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Between you and me



By SARAH ECKOLS

In the January 22 edition of The Merkel Mail, I editorialized on a piece of legislation before Congress. This legislation in my opinion, advocates communistic ideas in the areas of the family unit and the rearing of children.

Following the appearance of the editorial, I wrote several letters to congressmen and others I felt would have some influence in getting information to the public and also in stopping such legislation from passing into law.

In the pages of The Merkel Mail this week, you will find the response I received from Congressman Omar Burleson. As I get other replies, I will pass them along to the readers of this newspaper.

We have exhausted our supply of papers of January 22 and we are still getting requests from interested individuals who would like copies of this editorial. I have reprinted the editorial in this issue of the paper for your convenience. I also wish to express my thanks for the response given this article. It definitely proved to me that a lot of my readers are on their toes.

I came in contact with our judicial system this week. It was my first experience in the courtroom as a defendant. I also hope that it will be my last.

On January 15, I received a citation from officer Randy Hart of the Texas Department of Public Safety for speeding on Interstate 20 between Merkel and Tye. I was not guilty of the offense and decided to have my "day in court."

Having had no prior experience, I found it very interesting to see the judicial system at work, even for such a small matter. The courtroom scene was complete with judge Roland Dunwoody of Precinct 1 in Abilene, the prosecutor, officer Hart, the constable, a jury of six gentlemen and of course myself, the defendant.

I had no idea that such scenes took place for a traffic violation. I had decided to handle my own defense and began to feel the part of a female Perry Mason as I presented my case following the testimony of officer Hart. Both the prosecutor and I had our chance for summation and I must admit his experience with both the courtroom and speaking to juries was evident. I reluctantly admit that my inexperience was probably equally evident to judge Dunwoody.

Both sides being at rest, the jury retired to deliberate. After several minutes I began to become nervous and the length of time they were taking, but finally decided that at least it might mean that one or more of the jurors was arguing in my favor.

At last the jury returned. The verdict was guilty. I was told that I had the right to appeal, however waived this right and accepted the verdict.

I had not gone to court because of wanting out of paying a fine. I had gone to make a point. I was not guilty of the offense and did want my "day in court." However, I believe in the system of the courts and was willing to go by the decision. I did wonder, though, my feelings had the charge been more serious.

It did occur to me, also, that there might be many others who are given tickets when they are innocent. Hitherto, I had thought, oh yes, everyone is innocent when the cop stops them for speeding. I feel that it is unfortunate that the stretch of I-20 between Tye and Trent must be known state wide and even farther for the reputation of the ever-present highway patrols. It would be so much nicer if our community's name were associated with more pleasant things than "speed trap" connotations.

Since the legislature has the power to change birth-days and such, one tends to forget the old stand-by dates such as February 12 as the "real" Lincoln's birthday. There will be a joint celebration for Mr. Lincoln and Mr. Washington on February 16. I personally plan to celebrate right here at the old faithful typewriter, but the banks will close in observance of this holiday.

If and when the Congress were ever to see fit to change my birthday, I'd just hope they would change it to a perpetual 25th birthday.

The other day a young lady came by my office and visited a while. Mrs. Robert O'Rear who is 82 years old just wants to know if there is anyone around that remembers the J. P. Sharp Dry Good Store here. It was sometime around the turn of the Century that Mrs. O'Rear's mother bought ten yards of material. Now with the material she received a George Washington plate as a bonus. Mrs. O'Rear would be very interested to know if there are any of these plates still around. She has one of the plates herself, it is centered with a picture of George Washington, has a royal blue background and is trimmed in gold. If you know anything about the J. P. Sharp Store or would like to just look back on old times in Merkel, call Mrs. O'Rear in Abilene at 672-9175 or write her at 1025 Burger.

Glamour Bar Under New Ownership

The Glamour Bar beauty salon opened February 11 under the new management and ownership of Sonya Toliver who has worked at Edna's Beauty Shop for the past eight years.

Edna's Beauty Shop which is owned by Edna Horton Wilson will close after 29 years of service to the ladies of Merkel. In recent years, Edna's Beauty Shop has been under the management of

Mrs. Wilson's daughter, Sonya Toliver.

The owners, managers and operators at Edna's wish to express thanks to their customers for the continued patronage over the years.

The Glamour Bar, located on North 2nd Street in Merkel features complete hairstyling, ear piercing and men's hairstyling. The Glamour Bar is open for your convenience on Wednesday thru Saturday and on Tuesday by appointment.

Operators at The Glamour Bar will be Sonya Toliver, Kathy Gregory, Barbara Whisenand, Alyce Warren and Barbara Johnson. The Glamour Bar is anxious to extend an invitation to you to enjoy the same quality of service that has been a custom at Edna's for many years.

PTO Meeting

The Merkel Parent-Teacher Organization will meet February 19, at 7:30 in the Merkel High School Auditorium. Details of the meeting will be announced in next week's Merkel Mail.



ROBERT HARRIS
... fireman-of-the-year

Robert Harris Named Fireman-Of-The-Year

Robert Harris was named fireman-of-the-year at the annual fireman's dinner which was held Monday night, February 9 at the Merkel Lions Club building. Presenting the award was president of the ladies auxiliary and wife of the fireman-of-the-year, Connie Harris.

