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## Between You And Me

By SARAH ECKOLS

I would like to take a few lines to brag on last week's edition of The Merkel Mail. It was a well-put together, 14 page paper and we are proud both of the merchants who helped to make it possible and the staff which put it to bed in the wee hours of Wednesday morning and then returned on Wednesday to help with the extra mailout chores. We are also pleased to match last week's paper by bringing you another 14 pager this week.

The Merkel Mail staff consists of Martha Sue Justice, advertising manager; Ann Doan, typist; Becki Pack, David Booth and Carolyn Davis, composers; and yours truly, the editor. Our publisher is Steve Lanham.

We work hard and do our best to give the readers of The Merkel Mail a good editorial product and our advertisers the most effective advertisements for their advertising dollar. We appreciate both our subscribers and our advertisers and will be glad to do what we can to help you in any way and make The Merkel Mail the best hometown paper around.

I would like to introduce a gentleman to you that will be the editor of The Merkel Mail in the future, Carl Dingler, who has been editor of the Atlanta Times, will be taking over editorial duties at The Merkel Mail April 12. He and his wife, Karen, have moved to Merkel and he has been working with us getting oriented this week. I wish for all of you to give Carl your co-operation in the future as you have to me over the past year. It is a pleasure to work with such a progressive town as Merkel and it is especially a pleasure when the people are as nice as Merkelites.

I have accepted a position with the Farwell Tribune in the panhandle and will be assuming duties there on April 19. I will complete my job here in Merkel on April 9, which as you read this column will be the end of this week.

I wish for Merkel and the residents of Merkel the continuance of progress that has been the rule rather than the exception over the past year and some months. I have with great pride and anxiety watched Merkel add one by one new businesses. I have been saddened, like all Merkelites at the loss of some very fine citizens and I have been glad with parents at the addition of new ones. I will be most interested to hear reports of Merkel's future growth and will always keep an eye on this city.

I'd like also to say a word of thanks to the many who have made my job much easier. My special thanks go to J. A. Sadler and the city council for the help I get from City Hall, Don Hensley, Travis Davis, all the merchants in downtown, all members of the Lions Club for feeding me twice a month, and especially to the staff that has made me look good so many times by working to make The Merkel Mail a good paper.

Though the heart be saddened to leave old friends and familiar places, it looks with anticipation to future games and other races.



PAMELA KING  
...valedictorian

## Pam King Named At Sundown

Pamela Jan King, 17 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dean King, of Sundown, has been named Valedictorian of the Senior Class at Sundown High School. Miss King completed a 4 year average of 96.

During her senior year, Pam was a member of the Sundown Roughettes basketball team, the drill team, and twirler for the Big Blue Roughneck Band.

She previously attended Trent High School, where she was a twirler for three years, a charter member of the Student Council, and belonged to the National Honor Society.

Honor societies to which Pam was named are The Society of Distinguished American High School Students, and Who's Who Among American High School Students, and Who's Who Among American Band Students.

Miss King will attend Texas Tech in Lubbock this fall. Her father was Superintendent of Trent I. S. D. from 1972-1975.

## Local Firemen To Compete In Baird

The firemen and Ladies Auxiliary of the Merkel Fire Department will attend an area convention of fire departments in Baird April 10, it has been announced.

The ladies luncheon will kick off festivities at 11:30 a.m. at the Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, reported Connie Harris, president.

Other officers of the Auxiliary are Althea Woods of Snyder, first vice president; Sharon Nabors, of Roby, second vice president; Johnnie Lawson of Stanford, secretary-treasurer; Nell Scott of Snyder, historian; and Sarah Lucas of Merkel, chaplain.

The business meeting of the Midwest Texas District will begin at 1:30 p.m. in the school auditorium, with Tinker Taylor, fourth vice president of the state association as guest speaker.

Officers of the state association are Sonny Reynolds of Haskell, president; Billy Lucas of Merkel, first vice president; Henry Scarlett of Throckmorton, second vice president; Robert Harris of Merkel, secretary-treasurer and Lon Robertson of Colorado City, chaplain.

Races will begin at 4 p.m. near the Baird School. There will be a barbecue at 6:30 p.m. at the school cafeteria and a dance will climax the convention at 9 p.m.

There will be an Easter egg hunt and pot luck supper Monday, April 12 at the Merkel Fire Station. The Easter egg hunt will begin at 5:30, so eggs should be brought to the station by 5 p.m. Eggs should be candy and individually wrapped. They will be hidden at the Merkel City Park.

For further information call 928-5919 or 928-5016.



VICKI AND THE ROYALHEIRS-This creative, exciting and unforgettable group will perform at the April 15, annual meeting of Taylor Electric Cooperative at the Taylor County Coliseum. The group has performed before audiences across the nation, both young and old.

## Annual Taylor Electric Meeting To Feature Royalheirs

The 1976 Annual Meeting of Taylor Electric Cooperative will be held at the Taylor County Coliseum on Thursday, April 15th.

Registration and drawing for attendance prizes will begin at 9 a.m. and continue throughout the day. Entertainment from 10:30-11:30

a.m. will be provided by Vicki and the Royalheirs, a gospel music group from Amarillo, Texas. A barbecue lunch will be served at noon by Mack Eplens of Abilene, and the business session will begin at 1:30 p.m.

This year the annual meeting is being dedicated to O. S. Moore, who was a member of the Steering Committee which organized Taylor Electric Cooperative and has thirty years service as a board member, the last ten years as Chairman of the Board. Mr. Moore is asking to retire this year.

Included in the business session will be reports to the membership by the administration and management. A report of the Nominating Committee and election of three directors will be during the business session. Directors whose terms expire in the three zones this year are Zone I, Taylor, County, the Nominating Committee has nominated Mr. Sandusky for another term and has nominated Frank Brnovak as his opponent. In Zone II, composed of Callahan, portions of Eastland, Jones, Shackelford Counties Jack Morrow's term expires, he has been nominated and Jack Ball will oppose him. Zone III, Coke, Fisher, and Nolan Counties, Mr. O. S. Moore's term expires and the Nominating Committee has selected Johnny Usery, Richard Gesin, and C. W. Moore, all new nominees to run for the position. Additional nominations may be made from the floor.

For this reason, figures may slightly disagree with statements of condition to be published in the near future.

## Area Banks Report Record Deposits

For the eighth consecutive quarter, Taylor County banks have set records in deposits. They reported \$451,194,994 on hand Monday, April 5.

This figure is \$631,660 above the fourth quarter total of \$450,563,335 set in 1975 and 15.2 percent ahead of last springs reported deposits.

Beginning in the summer of 1974, with a figure of \$346,663,656, the county's eight banks have shown total deposit gains with each quarterly report.

Eight West Texas towns reported deposit increases Monday. The largest percentage gain was in Sweetwater with 24.4 percent.

Farmers and Merchants National Bank in Merkel was up 12.7 percent. Area bankers emphasized that the need for rain is a drastic influence on the area economy, however, the stock market, retail sales, construction, auto sales and low unemployment are all positive factors that show Taylor County has a

good economy.

The figures for deposits and loans were taken from the March 31 statements of condition.

Effective January 1, the Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation have ceased their spontaneous bank calls. In their place it will be required that banks routinely submit their accounts to the FRB and FDIC.

Another change in reporting conditions will be that bankers now must report their net loans rather than gross loans. Two items, at the comptroller's request, have been abolished: earned income and the reserve for loan losses.

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## Former Area Man Died In Dallas

Morgan D. Brewer Sr. of Dallas died April 2. Services were held at 10 a.m. Monday in Kistland Memorial Chapel with burial in Restland cemetery, Rev. James Jordan and Lonnie Mullins officiated.

He had been a deacon in the Baptist church in Dallas for a number of years.

Mr. Brewer lived in the Merkel-Trent area for many years and married the former Dessa Horton.

Survivors include his wife; sons Robert of Dallas and Morgan of Marlin; brothers, T. C. of San Diego, California and Farris of Amarillo; and four grandchildren.

Attending the funeral from this area were Mr. and Mrs. Leo Mashburn, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Cooper of Big Lake, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Horton of Trent and Mr. and Mrs. Robby Hughes of Big Spring.

## Incumbents Retain Seats On Council - School Board Sees New Blood

In what local election officials termed "heavy voting," three incumbents were re-elected to their seats on the Merkel City Council and three challengers were elect-

ed to the Merkel School Board Saturday, April 3. A total of 252 votes were cast in the City Council election with Pete Morgan taking the largest number at 222. Jerry Byrd received 200; Jimmy Atkinson, 146; Henry Gunther, 77 and Dalen Roysden, 76.

In the school board balloting, Dink Whisenhunt and James Boyd, both challengers were elected to three-year terms. A breakdown of voting: Whisenhunt, 277; Boyd, 278; Robert Roysden, 26; incumbent Bobby DuBose, 204; Jack Moore, 172; and W. R. Leach, 43.

In the election for a one-year seat, Jacky Reynolds took 393 votes over his opponent, Wyman Wilkerson's 102. The incumbent did not seek re-election.

An unofficial 500 ballots were cast in the school board election which includes voters at Tye.

Morgan has been a councilman since 1970 and both Byrd and Atkinson were elected in 1974.

## Woman Improving Following Shooting Incident

A Merkel woman is in serious but stable condition at Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene after suffering a gun shot wound Saturday.

Mrs. Isabell Delacruz of 307 West is reportedly improving after the incident.

Merkel Police Chief Paul Crouse investigated the incident at her home and reported the wound was self inflicted and no further investigation "is contemplated."

