7th grader. Her sister, Pam King, won 2nd in poetry interpretation. In the 9th grade division, Penny Hatfield won first and Nell Kirk won 2nd in poetry. Dee Dee Masonheimer placed 4th in Oral Reading; and Greg Beasley placed 4th in the boys oral reading while Kenneth Dunn placed 5th. Daniel Bristol placed 4th in Story-telling.

In the sports area of District UIL, Tommy Stevens, a Senior at THS, won 1st in singles in tennis for the second year in a row. He advances to regional this week.

The following students have been awarded the honor: Cindy Beasley, Steve Bland, Charles Hatfield, and Pamela King.

These students are now participating in the Society of Distinguished American High School Student's Annual Awards Program which offers approximately \$800,000 in college scholarships over a four year college tenure. The scholarships consist of unrestricted merit awards and renewable annual scholarships to leading colleges and universities across the nation. The Society's National Awards Program which offers approximately \$800,000 in college scholarships over a four year college tenure. The scholarships consist of unrestricted merit awards and renewable annual scholarships to leading colleges and universities across the nation. The Society's National Awards Program which offers approximately \$800,000 in college scholarships over a four year college tenure. The scholarships consist of unrestricted merit awards and renewable annual scholarships to leading colleges and universities across the nation.

Compere HD Club News

The Compere Home Demonstration Club met April 24 in the home of Mrs. Clayton Dillard. Mrs. Taylor presided, directing a quiz game and reading three poems.

Roll call was answered with "Something I might do to help club interest."

The council report was given by Mrs. Hunter. Mrs. Terry announced her resignation as president and Mrs. Hunter was elected to that post.

Members will participate in the Salad Luncheon May 6 at the Lions Club building in Anson. The club voted in favor of attending the Lueders Rally Day in June.

Refreshments were served to Mesdames A. T. Hunter, Jr., F. B. Terry, Hugh Taylor, Dewey Ramsey, Keeve Ramsey, Clarence Allers, hostess, Mrs. Dillard; and visitor, Mrs. Benny Anderson.

The hostess gift went to Mrs. Anderson.



LOOK WHO'S HERE!

Mr. and Mrs. Steve West announce the arrival of their son, Tory Jean, born April 11 at Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene. He weighed in at 8 lbs. 3 ounces. Mrs. West is the former Jody Barnes.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Barnes of Merkel. Paternal grandparents are Bobby West of Merkel and Joyce West of San Antonio.

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REPORT OF CONDITION, CONSOLIDATING DOMESTIC SUBSIDIARIES, OF THE
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IN THE STATE OF **Texas** AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON **April 16,** 1975
PUBLISHED IN RESPONSE TO CALL MADE BY COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY, UNDER TITLE 12, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 161.

ASSETS	Dollars	Cts.	
Cash and due from banks (including \$ 1000 unposted debits)	2,627,261	96	1
U.S. Treasury securities	1,629,709	02	2
Obligations of Federal Financing Bank	none	none	3
Obligations of other U.S. Government agencies and corporations	122,240	57	4
Obligations of States and political subdivisions	1,961,066	56	5
Other securities (including \$9,900,000 corporate stock)	9,900,000	00	6
Trading account securities	none	none	7
Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell	none	none	8
Loans	5,238,062	67	9
Bank premises, furniture and fixtures, and other assets representing bank premises	62,109	09	10
Real estate owned other than bank premises	none	none	11
Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and "associated companies"	none	none	12
Customers' liability to the bank on acceptances outstanding	none	none	13
Other assets (including \$ 10000 direct lease financing)	8,138	00	14
TOTAL ASSETS	10,238,501	31	
LIABILITIES			
Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	5,043,904	60	15
Time and savings deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	3,804,876	27	16
Deposits of United States Government	20,287	94	17
Deposits of States and political subdivisions	52,503	52	18
Deposits of foreign governments and official institutions	none	none	19
Deposits of commercial banks	none	none	20
Certified and officers' checks, etc.	267	34	21
TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$ 9,468,387	11	22
(a) Total demand deposits	\$ 2,429,211	12	23
(b) Total time and savings deposits	\$ 7,039,176	59	24
Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase	none	none	25
Liabilities for borrowed money	none	none	26
Mortgage indebtedness	none	none	27
Acceptances executed by or for account of this bank and outstanding	none	none	28
Other liabilities	none	none	29
TOTAL LIABILITIES	9,468,387	11	30
MINORITY INTEREST IN CONSOLIDATED SUBSIDIARIES	none	none	31
RESERVES ON LOANS AND SECURITIES			
Reserve for bad debt losses on loans (set up pursuant to IRS rulings)	68	83	32
Other reserves on loans	100	00	33
Reserve on securities	100	00	34
TOTAL RESERVES ON LOANS AND SECURITIES	268	83	35
CAPITAL ACCOUNTS			
Capital notes and debentures	none	none	36
\$ Due	none	none	37
Equity capital-total	57	475	38
Preferred stock-total par value	none	none	39
No. shares outstanding	none	none	40
Common Stock-total par value	165	000	41
No. shares authorized	66,000	000	42
No. shares outstanding	66,000	000	43
Surplus	165	000	44
Undivided profits	257	475	45
Reserve for contingencies and other capital reserves	none	none	46
TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	587	475	47
TOTAL LIABILITIES, RESERVES, AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	10,238,501	31	48
MEMORANDA			
Average of total deposits for the 13 calendar days ending with call date	9,463,162	09	49
Average of total loans for the 13 calendar days ending with call date	5,232,022	98	50
Interest collected not earned on installment loans included in total capital accounts	30	690	51
Standby letters of credit	none	none	52

I, Betty Jane Tittle, V.P., Cashier, of the above-named bank do hereby declare that this report of condition is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
We, the undersigned directors attest the correctness of this report of condition and declare that it has been examined by us and to the best of our knowledge and belief is true and correct.
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