Introducing special guests at the dinner and acting as master of ceremonies was fireman Billy Lucas. He recognized members of the Texas Department of Public Safety, members of the Merkel Police Department, Councilman Pete Morgan, members of the press and new comers to the Merkel Volunteer Fire Department. Introducing the guest



BILL BARON
... speaks to firemen

speaker, Bill Baron of Spur was fireman Robert Harris. Baron is the 3rd, vice president of the state association of firemen. Enumerating on the qualities present in

volunteer fireman, Baron said this "rare breed" possesses desire for community service, youth activities, service to God, participation in service clubs and a strong family loyalty. He stated that 800 firemen were killed in the line of duty in the U. S. last year and 400 of these were volunteers. Baron told of the recently passed legislation both at the state and federal levels giving the fireman insurance in the event of death in the line of duty. "But it isn't the money he might collect if he dies that make a fireman answer the call," he said, "it's that intangible quality that makes him one of this 'rare breed.'"

Connie Harris expressed her thanks to the ladies of the auxiliary who have worked so hard on their projects this year. The ladies plan to participate in the state convention in June which will mark the 100th anniversary of the fireman's association.

Hernandez On President's List At CIC

Richard Hernandez of Merkel has been named to the prestigious Presidents List at Cisco Junior College, it was announced this week.

To qualify for the President's List, a student must maintain a grade average of 3.0 or straight "A" in his class work.

Tri-City Baseball Project Moves Forward

After a year and one-half of work, the goal of a baseball field for the Merkel area teenagers boys and softball fields for girls is finally in sight. There will definitely be leagues here for all ages in the summer of '76. What better way to celebrate the bicentennial of our country, but to help it's youth.

At the Monday night meeting of the Tri-City Baseball Project it was announced that work had already begun on the repairing of the old field so that it will be ready for the Babe Ruth and Senior League games. Work should start soon on clearing the land for the two softball parks. The goal for this season is to have the fields playable. The other things will be done as time and money permits. The long range plans include the three lighted fields, stands for each, restrooms, and two concession stands with public address systems.

There will be a meeting next Monday, February 16, at the Big Country Inn for those persons interested in being managers and coaches for the boys.

The Miss Soft Ball America League which was organized here last year will continue

City Fathers Vote To Maintain Library

The City Council voted recently to take over the maintenance of the Merkel Public Library. It had become a situation which looked as though the library would be closed

if something were not done to alleviate the financial burden of the institution. Until the council's decision, the library had been subsidized by the Merkel Chamber of Commerce. There had been an annual fund raising campaign also to help keep the library in operation.

It was agreed that the Merkel Library Association and Merkel Chamber of Commerce, which held the ownership of the library, would sell the books, equipment and fixtures to the City of Merkel. The Chamber of Commerce will continue as in the past to make the monthly payments on the building. At the time the building is paid for, however, the title will also be transferred to the City of Merkel.

A library is a very important part of a community and books are one of the foundations upon which this country was founded and has grown into the nation it is. It is highly commendable, therefore, that the Merkel City Councilmen see fit to keep this part of our growing community from dying from lack of support.

Final Rites Held For Accident Victim

Services for Callie Profit-Newsom, 70, of Merkel, who died Sunday in a motor vehicle accident in Abilene, were at 3 p.m. Wednesday in First Baptist Church.

The Rev. E. V. Brooks of Abilene and the Rev. Kenneth Jones, pastor of First Baptist Church in Merkel officiated. Burial was in Rose Hill

Cemetery, directed by Star-buck Funeral Home.

Mrs. Newsom was pronounced dead by Justice of the Peace Roland Dunwoody at Hendrick Memorial Hospital at 2:50 p.m. Sunday. Injured in the accident was a passenger in the car driven by Mrs. Newsom, Mary Seago, 77, of Merkel. Mrs. Seago was in serious condition Monday at Hendrick Memorial Hospital.

The Newsom car was traveling south on Old Anson Road, turning east on Ambler Avenue, when it was in collision with a pickup truck westbound on Ambler driven by Edward G. English of 548 Ambler, lot 38, according to police investigators.

English was treated at Hendrick and released.

Born December 20, 1905, in Jones County, she married Ernest Newsom December 31, 1933, in Brownwood. The couple moved to Merkel in November, 1961. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Merkel and the Order of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include her husband; three sons, Melton of Merkel, Roy of Fort Worth and R. Ned of Pittsburg, Texas; two daughters, Ernestine Edrington of Fort Worth and Nancy Jane Riordan of Big Spring; a brother, Jodie Profit of Abilene; three sisters, Zara Staley of Hawley, Mrs. Clifford Neal of Brownwood and Mrs. Olen Young of San Diego, California; 18 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.



BETTY ALLDAY
... Lambda Beta Sweetheart

Betty Allday Is Lambda Beta Sweetheart

Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi present their 1975-76 Valentine Sweetheart, Betty Allday. Betty became active in Beta Sigma Phi in 1973, and has served as treasurer, telephone chairman, City Council representative, and on the program committee. She is currently ways and means chairman, alternate City Council representative, and on the program committee.

Betty was born in Stamford, Texas where she grew up and graduated from Stamford High School. She graduated from Hendrick Memorial Hospital's School for Medical Record Technicians and attended Texas Tech. The Alldays moved to Merkel in

1970. Betty's husband, Jim, graduated from Texas Tech University and is employed by Floyd West and Company in Abilene. The couple has two children, James, a third grader in Merkel Public Schools, and Tiffany, 4. The Alldays attend the First United Methodist Church in Merkel, where Betty is a member of the Council on Ministry and is on the administrative board. They also belong to the Merkel Riding Club. Betty is a den leader for her son's Cub Scout Den. Her hobbies are reading, crewel embroidery, houseplants, collecting recipes and cooking.