He said the police were called to the home at 5 p.m. Saturday. Her husband reported the shooting after returning home to find her wounded.

Mrs. Delacruz, 49, was found sitting in the bathroom with a gun shot to the upper left chest.

She was taken to Hendricks and placed in intensive care in serious condition. The .22-caliber pistol involved was found in the bathroom. It belonged to Mrs. Delacruz, according to Chief Crouse.

Mrs. Delacruz works at the Starr Nursing Home and she and her husband have three children still living at home. The shooting reportedly followed a family argument.

## Garden Club Luncheon Set

The Merkel Garden Club picnic luncheon is set for noon April 22 at Butman Methodist Camp.

The program by Mrs. Lottie Everett will be "What Makes Wildflowers Wild?" Mrs. Allen D. King and Mrs. Tom Russom are co-hostesses.

## Victory Singers

The Victory Gospel Singers will meet Monday, April 12, at 6:30 p.m. in the home of Rev. and Mrs. Richardson at 307 El Paso in Merkel.

Director for April is Dennis Butler and the public is cordially invited to attend.

## Boys Scouts Sponsor Trips

The Chisholm Trail Council, Boy Scouts of America is sponsoring two High Adventure Trips in July, one to Philmont Scout Reservation in Cimarron, New Mexico and the other one is a Canoe Trip into Canada.

Any Scout who will be 14 years of age by September 1, 1976 is eligible to make these trips.

Because of reduced transportation costs the fees have been reduced. Any boy 14 or older interested in participating in either of these activities should contact the Chisholm Trail Council Service Center at 692-9257 in Abilene.

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## Farmers Union Banquet Set

The Taylor County Farmers Union will host their annual banquet April 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the Merkel School Cafeteria. The program will be given by the Pat Cypert Family Gospel Singers.

There will be door prizes given during a drawing and all members of the Taylor County Farmers Union are urged to attend.

## Little League Registration Saturday

Applications are now being accepted for the 1976 season of the Merkel Little League and T-shirt League. It has been announced. Registration will be Saturday, April 10, at the West Texas Utilities Building, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.

A parent's signature is required on the application form for children to participate in the program, it was stated.

## Artist-Of-The-Month, Pat Neff



ARTIST-OF-THE-MONTH, PAT NEFF-For the month of April, the Merkel Art Association has chosen artist, Pat Neff, to display her work at Farmers and Merchants National Bank. Pat has been painting since January of 1975 and has studied acrylic painting from Jim Campbell, oil painting from Claude B. Salley and is currently a junior student at Hardin Simmons University in Abilene with majors in All-Level Art and Elementary Education. Pat has also studied design, drawing and graphics. She plans to continue her studies with courses in ceramics, life drawing and water color. She is a charter member of the Merkel Art Association, presently serving as vice president, year book chairman and ways and means chairman. Pat is active in Lambda Beta chapter of Beta Sigma Phi sorority, Order of Eastern Star and serves as secretary and treasurer of the First United Methodist Church in Merkel where she also teaches a Sunday school class. Pat is married to Billy Bob Neff, a math teacher at Mann Jr. High School in Abilene, and is the mother of three children, Tammy, Randy and Pam. Several objects and pictures of Pat's will be displayed thru Friday, April 9, in the Tri-college Art Show at the Abilene Fine Arts Museum.

# Martin Meets In Austin For Talks

Representative Elmer Martin met in Austin Monday and Tuesday for two

## Cross Is Star Farmer

The Trent FFA and FHA had their annual banquet Thursday, April 1, in the Trent High School cafeteria. Bob Reed was named the Betty Crocker Family Leader of Tomorrow. Bob won the honor by competing with other seniors in a written knowledge and aptitude examination. He received a certificate from General Mills. Teri Hamner was given the Outstanding Homemaking Student award. This award is given for outstanding service not only in homemaking class

## Time To Stock Up

In the wake of current low beef prices, housewives are urged to stock their freezers. Things are destined to change.

"Current beef prices are lower now than they are going to be for the remainder of the year and possibly longer," points out Dr. Ernest Davis, a livestock marketing specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

The low prices for Choice beef are due to two reasons, notes the Texas A&M University System specialist. "First of all, both cattle and calf slaughter have climbed sharply in recent months--in February cattle slaughter was up 10 per cent and calf slaughter skyrocketed 33 per cent over the same month a year ago. Thus beef supplies increased sharply.

"The second reason for the drop in Choice beef prices was a decline in consumer demand. Consumers were besieged with Christmas bills the past two months and therefore had less money to spend on Choice beef," notes Davis.

Choice fed steers in Texas are currently bringing about \$34 per hundredweight compared to \$46.75 at the beginning of the year. At the same time, the retail price of Choice beef has dropped from \$1.50 per pound to \$1.42.

What does the future hold? "The market has about bottomed out," believes the specialist. "Fed cattle marketings should be down during the second quarter of the year compared to the first three months. Also, fewer cows and calves will be moving to slaughter as pastures begin to flourish and provide grazing.

"This means there will be less beef on the market, and prices should move back up to where they were at the start of the year," contends Davis.

meetings of the House Environmental Affairs Sub Committee on appropriated

but for work done with the FHA. The FHA selected Mrs. Elva Loyce Hatfield, of Noodle as the Honorary FHA member. She has been a great help with all the FHA projects. Connie Cross was selected as Star Chapter Farmer of the Trent FFA. John McLeod was selected Star Greenhand. Connie Cross was also selected as the top student in Beef and Lamb Production. Poultry Production award went to David Hackney. The placement service award was given to Jimmy Adams. Swine Production award was presented to John McLeod. Farm Mechanics award went to Rocky McKinney. Robbie Freeman was selected as sweetheart for the coming year and will represent Trent FFA at the West Texas Fair Sweetheart Contest. Mr. W. A. Cross was awarded Honorary Chapter Farmer for his outstanding service to the FFA throughout the year.

matters.

The three-member sub committee met with members of the governors budget board, the Hobby commission sub committee, Parks and Wildlife executive director, Clayton Garrison and Water Quality Board executive director, Hugh Yantis Jr.

"The primary purpose of this meeting is to promote a better understanding between legislators and state agencies in order to improve efficiency in State spending," Martin said.

These meetings are designed to study the procedures and activities of the Parks and Wildlife Department and the Texas Water Quality Board in an attempt to evaluate and maximize proficiency of those State Agencies under the jurisdiction of the House Environmental Affairs Committee. "Conducting meetings with representatives of these state agencies," Martin stated, "is an important means by which we, as lawmakers, can better distribute and allocate state dollars."

The sub committee will prepare and present a report of their study of the state agencies under their purview to Speaker Bill Clayton in the 1977 legislature.



SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION POSTER WINNERS--winners in the recent soil and water conservation poster contest at Tye school Gary Byrd, kindergarten; Kathy Carbin, first grade; Keith Watson, second grade; Greg Spurr, third grade; Laura Esquevel, fourth grade; Brian Gary, fifth grade and Alan Glick, sixth grade. Area sweepstakes winners were Alan Glick, fourth place in the sixth grade; Gary Byrd, fourth place in kindergarten; Kathy Corbin, fourth place in first grade and Keith Watson, third place in second grade. Others taking second, third and fourth places respectively were kindergarten, Lee Leverich, Eric Smith and Clara Herrera; first grade, Angela Tyler, Sandra Kottrik and Joann Mendez; second grade, Benny Roys, Vernon Millsap and Roddie Esquevel; third grade, Tammy Tyler, Charles Price and Lisa Canter; fourth grade, Todd Whitsel, Nancy Bunting and Charles Collier; fifth grade, Kenneth Corbin, Tricia Britton and Timmy Arnold and sixth grade, Rodney Carroll, Issac O'Con and Bill Wilhelm.

## FHA To Six Flags

The Merkel FHA is planning a trip to Six Flags Over Texas in May. The group

needs to raise \$170 in order to be able to go on this trip. The group is going to have a bake sale Saturday April 10th, beginning at 9 o'clock in front of Emma's Clothes Closet. There will be various sweets for sale, such as cakes, cookies, cupcakes, etc. So, come by and help support the Merkel FHA by buying a cake or two. All donations will be appreciated greatly!

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"You'll know you've prepared a brilliant dinner if your guests' eyes light up when you bring it out. And remember that sight comes before taste. So be creative. Try something like cherry tomato blossoms to garnish a main dish. Quarter a cherry tomato, cutting from top almost to bottom. Cut four 1/8-inch slices of water chestnut. Insert a water chestnut slice between each slice of tomato, with parsley in the center of the blossom."  
Jim Dodd  
Culpeper, Va., Holiday Inn



"You needn't let your souffle-making end with the classic cheese version, delightful though it is. You can make an elegant souffle with shrimp (instead of cheese) and 1 teaspoon tarragon leaves which you put in the sauce mixture before adding the beaten egg yolks."  
Tom Pennington  
Montgomery, Ala., Holiday Inn-East

## Consumer Food News

Some Texas grocery stores are displaying fruits imported from South America, including grapes, pears and nectarines, but prices are very high since the consumer pays not only for the fruit, but also for transportation of the fruit, Mrs. Gwendolyn Clyatt reported.

Currently, best fruit values, price-wise, are grapefruit, oranges, apples, bananas and pineapples, she added.

Mrs. Clyatt is a consumer marketing information specialist with the Texas Agri-

### COMMON CANCER

Skin cancer, the most common form of cancer in America and at the same time the most curable, can often be easily treated in a doctor's office, says the American Cancer Society.