Betty will be presented at the annual Valentine Presentation in Abilene at the Civic Center, Saturday, February 14. The Valentine princesses from each Beta Sigma Phi Chapter in Abilene and Merkel will be presented. The Queen of Hearts, with first and second runners-up, will be announced. The queens will be chosen by the Wichita Falls City Council from pictures submitted to them.

Band Boosters To Meet

The band boosters will meet February 16, at 7:30 p.m. in the Merkel Badger Band Hall it was announced earlier this week.

Parents of all band students including beginning, junior and high school bands are urged to attend.

Riding Club To Meet February 14

The Merkel Riding Club will have a business meeting Saturday night February 14th, at 7:00 p.m. at the Taylor Electric Building. The purpose of this meeting is to elect officers for the coming year. All members are urged to attend.

Make Dean's List At ASU

Two Merkel students attending Angelo State University in San Angelo, are listed on the Dean's Honor Roll for the fall semester at the University.

Listed on the 3.00 to 3.49 honor roll is Steve Edward Gentry, an art major. Gentry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Gentry of Merkel.

Listed on the 3.50 to 4.00 honor roll is Beverly Sue Gilmore Helmer, a pre-veterinary major. Mrs. Helmer is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Gilmore of Merkel.

H-SU Plans Weekend

A special week end for high school students will be held at Hardin-Simmons University Friday and Saturday, February 27 and 28. Three hundred prospective students are expected to take part. The activity is planned by the Recruiting Office and Student Foundation.

Friday evening is reserved for a get-acquainted time. Saturday morning the students will attend sessions dealing with admissions procedures, financial aid, student life, religious activities, and other features of Hardin-Simmons.

One of the most important sessions will give students an opportunity to meet with representatives from the departments they are considering as major areas. The visitors will be guests of the University for the musical production of "Guys and Dolls" on Saturday afternoon.



CALVIN AND KELLEY WOLF
... receive award for Troop 218

Troop 218 Cited For Outstanding Advancement

Scout Troop 218 was presented a plaque recently for "Outstanding Advancement" for 1975, by Scout Executive Roy Williams. This award represents the hard work of the scouts in Troop 218, and what they have done throughout the year to earn their merit badges and ranks.

Receiving the award were scout master, Calvin Wolf and junior assistant scoutmaster, Eagle Scout Kelley Wolf.

Troop 218 currently has one Eagle Scout and two other members of the troop are up for the highest achievement in scouting in the near future.

Burleson Opposed To Child and Family Services Bill

Dear Ms. Eckols:

Thank you for your letter, just received, in which you discuss H. R. 2966, dealing with child care and comprehensive family services. I am aware that there is some material distributed concerning this proposal which is not entirely factual. Even so, I am opposed to this legislation.

Certainly, I can understand the concern you express about this proposal which has been the subject of joint hearings between the Education Committee of the House and Senate. About ten days of hearings were held last year but no further action has been scheduled.

Several years ago when this proposal first emerged, I wrote a release on August 3, 1972, dealing with the subject. You may find the enclosed copy of interest and I believe you will find our philosophies about such a thing are very much the same.

This is another one of those programs which seems to reflect the attitude that the Government knows more how to take care of people than people themselves. We are already loaded with so many costly and unworkable programs we need to be repaying some instead of adding more.

For your information, I am also enclosing a copy of the

bill, H. R. 2966 as well as a section-by-section analysis of the Child and Family Services Bill. I trust this material will aid you in your work.

Again, thank you for writing about this matter and with warm good wishes, I remain,

Sincerely yours,
Omar Burleson

Released Thursday, August 3, 1972 by Omar Burleson, M. C. 17th, District, Texas, WASHINGTON, D. C.--The United States Senate has again passed the Bill entitled "The Comprehensive Child Development and Family Services Act of 1972." In December of last year the Congress passed a similar measure as an amendment to the Economic Opportunity Act which was vetoed by the President.

"Child Development" should not be confused with "day care" which provides facilities for children of working mothers. There are provisions for these services in other legislation.

The Bill passed by the Senate and which will soon be before the House of Representatives is more than just "child care." As described by the advocates it is "an activist's program intent upon perfecting the child's early environment." Dr. Reginald

Lourie, President of the Commission on the Mental Health of Children, in testimony before the Senate Committee said "there is serious thinking among child researchers that we cannot trust the family alone to prepare young people for this new kind of world--not only are parents unnecessary, but they are too inept to rear their own children."

Well How-Do-You-Do Dr. Lourie--The "new kind of world" Dr. Lourie refers to must be that novelized by Huxley who foresaw test-tube children and regimented adults whose pleasure was dispensed in governmentally prescribed doses.

The assumption of those who promote and support these ideas seem to be that an institution, run by an impersonalized staff, can substitute for parental love and care.

As Dr. Ernest Van Den Haag, New York University psychoanalyst testified, "the assumption that social science has as yet produced a tested theory of child rearing is sheer fantasy. Only a few variables have been detected and they suggest that family care should be encouraged, not replaced."

No one argues that there is not a need for remedial services for disadvantaged and neglected children. There

are programs already in effect for this purpose. The "Child Development Bill" as passed by the U. S. Senate and now to be considered is much, much more. The whole concept appears to be that the Government and its agents know how to provide "healthful and stimulating development" of children. Dr. Van Den Haag further testified: "If the Government has such knowledge it is a well kept secret of which the scientific community is quite unaware."