### Select Right Poultry

Breed--Both the large poultry operator as well as the small flock owner should select the right breeds of chickens for the right job, contends a poultry specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. The leghorn-type bird is best for producing high quality white shelled eggs while Cornish-cross birds with predominantly white feathers are best for high quality meat production. Hens should lay 240 eggs the first year of production while meat-type birds should weigh four pounds in eight weeks.

cultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

In vegetable departments, broccoli prices are down because of large supplies, and prices on yellow onions are more attractive, she said.

"Carrots and cabbage are in generous supply and quality--with low price levels, while other good choices are potatoes, spinach, hard-shell squash and rutabagas."

Lettuce prices are up because of cold weather, so consumers might economize by using other greens in salads--or cabbage for slaw, she suggested.

"In poultry departments, fryer chicken prices are a bit lower, and frozen turkey offers some good values. Medium-size eggs are featured in some stores, but egg prices in general are unchanged from last week.

"Pork prices are lower this week in some instances--with some attractive values on quarter-loin cut into chops. Other features include Boston butt roasts and smoked picnics."

Also, some markets are featuring lamb, Mrs. Clyatt noted.

At beef counters, "exceptional values are available on chuck roasts--and almost all the markets are advertising them," she added.

"Good values also will be found on ground beef, rib steak, round steak and liver."

Other grocery store features currently include processed tomato products, canned cling peaches, tuna fish and peanut butter.

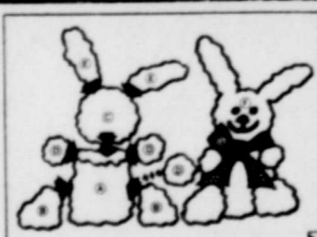
Consumer Watchwords: In turkey buying, save time and energy by choosing a large bird.

For a family of four, a 14-pound bird will supply the turkey for dinner--plus eight and a half additional cups of diced, cooked turkey, which is enough for four more meals.

## Easter Is ... A Popcorn Rabbit



Easter probably signifies joy and gladness for the whole family. Here's an opportunity to get the family together for a pre-Easter party. Pop some corn and make an Easter decoration for table, mantle or for just plain good eating. Popcorn is an inexpensive treat; the one used here cooked in a jiffy as it popped in its own aluminum pan. This attractive rabbit sports gumdrop eyes and nose and a pink plaid tie. Easter is...a popping good time.



Directions For Shaping: A. BODY--use an empty 15 oz. can. Remove top and bottom and grease well. Pack coated popcorn into can. Allow to stand for five minutes. B. Remove from can, pack coated popcorn around bottom to form haunches. C. Form large ball for head; press to body. D. Form small balls for paws and tail; press to body. E. Form ears in shape of oblong 3" by 1" by 1"; press to body. F. Use small spice drops for eyes, nose. Cut semi-circle for mouth. G. Use plaid ribbon for tie. Fasten with straight pin.

**POPCORN RABBIT**  
3 packages Jiffy Pop popcorn-in-the-pan  
1 1/2 cups light corn syrup  
3 cups confectioners sugar  
1 package (10 oz.) marshmallows  
2 teaspoons vanilla  
Prepare popcorn according to package directions. Combine remaining ingredients. Cook uncovered over low heat until bubbly and marshmallows are melted. Pour syrup over popped

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### CITATION

BY PUBLICATION  
THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: William Richard Leach and his wife, Ann Bettes Leach, any and all grandchildren of Lillie C. Baker heretofore born, any and all grandchildren of Lillie C. Baker yet to be born, any and all persons in being and not in being, claiming and to claim any title or interest in the hereinafter described properties and any other unknown and/or unborn owners of any part or portion or interest in the hereinafter described properties claiming any interest therein, through or under the will of Lillie C. Baker, Deceased.

which will was probated in Cause No. 6036 in the Probate Court of Taylor County, Texas, hereinafter called Defendants. Said properties being situated in Taylor, Jones and Farmer Counties, Texas, and described as follows, to-wit:

First Tract: All of Lots 3, 4, 5 and 6 in Block 44, to the Town of Merkel, Taylor County, Texas.

Second Tract: Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of Section Seventeen (17) Township 1 North Range 4 East of Capitol Syndicate Reservation in Farmer County, Texas, containing 160 acres.

Third Tract: One Hundred Sixty (160) acres of land out of Capitol League 448, described as the Northeast one quarter (NE 1/4) of Survey or Section Number Six (6), Township Number One (1) North, Range Number Four (4) East of a "Capitol Syndicate Subdivision" in Farmer County, Texas, as shown by Plat of such Subdivision of record in Deed Records of Farmer County, Texas, Volume 5, Page 394.

Fourth Tract: All that certain lot, tract or parcel of land situated in Jones County, Texas, and being 80 acres of land off of the South side of Lot No. 3, C. P. Warren's Subdivision of Block No. 56 (Ranch Reservation) of Godwin Subdivision of the DeWitt County School Land, and further described by metes and bounds as follows:

Beginning at a stake set for the S. W. corner of Lot No. 3 of C. P. Warren's Subdivision of the said DeWitt County School Land, Thence N. 15 W. 556 vrs. to a stake and stone mound in W. B. line of said Lot 3;

Thence N. 75 E. 812 vrs. to a stake in E. B. line of said Lot 3;

Thence S. 15 degrees 21' E. 556 vrs. to S. E. corner of said Lot 3;

Thence S. 75 W. 814 vrs. to the place of beginning, and being further represented by the map of said Warren's Subdivision of said Block No. 56 on record in the Clerks office of Jones County, Texas, to which reference is hereby made.

Fifth Tract: Being 192.21 acres of land off of the N end of a 267.15 acre tract out of the C. P. Warren Subdivision of Block 56 "Ranch Reservation" of the Godwin Subdivision of the DeWitt County School Lands, League 125, 149 and 150, and the G. A. Kirkland Surveys Nos. 1, 2 and 3 as per map of said Warren Subdivision of record in Vol. 14, Page 17, of the Deed Records of Jones County, Texas, being a part of a 267.15 acre tract described in deed from C. P. Warren, et ux, to John W. Lyles, recorded in Vol. 28, Page 414, Deed Records of Jones County, Texas, and described by metes and beginning at a point in the E. B. Line of Subdivision No. 4 of the C. P. Warren Subdivision of Block No. 56 of the Godwin Subdivision of the DeWitt County School Lands in League No. 125, and 553 vrs. S. 15 deg. E. from the N. E. corner of said Subdivision #4, the same being in the W. B. line of an old 40' public road now widened to about 60' from said point an iron pipe brs S. 75 deg. 40'

Said Tevyan Ghenia Cochran was born the 26th day of February, 1967, 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 the 5th day of April, 1976.

(SEAL) Attest: Irene Crawford  
District Clerk  
Domestic Relations Court in Taylor County, Texas.  
By Sandra Harris  
Deputy 7-1+c

W 10' set for the S. E. corner of an 80 acre tract of land off of the N end of said subdivision No. 4, and for the NE corner of the said 267.15 acre tract; and for the NE corner of this tract;

Thence S 75 deg. 40' W with the S. B. line of the said 80 acre tract and with the N BL at 818.8 vrs to an iron pipe at fence corner post in the WBL of said Subdivision No. 4, for the S. W. corner of the said 80 acre tract and for the NW corner of the said 267.15 acre tract, and for the NW corner of this tract;

Thence S 14 deg. 42' E with the WB lines of Subdivision Nos. 4, 5 and 6 with fence line and with the W. B. line of the said 267.15 acre tract of land at 1319.7 vrs. to an iron pipe for the S. W. corner of this tract, the same being in the W. B. line of said Subdivision No. 6;

Thence N 75 deg. 40' E across said subdivision No. 6 at 825.7 vrs to point in the EB line of said Subdivision #6, and in the W. B. line of a 40' public road for the S. E. corner of this tract;

Thence N 15 deg. W with the E. B. lines of said Subdivisions Nos. 6, 5 and 4, and with the WB line of the old road, at 1319.7 vrs. to the place of beginning, and containing 192.21 acres of land as described in deed dated September 13, 1941, from Zuria E. Stamps, et al, to Fred A. Baker of record in Vol. 252, Page 57, Deed Records of Jones County, Texas.

Sixth Tract: Being 70.94 acres in the South part of Lot No. 6 of the C. P. Warren Subdivision of Block No. 56 of the Godwin Subdivision of the DeWitt County School Lands, Leagues 125, 149 and 150 and the G. A. Kirkland Surveys Nos. 1, 2 and 3 in Jones County, Texas, as per map of said Warren Subdivision of record in Vol. 14, Page 17 of the Deed Records of Jones County Texas, being a part of a 267.15 acre tract described in Deed from C. P. Warren, et ux, to John W. Lyles, recorded in Vol. 28, Page 414, Deed Records of Jones County, Texas, and described by metes and bounds as follows:

Beginning at the S. W. corner of said 267.15 acre tract, which is also the S. W. corner of said Subdivision No. 6; Thence N. 15 W. 484.6 vrs. with the West line of said 267.15 acre tract and the West line of said Subdivision No. 6 to the S. E. corner of a tract of 196.21 acres off of the North end of the said 267.15 acre tract (which 196.21 acre tract now belongs to Fred A. Baker);

Thence N 74 deg. 39 min. E. 825 vrs. to the East line of said 267.15 acre tract, and the S. E. corner of said 196.21 acre tract in the East line of said Lot No. 6;

Thence S 15 deg. 21 min. E. 484.6 vrs. to the S. E. corner of said 267.15 acre tract, which is also the S. E. corner of said Subdivision No. 6; Thence S. 74 deg. 39 min. W with the South line 828 vrs. to the place of beginning, containing 70.94 acres of land.

Seventh Tract: Being 15.27 acres off the South end of Lot No. 97 of the J. S. and D. W. Godwin Subd. of the DeWitt County School Lands, Leagues 125, 149 and 150 and the G. W. Kirkland Surs. Nos. 1, 2 and 3 in Jones County, Texas, as per plat of said Subd. of record in Vol. 12, Pages 218 and 219, Deed Records of Jones County, Texas, described by metes and bounds

as follows:  
Beginning at a stake at the S. W. cor. of said Lot 97, Thence E with the S. line of said Lot 97 to the S. E. cor. of Lot 97 and the S. W. cor. of Lot 98 a stake;

Thence N. with the E. line of Lot 97 and the W. line of Lot 98 to the NE cor. of tract of land conveyed to M. Patton by G. W. Jones and wife, by deed dated Oct. 8, 1903, of record in Deed Records of Jones County, Texas;

Thence in a Westerly direction with the N. line of said tract to the N. W. cor. of the same in the W. line of Lot 97, a stake;

Thence S. with the W. line of Lot 97, to the place of beginning and containing in all 125.27 acres of land. Save and Except 1/2 of the bonuses, 1/2 of the royalties and 1/2 of the royalties paid under the terms of any oil and gas lease covering all or any part of the lands described which interests were reserved by the grantors in the deed from Gravel Lyles, et al, to Fred A. Baker dated the 27th of January, 1948, and recorded in Volume 320, Page 10 of the Deed Records of Jones County, Texas.

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 104th District 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 3rd day of May A. D. 1976, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 18 day of March A. D. 1976, in this cause, numbered 12,953-Bon the docket of said court and styled Fred A. Baker, Jr., et al, Plaintiff, vs. William Richard Leach, et al, Defendant.

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

For the Partition of the above described real estate into segregated tracts, as follows:  
(A) That the Title to and possession of that undivided one-half (1/2) interest therein that is owned by the heirs of Fred A. Baker shall be vested as follows:  
Fred A. Baker, Jr. --- 1/2  
Linda Kathleen Leach Hodges --- 1/4th.  
William Richard Leach 1/4th.

(B) That the title to and possession of that undivided one-half (1/2) interest therein that is owned by the devisees, known and unknown, under the Will of Lillie C. Baker, shall be vested as follows:  
Fred A. Baker, Jr. --- All for his lifetime, with the remainder at his death all vesting in the then living grandchildren of Lillie C. Baker, whom ever they may then be and who are now unknown.

As is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.  
If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.  
The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and make due return as the law directs.  
Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 18th day of March A. D. 1976.

(SEAL) Attest: Irene Crawford  
District Clerk  
Taylor County, Texas.  
By Faye Lyons  
Deputy. 6-4tc

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BY PUBLICATION  
THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: Roy Cochran, Jr. Respondent, (s) 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 the Lonnal Douglas Crudup and wife, Wanda Marie Crudup, Petitioners filed in said Court on the 5th day of April, 1976, against Roy Cochran, Jr. Respondent (s), and said suit being numbered 11,732-DR on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In the Interest of Tevyan Ghenia Cochran a Child," the nature of which suit is a request to Terminate Parent-Child Relationship and Original Petition To Adopt.

Said Tevyan Ghenia Cochran was born the 26th day of February, 1967, 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 the 5th day of April, 1976.

(SEAL) Attest: Irene Crawford  
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Effective with the beginning of the fall semester, WTC will offer a \$200 scholarship to any valedictorian who enrolls in college for the first time as a full-time student. As in the past, these students will continue to be exempt from tuition fees under state law.

Students eligible for these scholarships will receive checks for \$200 upon completion of enrollment, and may use the money to pay room and board, buy books or for other expenses related to college education.

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ing class will receive a scholarship in the amount of \$100 for the freshman year upon enrollment at WTC. The salutatorian of any Scurry County high school will receive a \$200 scholarship.

These scholarships may be renewed for a second year depending on the availability of funds and the academic progress of the students, Davis said.

Prospective students interested in information about any financial aids available at WTC are invited to contact Davis at his office in the Administration Building during regular business hours Monday through Friday.

## Cards of Thanks

WE WISH TO EXPRESS Our thanks for the floral arrangements and to our many customers and friends who attended our grand opening, Emma's Clothes Closet.  
7-1tc

WE WISH TO TAKE This means to thank our friends and fellow citizens for their support and votes in our bid for re-election to the Merkel City Council. Your votes of confidence are appreciated and we will continue to serve your interests in the future as we have in the past.  
Pete Morgan, Jerry Byrd and Jimmy Atkinson, councilmen.  
7-1tc

WE WOULD LIKE To take this opportunity to express our thanks for the many calls, flowers, and visits, and a special thanks to all of the churches for their prayers during Bonnie's illness.  
Rev. John Curtis and Bonnie  
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OUR HEARTFELT thanks to all who extended comforting sympathy and help in our recent sorrow. For the beautiful service, floral offerings, and other kindnesses, we are deeply grateful. Sam Redwine and Daughter, Brothers and Sisters of Doris Redwine  
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## Mrs. Reid Presents Programs To Lions

Mrs. H. C. Reid presented the program at the regular meeting of the Merkell Lions Club Tuesday, April 6. Her program was on the history of Merkell. Mrs. Reid recalled such events in our city's history as the fire which destroyed much of the Merkell around the turn of the century.

A bucket brigade was kept going all night to combat the blaze.

Merkell's first bank was operated by George Berry in 1904 and in that same year an ice and light plant was built by J. C. Hamm. In the early days, Merkell was known as a "windmill town." An

elevated tower was built in 1909. Mrs. Reid showed slides covering family life, schools and churches in early Merkell.

A regular at Lions Club meetings, Mrs. Reid is a Eastern Star, the organization which prepares the "fantastic" meals for the Merkell Lions Club.

Virgil Jones, vice presi-

dent of Farmers and Merchants National Bank and Rodney Cosper, owner of Western Auto Associate Store and Merkell Home Furnishing Company were initiated into Lions Club International.

Members were reminded to look forward to the Lions Pancake Supper, mop, broom and light bulb sale and social event to be announced in the near future.

## Lone Star Applies To Railroad Commission For Rate Relief

Lone Star Gas Company recently filed an application with the Texas Railroad Commission in Austin to establish its current weighted average cost of gas as a part of

its authorized city gate rate charge for gas delivered to residential and commercial customers. Based on February gas costs, the request would increase the gate rate by 5.45 cents per Mcf.

Lone Star's application noted that the current city gate rate, authorized by the Commission effective July 1, 1975, is \$1.0399 per thousand cubic feet (Mcf) of gas. Included in this figure is a weighted average cost of gas purchased from producers which the Commission then recognized as 72.29 cents per Mcf. A gas cost adjustment, limited to 85 per cent of gas cost increases or decreases, was also allowed.

Since that time, however, Lone Star states that its weighted average cost has dramatically risen to \$1.0863 per Mcf as of February, 1976. Lone Star is asking the Commission to recognize the weighted average cost in existence on the company's system when the Commission holds its hearing on this request.

The effect of the request is simply to bring the base cost of gas to a current position from which future adjustments in gas costs can be calculated.

The company's application is limited only to this element of relief and seeks no change in the present base rate or present gas cost adjustment rule.

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To: Donald Campbell, 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 17th day of May A. D. 1976, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 11th day of March A. D. 1976, in this cause, numbered 11,635-DR on the docket of said court and styled Pat Campbell, Plaintiff, vs. Donald Campbell, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: The parties were married on or about November, 1972 and separated and ceased to live together on or about December, 1972. No children now under 18 years of age were born to or adopted by this marriage, and none is expected. No community property has been accumulated during this marriage other than personal effects. Petitioner requests a change of name to Pat Hayden. Petitioner prays that the Court grant Petitioner a divorce from Respondent.

as is more fully shown by plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs, issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 30th day of March A. D. 1976.

Attest: Irene Crawford Clerk, Domestic Relations Court Taylor County, Texas.

By Liana Howard, Deputy.  
7-1tc

## Doctor Rongers' Column

By EDWARD W. RONGERS CHIROPRACTOR

### YOUR SKIN

Normal healthy, unbroken skin serves as protection against the entry of microorganisms or germs. It also protects your internal organs from heat, cold, wind and rain. Your skin can provide this protection for you due to the characteristic protein of skin called keratin. Keratin is an extraordinarily tough protein, insoluble, indigestible and relatively immune to damage by shifting environment.

Your skin is composed of two main layers: (1) A thin, outer layer called the epidermis which is the layer of skin you actually see and it is composed mostly of dead cells. You are constantly rubbing away some of these dead cells from the surface of your skin as you go about daily living, but these cells are constantly being replaced from below and you retain your epidermis ever fresh.

(2) The second layer of skin is a thick, inner layer called the dermis which is a living tissue, rich in nerve endings, blood vessels and various glands.

The skin, specifically the inner dermal layer, contains a chemical substance called a sterol, which means "solid alcohol." When your skin comes in contact with the ultraviolet rays of sunlight, this sterol is converted into a form of vitamin D. This is why vitamin D is often called the sunshine vitamin.

The outer layer of skin, the epidermis, contains a pigment called melanin, which protects you from the irritating effects of the ultraviolet rays of the sun. Melanin absorbs the ultraviolet rays of the sun and this causes the skin to darken and produce a tan. If you have a light complexion, you do not have much melanin pigment in your skin and you are more likely to sunburn than to tan.