Mr. George Glider in a recently published article had this to say: "When these havens (family and home) are eliminated, where does one go to find love and individual affirmation--to be accepted for who one is, rather than for what one does or how much money one makes? Where can one find meaning and a sense of the future--of human transcendence? Not in a day-care center, I trust."

The concept of communal child rearing is alien to America and would deeply affect the traditional values found in the family unit.

The "standardizing" of children has historically been the practice of totalitarian countries. Probably Communist China has the most far-reaching of any in modern times. Political and social direction are the principle

motives. This sort of regimentation just does not represent the American family life which has been the mainstay of the moral fiber of our Nation. We cannot demand on one hand more academic freedom, more freedom of mobility and more freedom of speech while on the other hand abdicate to the Government the responsibility for teaching these freedoms to our children. Not only is it glaringly inconsistent, but the chances are these and other principles would never be

taught. The greatest objection of all to these proposals is the simple proposition of substituting a building for a mother's image.

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AN EDITORIAL
By SAJAH ECKOLS

"Spare the rod and spoil the child." Do you recognize this cliché? I will remember hearing my mother say it when I was a child. Do you know the origin of the phrase? Most of us don't. However, I did some research and found the following:

"He that sparath his rod hateth his son."
"He who spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him is diligent to discipline him."

The first quote is from the King James version of the Bible Proverbs 13:24. The second is from the revised standard version of the same book, chapter and verse.

It is taught through out the Bible that children are to be disciplined and taught by their parents. The Bible also teaches that children are to obey and respect their

parents. The fifth of the ten commandments, Exodus 20:12 states "Honor thy father and thy mother that thy days may be long in the land which the Lord thy God has given thee."

Again in the new testament obedience of children is stressed in Colossians 3:20, "Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord."

BEFORE THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES is presently a bill known as The Child and Family Service Act of 1975. Were this bill to pass the rearing of children and the family unity would be relinquished to the state as it is in totalitarian societies where the state governs practically every move of the citizens.

Do you want the government coming into your home and telling you how to rear, teach, train and discipline your children? I have made references to the Bible, however, whether one is Christian, Jew, or Moslem; Protestant or Catholic, it is a basic teaching of the family and the stability of the family unit that obedience of children is essential. In return, the parent is obligated to give love, physical needs and fairness in his disciplinary actions. Can the state give love? Please read the following excerpt from HS bill 2966 also senate bill 826. Form your own opinion.

CHILD ADVOCACY CLAUSE In the Congressional Record the bill is described:

"If, in the judgement of those who are in charge of such a program, The State by way of the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare parents are not doing a good job the advocate (A specialist appointed by the government) would enter the home and direct the education, even within the home. And if the parent would object, the authority of the home would be fact, be transferred to these advocates."

The Charter of Children's Rights of the National Council of Civil Liberties is becoming part of the Child Development Act. Following are four (4) of the several items proposed in this Charter.

Congressional Record - Page 44138:
1. "All children have the right to protection from and compensation for the consequences of any inadequacies in their home backgrounds."
2. "Children have the right to protection from any excessive claims made on them by their parents or authority."
(The question was asked by way of example, "What do you mean by the fact 'excessive claim'?" The answer

was given, "If the mother or father asked the child to take the garbage out and the child doesn't want to the parents have no right to insist.")

3. "Children have the right to freedom from religious or political indoctrination." (This means parents could not insist on children attending Church or Sunday School or Synagogue. It also means the parents could be reported to authorities for expressing himself in his own home before his own children regarding politics and religion if the child reports this to the authorities.)

4. "Children shall have the freedom to make complaints about teachers, parents and others without fear of reprisals.

This bill passed both houses in 1971 and was vetoed by President Nixon with the following remark: "This bill would weaken the American Family by committing the vast moral authority of the National Government to the side of communal approaches to child rearing over and against the family-oriented approach."

THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD states concerning this bill:

"The intent of this bill is for the government to be responsible... for the nutritional interests of your child, and for all psychological interests of your child." What is at issue is whether the parents shall continue to have the right to form the character of the children or whether the State with all its power and magnitude, shall be given the decisive tools and techniques for forming the young lives of the children of this country."

"As a matter of the child's right, the Government shall exert control over the family because we have recognized that the child is not the care of the parents but the care of the State. We recognize, further, that not parental, but communal forms of upbringing have an unquestionable superiority over all other forms. Furthermore there is serious question that maybe we cannot trust the family to prepare young children in this country for this new kind of work which is emerging."

According to Sen. Bartlett's office, this legislation is now before the Committee on Labor and Public Welfare. Hearings are scheduled for February, 1976. A staff member of the senator's office recommended writing directly to the committee to express any opinion concerning the bill. The Chairman of the committee is also the author of the bill, Senator Walter Mondale of Minnesota. The ranking minority member of the committee is Robert F. Stafford. The address for the committee is: Committee on Labor and Public Welfare-Suite 4230-Dixsen Office Building-Washington

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: A. T. Halbert, dba Lynn Drilling Company Defendant, (s) Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable County Court at Law 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 the Oil Field Trucking Service, Plaintiff, filed in said Court on the 2 day of February, 1976, against A. T. Halbert, dba Lynn Drilling Company Defendant (s), and said suit being numbered 9373 on the docket of said Court, and entitled, Oil Field Trucking Service vs. A. T. Halbert dba Lynn Drilling Company.

A brief statement of the nature of this cause is as follows, to-wit:

A suit on Account as is more fully shown Petition on file in this cause.

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Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 2 day of February A. D. 1976.