Some people produce melanin in localized spots when exposed to sunlight. These people are usually redheads and the localized spots of tan we call freckles.

A large quantity of melanin in the skin is responsible for the dark color of peoples such as Negroes, Aborigines and Indians.

In addition to melanin, there is another pigment found in the skin called carotene, which is a yellowish pigment. Ordinarily, the carotene is drawn out by the more deeply colored melanin, but there are groups of people, particularly in eastern Asia, with skins rich in carotene and yet not over-rich in melanin, and the result is a definite yellowish tinge in the skin color.

The accessory organs of



the skin consist of hair, nails, and microscopic glands. These skin glands are of four types:

(1) Sebaceous glands which secrete an oil called sebum. This oil keeps the hair supple, the skin soft and prevents excessive water evaporation. (2) Sudoriferous glands or sweat glands which secrete a watery substance called sweat that helps maintain a balance of body fluids and body temperature.

(3) Ceruminous glands located in the ear canal secrete a waxy substance called cerumen or ear wax which lubricates the ear canal. (4) Mammary glands which are the milk producing glands of the breasts.

The skin may appear lifeless and taken for granted, but it is a very active and a very important part of your body.

## Senator Jones Announces Campaign Leaders

Names of leaders in the 24th Senatorial District were released today by Senator Grant Jones when he announced the nucleus of his organization for re-election.

In announcing his campaign plans for his second term in the Upper House, Senator Jones told supporters he pledged to continue "to dedicate myself to deserving your trust and confidence as your state senator."

Co-leaders of the campaign organization are Bill Bailey of Waco and Sam Waldrop of Abilene.

Bailey pointed out that in

Richard Boden

Completes Course

At Lackland

Airman Richard W. Boden, whose mother is Mrs. Sue Watson of 6106 Whitmore, Omaha, Nebraska, has graduated at Lackland AFB, from the U. S. Air Force security policeman course conducted by the Air Training Command.

The airman, who was trained in security and law enforcement, is being assigned to Offutt AFB, Nebraska, for duty with a unit of the Strategic Air Command.

Airman Boden attended Northwest High School. His father, Len Boden, resides on Route 3, Merkell.

## Troop 218 To Scout-O-Rama

Scout Troop 218 is planning a garage sale as its next project.

The troop will hold a garage sale April 17 and April 24 with the proceeds helping to pay their way to Scout Camp and to aid in purchasing new camping equipment.

Anyone wishing to donate anything for the garage sale may telephone Calvin Wolf, 928-4882 after 5 p.m.

Last weekend the Troop took part in the Scout-O-Rama at Westgate Shopping Center in Abilene.

The theme for their booth was "We know you respect our flag, but do you really know it?"

There were seven displays showing the proper way to display the American flag. Scouts attending include Kelly Wolf, Brad Wade, Scott Cain, W. A. Kinder, Eugene Ford, Kyle Wolf, Michael Tutt, Tim Brady and Scoutmaster Calvin Wolf.

McCullough County, Sam McCullum and Bertram C. Broad.

In McLennan County, Bailey; Menard County, Mrs. Lila Compton; Mills County, Warren Duren; Runnels County, John King and J. W. Bahlman; San Saba County, Harry Shapiro and in Taylor County, Waldrop.

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## Services Held Saturday For Doris Redwine

Doris Russell Redwine, 69, of 1517 N. 18th, died at 8:30 a.m. Friday in Burmont Nursing Home. Graveside services were at 4 p.m. Saturday at Rose Hill Cemetery in Merkell.

The daughter of Selma and Mary Russell, she was born April 23, 1906, in Merkell. She was reared here and married Sam Redwine November 30, 1929, in Merkell. They moved to Abilene about 1931. She was a member of Grace United Methodist Church.

Survivors include her husband; a daughter, Sammie Doris Redwine of the home; five sisters, Mrs. Sam (Lucille) Nunnally of Roswell, New Mexico, Mrs. Bob (Mabel) Dunn of Phoenix, Arizona, Mrs. Bob (Christine) Shive of Brownwood, Mrs. Johnny (Selma Lee) Warlick of 2902 Simmons and Mrs. Leo (Pug) Harris of Merkell; three brothers, S. G. Russell Jr., and James T. Russell, both of Merkell, and Ralph Lynn Russell of Bossier City, Louisiana.

Pallbearers were Vern Redwine, Johnny Redwine, Jerry Wayne Russell, Robert Leo Harris, Sam Nunnally and Bill Warlick.

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# Tomatoes-- Popular But Fickle

Just about every homegardener has a few tomato plants that are his pride and joy. But there's more to growing a good crop of tomatoes than just setting out the plants.

"Tomatoes can be some of the most rewarding garden plants, but they can also bring frustration," points out Sam Cotner, horticulturist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

For success at growing tomatoes, Cotner offers a few pointers.

"First of all, select varieties that are adapted to the area and that resist many of the common diseases. Such varieties as Spring Giant, Homestead, Porter, Terrific or Small Fry are excellent for most areas of Texas.

"When buying tomato plants, select those that are short, stocky and dark green--ones that are about as tall as they are wide.

"Be sure to locate tomatoes in an area that receives at least six hours of sunlight a day.

"Plant tomatoes in a soil rich in organic matter and containing adequate fertilization. Allow about four square feet of space for each plant.

"Set the plants somewhat

## Xi Nu Chi News

Xi Nu Chi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met Tuesday, March 2 in the home of Elizabeth Eager. The meeting was called to order by president Darla Mawson. Committee reports were given. Plans for Bicentennial tree planting were discussed. The program "A Woman Chooses" was presented by captain Opal Garner, and co-captain Jollic Bradley.

Refreshments were served after the meeting. Members present were Mmes. John Brady, Bobby DuBose, Charles Eager, Bob Garner, Robert Harris, George Starbuck, Juan Ybarra, Mamie Steck and Darla Mawson.

deeper than they were originally growing. Apply a starter solution; one can be made by mixing one or two tablespoons of a complete fertilizer in a gallon of water.

"To reduce wilting, set out plants on a cloudy day or late in the afternoon. Protect them from adverse conditions such as high winds or excessive heat by providing some cover, such as milk cartons with the ends cut out.

"As the plants begin to grow, provide some form of support to keep fruit off the ground, such as stakes, trellises or wire cages.

"At first bloom, dust or spray tomatoes for both insects and diseases. Once plants start setting fruit, apply small amounts of fertilizer every week or so.

"For tops in quality and flavor, harvest the fruits at peak maturity," suggests Cotner.

## Miss Harris To Wed In June

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Harris have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Jackie Lynne, to Steven W. Best, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carol Best of Noodle.

The bride-elect will graduate from Merkel High School this spring and is employed by the Justice of the Peace in Merkel.

The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of Merkel High School and attended Abilene Christian University. He is employed by J. A. Griffith.

A June 26 wedding is planned at the Merkel First United Methodist Church.

Cookbooks, along with Bibles, were among the earliest books printed and still outsell any other kind of books.



### PLUG THE BICENTENNIAL

Here's a great Bicentennial project idea we learned the Camp Fire Girls in Kansas City, Kansas, are conducting. The girls of the Sunflower Council, along with more than 800 local citizens, are painting fireplugs in Johnson and Wyandotte counties to portray people right out of the pages of American and Kansas City history.

Carrie Nation, Bat Masterson, Annie Oakley, George Washington Carver, Indian Chiefs and princesses--these are some of the figures turning up on street corners and blocks around town!



The girls start out by cleaning the fireplugs with Grease relief degreaser and Fantastik spray cleaner prior to painting them. (The fireplugs must be thoroughly clean or the paint won't ad-

here to them.) After cleaning the plugs, they draw their chosen characters' outlines onto the hydrants with a felt tip pen. Then, basically, they fill in the sketched-in spaces with high quality outdoor paints to ensure a durable, long-lasting and attractive appearance.

With the cooperation of the local water authorities, the girls and local residents aim to paint as many of the counties' 13,000 fireplugs as they can before July 4th.

Many localities across the country are conducting similar fireplug painting projects--it's great for community spirit and helps beautify city streets, too.

## Postal Service Notified Of Chain-Letter Scheme

Postal authorities recently were notified of the reappearance of chain-letter schemes involving the use of United States Savings Bonds in several areas of the country.

H. J. Hintgen, Commissioner of Treasury Department's Bureau of the Public

Debt, said information received indicates that some promoters of the letters are motivating participation in their schemes by falsely claiming Treasury's endorsement, and by cloaking their appeals in bicentennial and other patriotic labels.

"Many years of experience with chain-letter operations indicates that most participants lose their entire investment," Mr. Hintgen said. "This outcome is inevitable because the supply of interested persons is soon exhausted."

Mr. Hintgen pointed out

that use of the mails to facilitate participation and transactions in chain letters is considered in violation of postal lottery and fraud laws. There is also the possibility, he said, that such schemes violate local anti-lottery laws, even if the mails are not used in any way.

Chain-letter schemes hurt, rather than help the Savings Bond Program. "Rather than encouraging persons to make genuine investments, they create the illusion that participants are both aiding their government and themselves. Even in the rare case where an individual receives

some return, it is likely that he would quickly redeem the bonds, thereby placing a further burden on the Treasury," according to Commissioner Hintgen.

Banks and other issuing agencies are authorized by Treasury to refuse applications where there is reason to believe the bonds will be used in a chain-letter scheme. Information on re- appearance of chain-letter activity involving Savings Bonds have been reported from several areas of Florida, Massachusetts, and in parts of Richmond, Baltimore, and the Mid-West.



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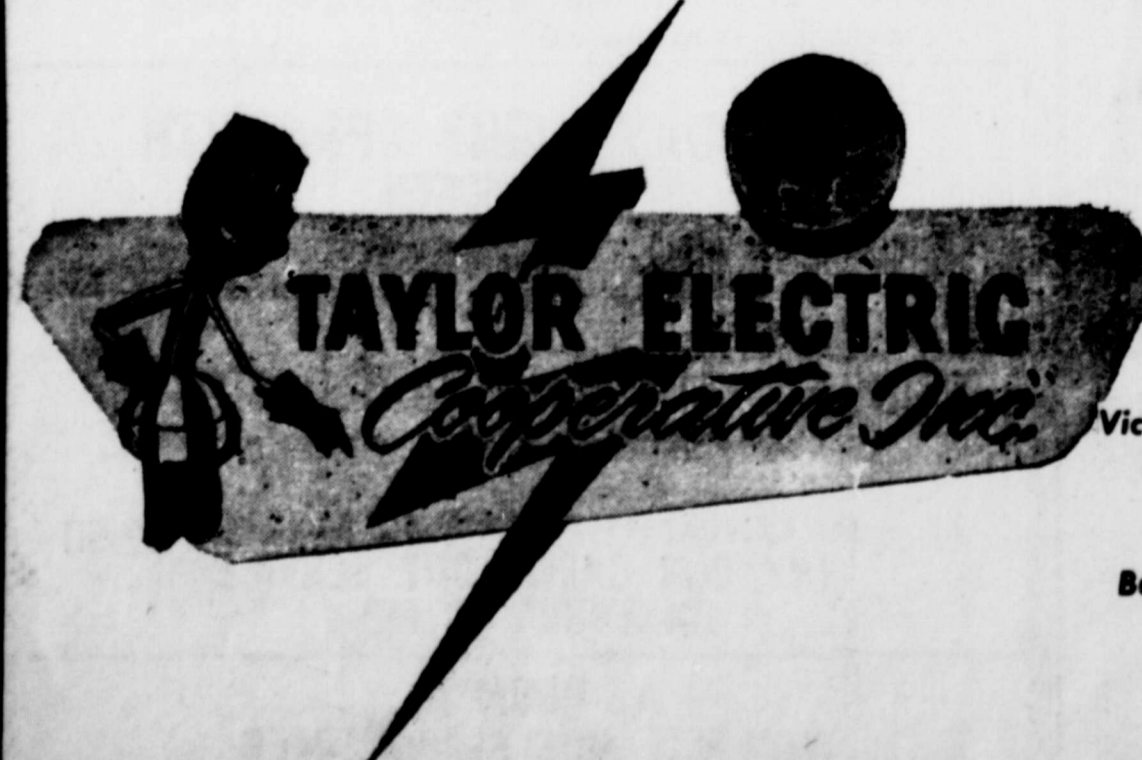


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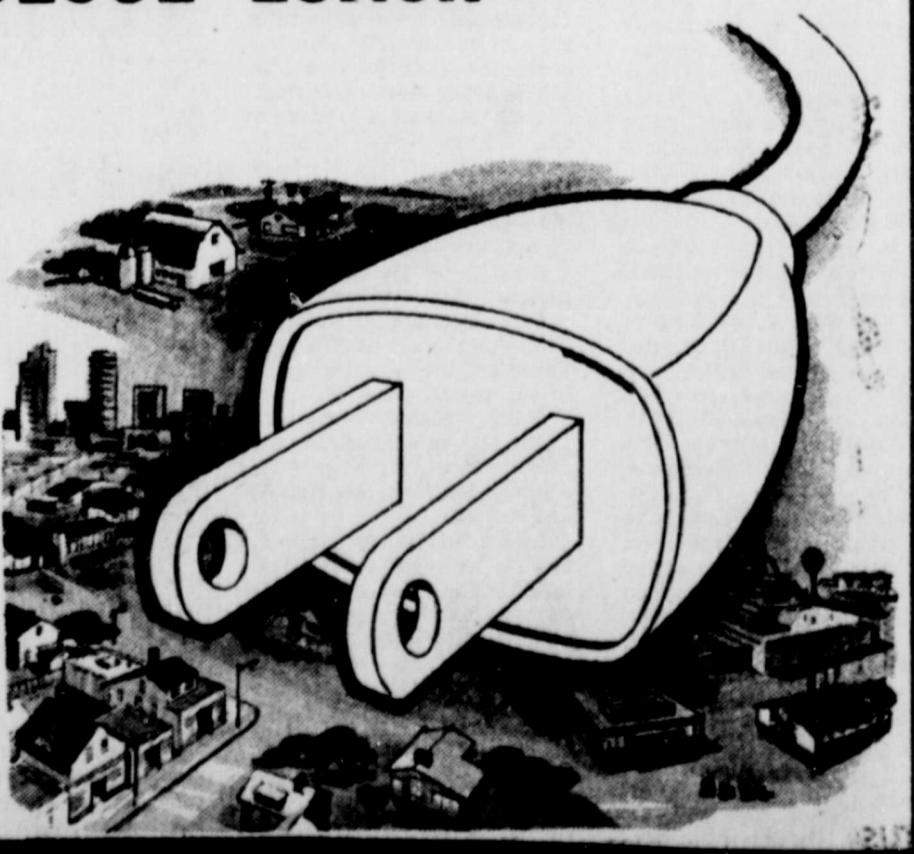
# WELCOME TO TAYLOR ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. 35TH ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING THURSDAY, APRIL 15th

The Annual Meeting of the Members of Taylor Electric Cooperative will be held on Thursday, April 15, 1976, in the Taylor County Coliseum. Registration of members will begin at 9 a.m. The morning hours will be devoted to a program of entertainment and drawing for attendance prizes. Lunch will be served at noon. Business meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m.

**PRIZES --- ENTERTAINMENT --- BARBECUE LUNCH**



- SCHEDULE**
- Registration And Drawing ..... 9:00 a.m.
  - Vicki And The Royalheirs ..... 10:30-11:30 a.m.
  - Lunch ..... 12:00 p.m.
  - Business Session ..... 1:30 p.m.
  - Directors Meeting to Follow



**FHA Sponsors**

**Easter Egg Hunt In Trent**

Trent Future Homemakers of America will sponsor their annual pre-school Easter egg hunt Wednesday, April 14, at 1:45 p.m.  
The annual event will be

held at the homemaking room of Trent High School, it was announced.  
All Trent mothers and pre-schoolers are invited and refreshments will be served.

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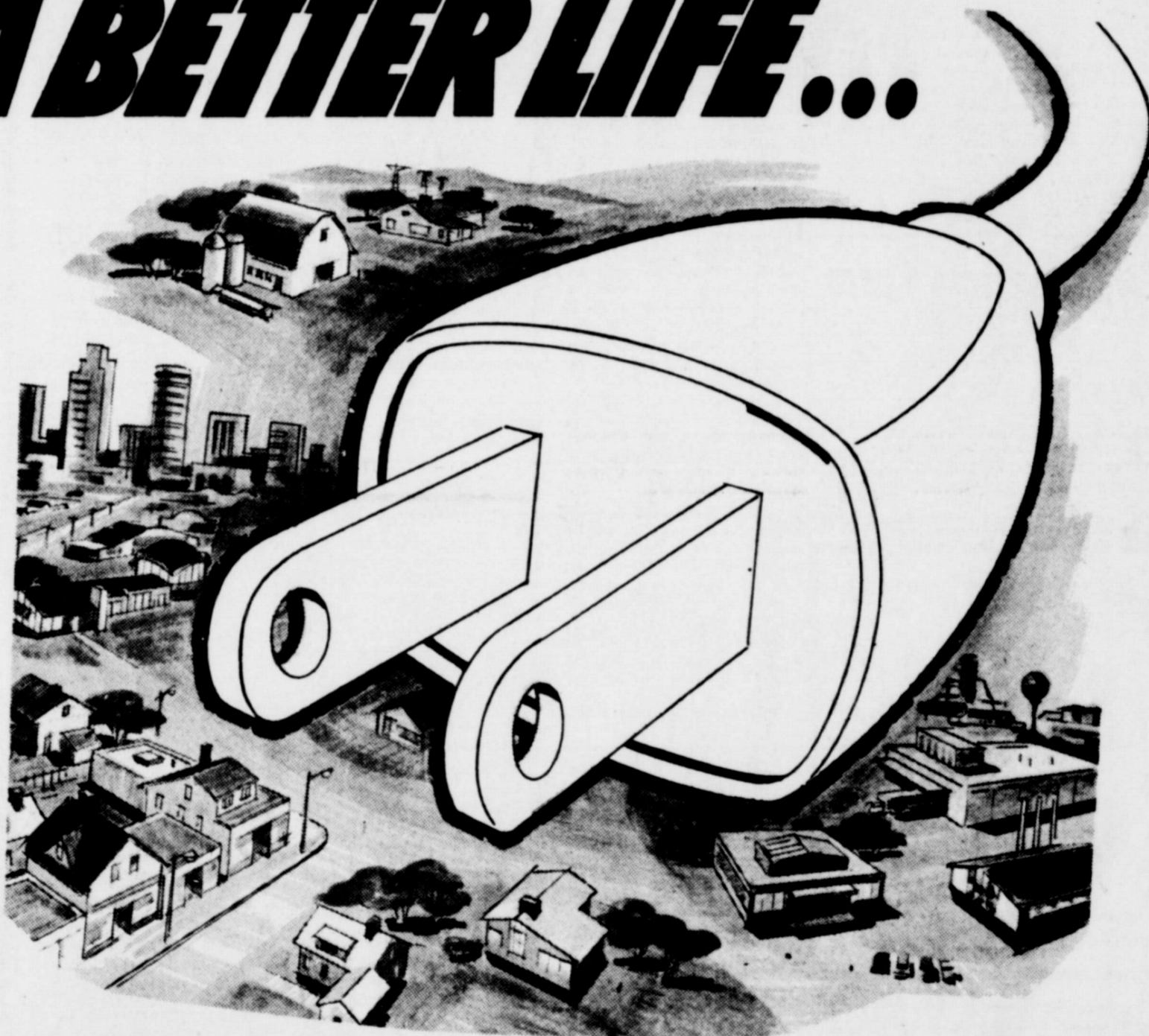
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SUPREME PRINCESS QUEENA—Miss Queena Carmel Bigbee, age 20 months, won second place and was crowned Supreme Princess in the recent baby pageant held in Ahilene at Ahilene High School Auditorium. Queena was also named "Little Miss Personality." The pageant was sponsored by Veterans of Foreign Wars. Prior to the pageant, contestants were given physical examinations and were judged in a beauty contest. Queena is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bigbee of Merkel.