(SEAL) Attest: Mrs. Chester Hutcheson Clerk, Court at Law Taylor County, Texas
By Marie Gill, Deputy. 51-4tp

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS CITY OF MERKEL

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 3rd day of April, 1976, for the purpose of electing 3 City Aldermen.

Said election shall be held at the Merkel High School Gym in Merkel, Texas with the polls at the above designated location to be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Lou David Allen Mayor

The Light Touch

BY PAT CASTILLE

We all have an ax to grind, but few of us are willing to hack our way through trouble.

During the paper shortage, one newspaper carried a notice that because of the lack of newsprint, seven marriages and four births would have to be delayed a week.

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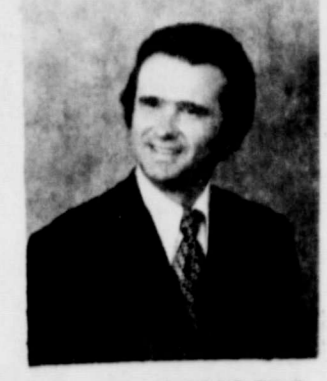
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YOUR FEET

Why have we become such a foot-sore nation? Almost all babies begin life with trouble-free feet, yet 40 percent of American children develop foot problems by the age of six. About 75 percent of American adults walk around with some minor foot problems.

Lets begin with the anatomy of the foot. Each foot contains 26 bones, which is one-fourth of all the bones in the body. These bones are intricately linked by 33 joints and tied together with 200 ligaments and moved by 19 muscles. The joints give flexibility and distribute the stress and strain evenly throughout the foot.

When you walk, one foot has to support all of your body weight while the other is swinging forward through the air. As that swinging foot touches the ground, your body weight starts to come down on the heel but is quickly transferred to the ball of your foot. From there your weight is distributed among toes, which spread to keep the ankles from turning and prepare your body for the next step.

A pair of feet can log about 70,000 miles during a person's lifetime. Every day the

Alpha Nu Nu Hosted Xi Nu Ada

Alpha Nu Nu chapter of Beta Sigma Phi hosted the members of Xi Nu Ada of Abilene in the home of Mrs. Louise Suddeth February 5. President Martha Sue Justice led the opening rituals and presided over the business meeting. The minutes were read by Pam Bishop, secretary, and Sarah Eckols gave the treasurer's report.

Pam Bishop introduced the program, "A Woman Alone," which was moderated by Sarah Eckols. The discussion revolved around the types of women alone which include single women, divorced women, widows and those women who are left alone by the type of work their husband does or by a husband in the military.

Following the program, a discussion was held concerning the child legislation being considered by Congress. It was felt by the group as a whole that such legislation would be detrimental to the American family.

The closing ritual was repeated by the group in unison, and refreshments were served.

Lambda Beta News

The Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met Tuesday, February 9, at the home of Milly Bright. The meeting was called to order by president, Chera Honhertz. Roll call was answered with the reply to the question, "Do you think women should wear a bra?"

Committee reports were given. The program, "The Pendulum Swings," was presented by captain, Betty Coker, and co-captain, Barbara Welch.

Members present were Mmes. Jim Alday, William Booth, Glen Bright, Rosey Castille, Obie Coker, Mike Couch, Junior Clark, Ken Elliott, Richard Hill, Harold Hohertz, Craig Jones, Billy Lucas, Paul Moore, Phil Seymour, Larry Teaff, Mike Welch, and Lee Yaddow.

Also visiting were nieces and nephews from San Angelo, Abilene and Merkel.

Merkel Visitors

Visiting in the home of Mrs. Elmer Patterson on Sunday, February 8, were her brother and sisters. This was the first reunion for them in eight years.

Attending were Vergil Turner of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. (Vivian) Howard Masereing of Eagle Pass, Mr. and Mrs. (Vora) Johnny Frazier of Sweetwater, Mr. and Mrs. (Vada) Rex Martin of Merkel and Mr. and Mrs. (Viola) Ensminger also of Merkel.

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Robert Girard Named Director Of STEP

Robert (Bob) Girard of Waco has been appointed Project Director of the Senior Texans Employment Program (STEP). The announcement was made by Jay Naman, President of the Farmers Union Community Development Association, Inc., which administers the program.

STEP is a work-training program for low-income persons, 55 years of age and over. The program was established by the Texas legislature in 1973 and is contracted through the Governor's Committee on Aging to the Texas Farmers Union subsidiary organization.

In making the announcement of Girard's appointment, Naman said "Bob Girard brings to the Senior

Texans Employment Program valuable experience in the fields of education, vocational training and community improvement programs. We are pleased to have a man of Bob's capabilities administering this program."

Girard, a native of Waco, served four years in the U. S. Air Force and has attended the University of Maryland, Baylor University and the University of Houston where he did graduate banking study.

He has been associated with banking, national sales and management positions before accepting the appointment as STEP Director.

Girard lives in Waco with his wife Shirley and their two children, Chris, 15 and Amy, 11.

STEP enrollees work in their local communities providing improvements to public facilities and personnel for public programs.

Naman stated, "We in the Farmers Union are proud of the work being done by these citizens in their own communities. This type of self-help program is beneficial to both the communities participating and the people enrolled. By working together, local project sponsors the Governor's Committee on Aging and the Farmers Union Community Development Association, we are helping build community pride and pride in the individual's role as a constructive, useful worker."

STEP was the first such state program in the Nation. Subsequently several other states have established similar type programs.