## CEMETERY DONATIONS

The following have made donations to the Merkel Cemetery Association.  
Bill and Sandra Haynes in memory of Sam Swann and Nim Teaff  
Essie L. Hillips  
H. F. Jeffery  
Mrs. Grace Maxwell  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Malone in memory of Mrs. T. Campbell  
Mrs. Modell Hoff  
R. R. Parker  
Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Buntin

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Allyn  
Mrs. A. A. Reagan  
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cypert in memory of Mrs. Felton Saverance  
Mrs. Forest Harper  
Beulah Bullock  
Mr. and Mrs. Warren Higgins in memory of Stella Garner and Joe Risinger  
Don and Betty Lu Murray in memory of Stella Garner and Joe Risinger  
Gloria West  
Clarence Newton in memory of Carvel Clark

## Homecoming Committee To Meet

It has been announced that there will be a meeting of the Merkel Homecoming committee at the Merkel Restaurant Tuesday, April 12, at 7 p.m.

All interested persons are urged to attend this meeting, it was stressed by the committee president, Bob Hammond and vice president, Gary Hicks.

It was stressed that the more people involved in the planning of a homecoming the better it will be. So, exes, come on out.

## CANCER ANSWER LINE

"Major advances made in modern cancer treatment will go to waste if the patient can not be returned to his family and community," says Dr. Albert E. Gunn, director of the Rehabilitation Center at M. D. Anderson Hospital and Tumor Institute in Houston.

Dr. Gunn's statement reflects a growing emphasis in cancer care throughout the country — that of rehabilitating the cancer patient and helping him return to his place in society.

The need is obvious. While cancer is no longer the hopeless disease it was once thought, perhaps no other disease in modern times remains as feared. Despite major progress in the last ten years, many people falsely believe that cancer and death are the same.

Contrary to this line of outdated thinking, the American Cancer Society currently estimates that about 225,000 Americans will be saved from cancer this year and returned to society to lead productive lives. Rehabilitation programs for the cancer patient will play a major part in the treated patient's readjustment from the role of cancer patient to that of active citizen.

It is important to remember, says Dr. Gunn, that cancer rehabilitation does not simply mean physical therapy as a follow-up to treatment. Instead, it represents a broad process of adjustment that takes into account the whole person and all of his needs — physical, spiritual, psychological and vocational.

Emotional and physical rehabilitation should actually begin immediately upon the patient's arrival at the hospital, says Dr. R. Lee Clark, president of M. D. Anderson. Early planning assures that the patient, as well as the family, will be well along the way toward psychological and physical adjustment at the time the patient is dismissed from the hospital.

Rehabilitation services offered at M. D. Anderson and many other major cancer centers throughout the country include physical and occupational therapy, social services and psychological counseling.

For patients who have undergone surgery to the head and neck region, rehabilitation is available through speech therapists and dentists equipped with complete reconstructive capabilities.

Serving the individual's total needs also involves nutritional training, chaplaincy services and vocational rehabilitation to aid those patients looking for employment.

"Since cancer is now thought of in many instances as a chronic disease — that is, as controllable — the cancer patient should have the same opportunities for employment that other people with chronic diseases like diabetes and heart disease have," explains Dr. Gunn.

In recent years much progress has been made, not only in the area of vocational training, but in the entire cancer rehabilitation field as well. Growing and improving rehabilitation programs throughout the country represent a positive addition to improved cancer treatment and patient care.

Do you have further questions? Call your local unit of the American Cancer Society or write: Cancer Information Service, The University of Texas, M. D. Anderson Hospital & Tumor Institute, Texas Medical Center, Houston, 77030.

## Little League Application Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_ League Age \_\_\_\_\_  
Boy's Weight \_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_ Throws Left or Right \_\_\_\_\_

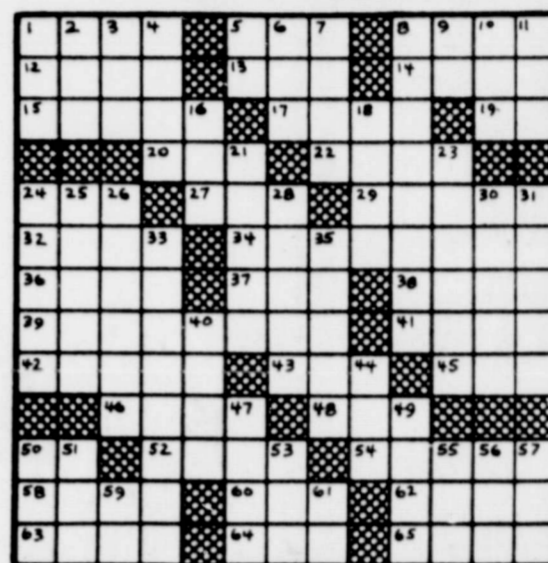
We the parents of the above boy, give our approval for his participation in the activities of the Little League for the current season. We release the sponsors, officials, and the Little League organization from responsibility in case of injury or accident. All boys are covered with insurance for practice, games, and travel by the league.

Father's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

\*League Age\* any boy who will attain the age of 7 years before August 1st, and who will not attain the age of 13 years before August 1st, shall be eligible to play the year in question.

## Puzzle



### ACROSS

1. Male children
5. Wing
8. Wading bird
12. Entrance
13. Neither
14. Pleading
15. Icy
17. Bound
19. French "and"
20. Free
22. Dry
24. Feline
27. Reward
28. Regions
32. Declare
31. Absurdity
36. Swamp
37. Hint
38. Quote
39. Associates
41. — off in golf
42. Sleeping noise
43. Pen
45. Not wet
46. Uncommon

### DOWN

48. Caribbean
50. Hebrew month
52. Central part
54. Daub
58. Hotness
60. Lump
62. Norwegian city
63. Totals
64. Single
65. Let it stand print.
16. Plunge
18. Ages
21. Waltz
23. Refused
24. Tenting sites
25. Of birds
26. Horror
28. Belonging to you
30. Flower
31. Shabby
33. Recants
35. Birds' homes
40. Roman emperor
44. Affirmative
47. Therefore
49. Hebrew prophet
50. Exclamation
51. Cot
53. Time period
7. Opera solo
55. Suffix: most
56. Beverage
9. Prefix: twice
57. Decay
10. Frost
59. Public notice
61. Exist

Answers On Page 6

## Bus Driving Course Offered

Superintendent of schools, Mack Fisher, has announced that there will be a school bus driving course offered in Merkel beginning on April 13. This will be a twenty-hour course.

Mr. Fisher stated that the course will be mandatory for school bus drivers in the future. He also stressed that the course is free to anyone interested in taking it.

For further information or enrollment, go by the high school office or call the office number, 928-5511.

### SUNNY DAYS

Sunny days can mean trouble, warns the American Cancer Society. Repeated overexposure to the sun can cause skin cancer.

A beach umbrella is vital summer equipment, says the American Cancer Society. Prolonged exposure to the sun can result in skin cancer.

## Telephone Industry Expected To Support Legislation

All segments of the telephone industry, including labor, are expected to work actively in support of the Telephone Consumer Communications Reform Act (S. 3192) recently introduced by Sen. Vance Hartke (D-Indiana).

Voicing this view, Alan Armstrong, Service Manager of the Continental Telephone

Company of Texas, said today the bill reflects an industry consensus that legislation is needed to protect residential and small business telephone users from large-scale price increases which impartial studies show will result from present policies of the Federal Communications Commission. Similar legislation has

been introduced in the House by Rep. Teno Roncalio (D-Wyoming), and other cosponsors in both houses of Congress are expected, according to Armstrong.

The Hartke bill would reaffirm the national goal of the Communications Act of 1934, which calls for universal telephone service offered within the economic reach of all Americans, Armstrong said. The nation's 1,600 independent companies and the Bell System companies are united in their support of the legislation. The industry's labor unions were consulted extensively during preparation of the bill.

Proponents of the legislation believe recent decisions by the Federal Communications Commission encouraging "contrived competition" in the industry run counter to the intent of Congress and are in the public interest. The legislation defines the areas of competition in telecommunications within the context of the original Communications Act.

As a result of FCC decisions since 1968, two types of competitors have developed: "Distributors and retailers which sell or lease telephones, special equipment and PBXs to be connected to the telephone company network—the so-called interconnection companies."