There are currently STEP projects in 25 counties—Anderson, Bexar, Burleson, Cameron, Cherokee, Collingsworth, DeWitt, Foard, Freestone, Henderson, Hidalgo, Houston, Jackson, Knox, Lampasas, Lavaca, Leon, Limestone, Mills, Nacogdoches, Nueces, Rusk Starr, Tarrant, Victoria, Wharton, Wichita and Zapata.

For further information on the STEP program write: Project Director, STEP, 800 Lake Air Drive, Waco, Texas 76710.

Barrons To Observe Fiftieth

Mr. and Mrs. Wane Barron will be honored by their children at a reception in observance of their golden wedding anniversary. The reception will be Sunday, February 15 from two until four p.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Coker, 1809 Yorktown in Abilene.

Friends and relatives of the couple are invited to attend.

Xi Nu Chi News

Xi Nu Chi chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met Tuesday, February 3, in the home of Val Patterson in Abilene.

President, Darla Mawson, led the members in the opening ritual. A business meeting was conducted, followed by a program given by Charlotte Starbuck, captain and Louise DuBose, co-captain. The program for the night was, "A Woman Alone."

"Our dignity is not in what we do, but what we understand."

Refreshments were served to those attending the meeting. Mesdames Charles Eager, Bob Garner, George Starbuck, Juan Ybarra, Robert Harris, Bobby DuBose, John Brady, Jimmy Leverich, Val Patterson, Mamie Steek and Darla Mawson.

Card Of Thanks

JUST TO THANK you and others for sending me so many cards and so many things.

Yours truly,
Winnie Cypert

Mr., Mrs. Ollie Bigham Celebrate Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Bigham, of Breckenridge, will be honored by family members on Saturday, February 7th, in celebration of the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary. The event will be observed in Amarillo in the home of their son.

Thelma Merritt and Ollie Bigham were married on February 5, 1926, at Caps, Texas. Miss Merritt was a public school teacher and Mr. Bigham a farmer in the Crossroads Community, near Tye, at the time. They continued to reside in the Tye/Merkel area until 1945, when they moved to Breckenridge.

Tech To Host High School Juniors, Seniors February 27

High school juniors and seniors and junior college students will get the inside story on college and univer-

Mr. Bigham pursued farming interests in the area and was employed at Camp Barkley and at the Tye Air Force Base during the war years. He was also employed by the area circulation department of the Abilene Reporter News for a number of years.

After moving to Breckenridge, Mr. Bigham operated a laundry and an appliance business, prior to retirement. The couple presently resides at 801 N. Oakwood, in Breckenridge. Mr. and Mrs. Bigham have one son, three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, all residents of Amarillo and Canyon, Texas.

sity life, February 27, at Texas Tech University's College Day.

The University Center (UC) will be center of activities for College Day, according to Susan Tom, executive director of the Student Association Academic Affairs committee.

The day will begin in the U. C. Ballroom at 9:30 a.m. with opening remarks by Executive Vice President Glenn E. Barnett and leaders from the Student Association.

Arts Show

Alpha Nu Nu chapter of Beta Sigma Phi will hold an arts and crafts show in the Merkel Lions Club building March 13 and 14. All types of arts and crafts are welcomed. Spaces will be rented with or without tables.

Merkel Man To District

Bobby Campbell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Campbell of Merkel will take his Eula boy's basketball team to compete against Hawley for the District 25-B title February 12 at Hardin-Simmons University Fieldhouse in Abilene. The game begins at 7:30. Campbell is formerly of Noodle.

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Xi Nu Chi To Host Spirit Of '76 Tea

Xi Nu Chi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi will have a "Spirit of '76 Silver Tea" on March 7, 1976 from 2:00 to 4:00 at the fellowship hall of the First United Methodist Church for the purpose of raising money to buy a tree to plant in the Beta Sigma Phi Bicentennial Forest. There will not be a set price for the tea, however donations will be taken for any amount for anyone who would like to give.

Arrangements have been made to plant the tree in the Merkel City Park during Beta Sigma Phi week in April, 1976. Then on Founder's day, April 30, 1976, a telegram will be sent to President Ford at the White House informing him that Xi Nu Chi has planted a tree in the City Park of Merkel, Texas as part of the Beta Sigma Phi Bicentennial Forest.

Arizona Xi Beta U, Phoenix, Arizona has invited all chapters of Beta Sigma Phi to join with them in this worthwhile project to com-

memorate America's 200th Birthday. Xi Beta Nu has proposed the planting of a Beta Sigma Phi Bicentennial Forest to help replace one of America's most valuable resources—trees. In addition, the project will add beauty and comfort to the United States, and, if cared for by future generations, the forest will benefit America on her 400th birthday as well.

If each Beta Sigma Phi chapter plants just one tree, the Beta Sigma Phi Bicentennial Forest will include more than 10,000 trees. Working together on the Beta Sigma Phi Bicentennial Forest will be an accomplishment all members can be proud of forever.

To keep track of the number of trees planted, Xi Beta Nu members asked that they be notified by mail before December 1, 1975. On December 1st, the members of Xi Beta U wrote a letter to President Gerald Ford explaining the project and how many trees will be planted.

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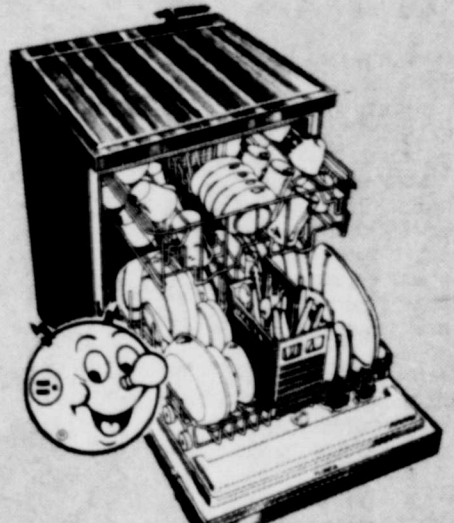
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The tourist court, or motel, had everything new and modern—there was one bathroom for women and one for men to serve the entire line. Mrs. Walker recalled, "But it was considered really nice back then." Mrs. Walker said, smiling. The business was located across the street from the present Landy's Grocery on North First street.

They ran the tourist court and lived at the site for eight years, then moved into a 12-room house located exactly where the Merkel school lunchroom is today.

The house sold for \$500; now it would bring \$5,000, Mrs. Walker believes.

During the second World War, when need for housing for soldiers was so acute, the Walkers remember putting up many young military men from Camp Barkley in Abilene.

"Everybody else here will remember that, too," Mrs. Walker said. "They came knocking on doors looking for a place to stay."

Soon the school needed the land the house was on. At first they bought a 20-foot strip of the Walkers' three acres, then expressed an interest in buying the entire lot.

"We didn't want to leave, so we decided to set a price so high that they would never dream of meeting it. We asked \$3,000."

"To our surprise, the school board voted unanimously to buy it at that price!" she said.

That was in 1948, and that's when the Walkers moved to their present location east of town on North First. The small white building was a cafe and service station formerly run by a Mrs. Morehead.

They built a four-bedroom home behind the station, and opened a grocery store in conjunction with the Gulf station. At the time, Walker was also a Merkel freight agent, and a mechanic and bus driver for the local schools. He drove a school bus for 28 years.

When they first moved to their present location, there was a total of five Gulf stations in the area.

It was then that Mrs. Walker started pumping gas for customers when her husband wasn't around.

"People weren't too used to ladies pumping gas back then. There weren't very many that did. They thought it was strange, but I guess they got used to it," she laughed.

She remembers her very first day on the job.

"I was scared. I barely knew how to pump gas, much less anything else."

"A big, fancy car drove into the station driven by a wealthy-looking businessman type. He bought five gallons of gas... about eighty cents worth back then. I said, 'Would you like me to check the oil, sir?'"

"I wouldn't have known where the oil was, much less how to check it! Fortunately, he said no, he didn't need it checked."

It turned out that the man was a Gulf representative making the rounds of all Merkel area stations. And she won a twenty dollar prize for having the most courteous service of them all!

Walker farmed near Merkel from 1920-33. A long-time member and deacon of First Baptist Church, he taught Sunday School for 20 years, and has been a teacher

of Businessmen's Bible Class in Merkel.

The Walkers, both 70, phased out the large-scale grocery operation of their business about five years ago, and now stock only a few items. They do a good local trade, but said business was better for them before Interstate 20 was built and they had the tourist trade passing in front of their station.

The Walkers keep a half-circle of easy chairs around the fire inside the station, and customers often stop by and visit.

"We have people that stop by and have coffee with us on their way to work in the morning," Mrs. Walker said.

Now the Walkers keep busy with their vegetable garden and their fruit orchard which usually produces from 75 to 100 bushels of peaches a year, and with canning and freezing the yield.

Mrs. Walker enjoys going to antique shows—"I usually don't keep what I buy but instead sell it right away again," she said.

But the activity that consumes the greatest amount of their time and energy is the Merkel Senior Citizens club. They've been attending for the past four years and have missed only one meeting—and sometimes the club meets three times a week! The club meets for games, luncheons and other activities.

"Just to show how devoted we are—when our son in Fort Worth was going to get his doctorate, we waited until we had stopped by the Senior Citizens luncheon before we left for the ceremony that was to be that night."

"And one night we were driving home from visiting our son in El Paso—we were really tired, but we stopped by the Senior Citizens and they were still there. So we didn't miss that meeting, either," Mrs. Walker said.

The Walkers have two sons and a daughter. All three children graduated from Merkel High, and both boys went to college on football scholarships. And now both sons have doctorate degrees and are both employed by colleges.

Jimmy, now dean of students at University of Texas at El Paso, got his Ph. D. from Oklahoma State University; Gaston, visual aids coordinator at Tarrant County Junior College, received his doctorate from North Texas State University at Denton.



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Their daughter, Mrs. Irene Brown, lives in Mirando City near Laredo.

They have 12 grandchildren, four of them married, and two great-grandchildren.

There are some interesting parallels between their son Jimmy and his son Mike. Jimmy was voted Most Valuable Player on what is now called the University of Texas at El Paso football team during his senior year there. His son, Mike, was three years ago voted the same honor on the same team.

Jimmy was hired as assistant football coach at University of Texas at El Paso; his son Mike has now been hired in the same position at the same school.

Mrs. Walker was born Annie Reeves, in Merkel, and has lived here all of her life. She was the daughter of local Sheriff George Reeves, who was killed in the line of duty in 1924 in Merkel.

Her husband, born in Copperas Cove, came here in 1920. He has a twin brother, Beryl, who lives in Marble Falls.

"My daddy's people came here in 1892," Mrs. Walker noted.

She remembers with a chuckle how much more difficult life "in the old days" was than it is now.

"We kept preachers at our house. When we had a preacher over, we'd get up in the morning, pull a chicken down off the roost, kill it,

dress it and fry it for breakfast.

"You didn't invite preachers over in those days... they just said, 'We'll be at your house,' and they showed up," she laughed.

Routine early morning chores back then, she recalled, included building a fire in the wood stove, peeling a big pan of potatoes to fry for breakfast, grinding the coffee for breakfast, and mixing up a big batch of biscuits to be first browned in grease, then baked in the oven.

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FEATURING:

- PICCATA MILANAISE
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- SPUMONI ICE
- CEASAR SALAD
- ETC.

IN PARIS THE 6th OF MARCH

FEATURING:

- COQ AU VIN
- CORDON BLUE
- BROCCOLI AU GRATIN
- CUSTARD FRUIT TARTS
- CROQUETTE POTATOES
- SALAD BAR
- ETC.

ON THE 28th WE LAND IN GERMANY

FEATURING:

- SAUERBRATEN
- DUMPLINGS
- KONIGSBERGER KLOPSE
- RED APPLE CABBAGE
- SAUERKRAUT
- ICE BEIN
- APPLE STRUDEL
- CUCUMBER SALAD
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Lambda Beta Presents Sweetheart

The Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi had a "dutch treat, night out," Friday, February 6. Members and their husbands met at the Steak House at Buffalo Gap, where Betty Allday was presented as 1975-76 Valentine Sweetheart. Chera Hohertz, president, presented nostalgic pictures and memoirs of Betty Allday's past. Members and husbands present were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Craig Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Allday, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hohertz, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Lucas, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Bright, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Seymore, Mr. and Mrs. Obie Coker, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Yaddow, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Couch, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Bob Neff, and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Welch.

Everyone stopped by for coffee at Harold and Chera Hohertz's on the way home.

Visitors

Mrs. Myron Hubbard is visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Justice while Larry is in Fort Worth undergoing more surgery on his hip.

Card Of Thanks

WE WISH TO THANK all our friends for the flowers and the funeral service for Cecil Shannon.

Betty and Henry Mitchell

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DOUBLE ELIMINATION OF 8 BALL ONLY
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WILL BE DOUBLE ELIMINATION 8 BALL ONLY
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LOCAL & OPEN TOURNAMENT WILL HAVE PRIZE MONEY CONSISTING OF THE ENTRY FEE MINUS A FEW EXPENSES.
THIS WILL BE DIVIDED- 50% FOR FIRST PLACE, 30% FOR 2nd PLACE, 20% FOR 3rd PLACE

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HAMBURGERS & CHEESEBURGERS
BARBQUE BEEF SANDWICH WITH POTATO CHIPS
BEST BUY IN TOWN..... 60c

HOT DOGS WITH CHIPS, ONION, MUSTARD & RELISH..... 30c
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BARBQUE SHORTRIBS OF BEEF
HOT CORN BREAD, RED BEANS & COLE SLAW
ALL YOU CAN EAT !!..... \$2.50

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18x27-in. Shag CARPET MATS
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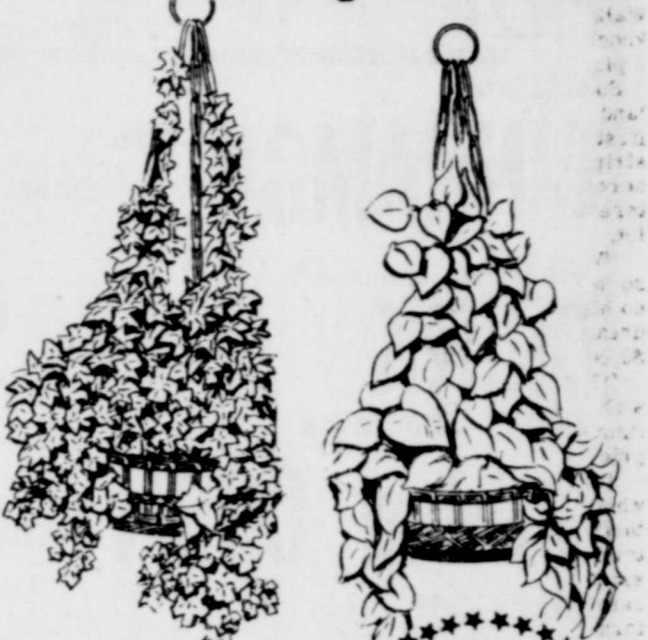
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Flower choice \$1. pkg.

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Plant seeds now and be ready for Spring! 2 1/2-in. pots, 12 per pkg., 3-in. pots, 8 per pkg.

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MORTON HOUSE **CHILI** 15 OZ CAN **53¢**
PLAIN

CHURN GOLD **OLEO** LB. TUB **43¢**
SOFT

BORDENS **ICE CREAM** 1/2 GAL CRTN **99¢**

PEACHES HUNTS 2 1/2 CAN 2 FOR **\$1.00**

SHORTENING SWIFT 3LB CAN **\$1.00**

AUNT JEMIMA **PANCAKE MIX** COMPLETE 2 LB BOX **69¢**

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MILK 1/2 GAL CRTN 2 FOR **\$1.59**

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CASSEROLE BEANS 2LB BAG (2 LIMIT) **39¢**

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MILK 1/2 GAL CRTN **79¢**
CHEESE BORDEN COTTAGE 12 OZ CRTN **49¢**

FRESH TOMATOES VINE RIPE **33¢**

TEXAS RUBY RED GRAPEFRUIT LB **12¢**
FRESH LETTUCE CALIFORNIA LB **19¢**
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FRANKS GOOCH BR 12 OZ PKG **69¢**

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SAUSAGE HORMEL 12 OZ PKG **98¢**
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