"Specialized common carriers which provide intercity private-line services over selected routes which, because of rate structure characteristics, are more profitable than average for the telephone companies."

The legislation which has been introduced in the Senate would reaffirm the intent of the Communications Act through the following three provisions:

- \*Reaffirm the authority of the states to regulate terminal and station equipment.
- \*Prescribe standards governing FCC licensing of specialized common carriers to provide intercity private line service—assuring against wasteful duplication of services of the type already provided by the telephone company.
- \*Preclude denial of competitive intercity private line rates on the basis they are too low if they are compensatory. This would prevent establishment of FCC-protected "cartels" under rate umbrellas.

Specific support for the legislation has been expressed by the U. S. Independent Telephone Association, the Bell companies, the Organization for the Protection and Advancement of Small Telephone Companies,

the National Telephone Cooperative Association and other industry groups. The goals of the bill also are considered compatible with the recent legislative position taken by the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, which represents the state public utility commissioners throughout the country.

"The federal regulators' contrived competition will drive up residential and small business rates as much as 60 per cent unless Congress reaffirms the objectives of the Communications Act," Armstrong said. This fact was documented by a study conducted for the independent telephone companies by Systems Applications, Inc. a prestigious San Rafael, California, telecommunications research firm.

"In recent years the FCC has been altering our nation's telephone system and ignoring the goals of the Communications Act. If left unchecked, the federal experimenters will impair the world's best and most reasonably priced telephone system by injecting artificial competition into a publicly regulated utility," he said.

"This contrived competition is a major consumer issue because of the large rate increases that will occur as the telephone industry shifts to cost-based pricing which is necessary to meet competition," Armstrong said.

"The telephone industry has been able to keep residential rates low through its traditional principles of rate averaging and value-of-service pricing," he explained.

"Rate averaging has enabled residential users, especially those in rural areas and small towns, to receive telephone service at reasonable prices, despite the higher costs of service to the company. Traditionally, business firms have paid more for their phone service because it is worth more to them. Our nearly universal telephone service, reaching 95 per cent of American homes, has created the value of service to the business firm. Long distance service also has made a greater contribution to coverage of costs."

Because of these contributions related to value of service, we have been able to charge residential customers less than we would otherwise. But these principles will have to be dropped as we meet competition, and it is the residential and small business user who will have to pay more. To price service purely on cost would disrupt the entire pricing structure and make the rates for telephone service prohibitive for many residential and small business users, thus impairing the value of service to all."

"The FCC has turned a deaf ear to our protests and has refused to hold back on its so-called competition program until its own economic impact inquiry is completed," Armstrong concluded. "The Congress is the final arbiter of the public interest, and in our representative democracy this is the place to turn to protect our customers."

## Tri-City Application Form

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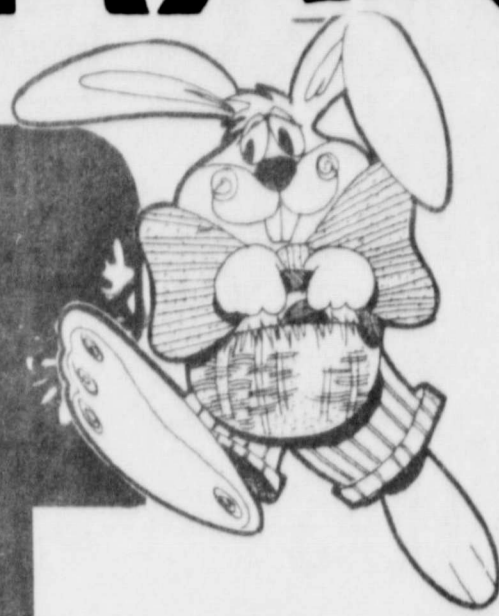


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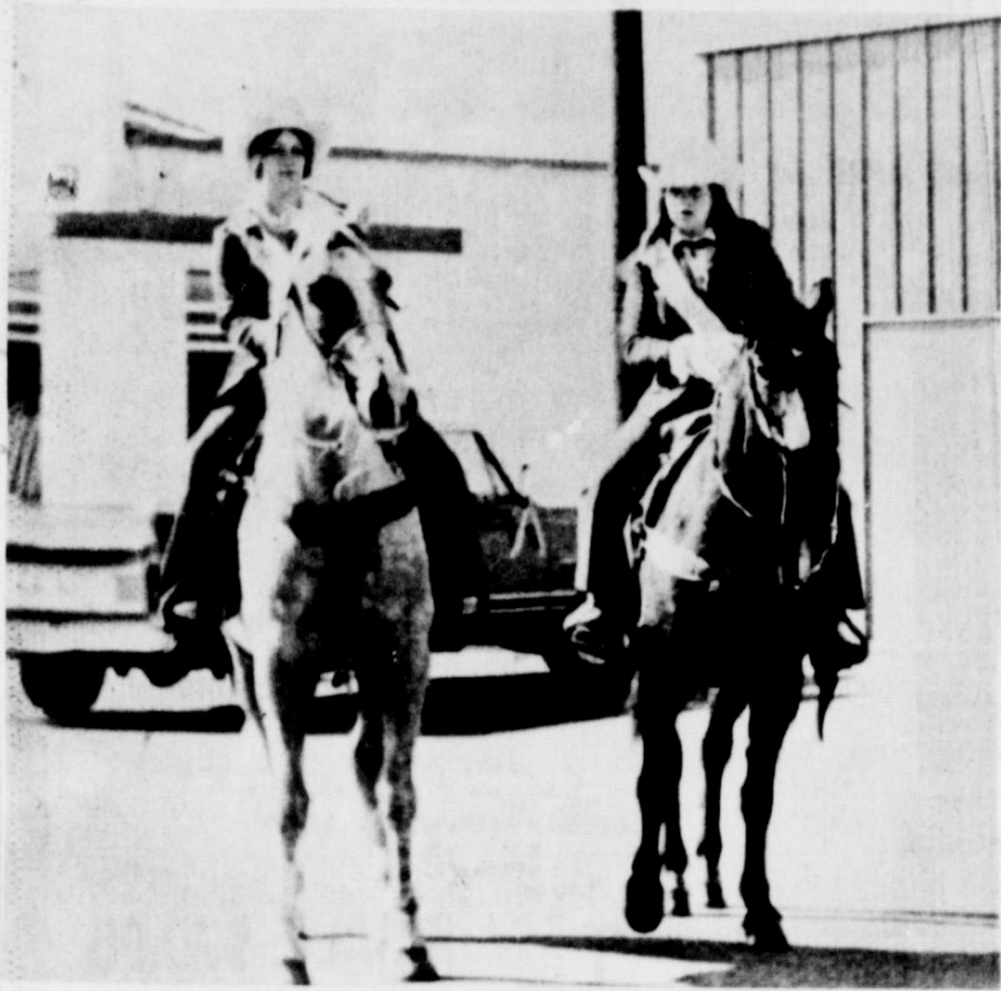
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THE OLDEST AND THE UGLIEST?—So designated by himself, this unidentified cowboy rides through Merkel with the riding club as they begin a new year. Following the parade through downtown, the riding club will be at the arena for barbecue and their first playnight of 1976.

## Riding Club Begins New Season

April 3 began a new season of play nights for the Merkel Riding Club. Following a parade through downtown, the members of the club met at the arena for barbecue and all the trimmings. Special guests for the affair were boys from Abilene Boys Ranch.

Results of the events areas follows:  
Western Pleasure (12 and under)—1. Leslie Mason-

### Art Association To Host Tea

The Merkel Art Association is honoring prospective members and students of the Tuesday night art class, with a "Art Appreciation" tea. The event will be held in the fellowship hall of the United Methodist Church at 7 p.m., April 8.

Mrs. Ford Smith, Jr., president of the Merkel Art Association has urged all members to attend.

heimer, 2. Sherri Williams, 3. Eddie Sparks, 4. Lisa Dokey, and 5. Kevin McLernon.

Western Pleasure (13-17)—1. Sherri Frazier, 2. Shelli Stout, 3. Vicki Campbell, 4. Penny Hatfield, and 5. Cindy Boone.

Western Pleasure (18 and over)—1. Kim Metzger, 2. Patricia Boyd, 3. Jarrett Pinkley, 4. Cindy Sipes, and 5. Lynn Dokey.

Barrels (12 and under)—1. Shannon Boyd, 20.99; 2. Eddie Sparks, 21.33; 3. Brooks Boyd, 22.16; 4. Debbie Hasting, 22.63; and 5. Sherri Williams, 23.46.

Barrels (13-17)—1. Vicki Campbell, 19.55; 2. Sherri Frazier, 20.61; 3. Jimmy Davis, 21.49; 4. Penny Hatfield, 21.97; and 5. Cindy Boone, 23.06.

Barrels (18 and over)—1. La Venna Vaughn, 19.54; 2. Barbara Whisenant, 19.66; 3. Jim Allday, 19.75; 4. Jarrett Pinkley, 19.94; and 5. Charles Hatfield, 21.34.

Flags (12 and under)—1.

Lisa Dokey, 11.31; 2. Eddie Sparks, 11.51; 3. Shannon Boyd, 12.32; 4. Debbie Hastings, 19.81; and 5. Mike Dokey, 21.52.

Flags (13-17)—1. Norma Frazier, 10.81; 2. Vicki Campbell, 10.96; 3. Jimmy Davis, 11.08; 4. Penny Hatfield, 12.52; and 5. Sherri Frazier, 13.52.

Flags (18 and over)—1. Kim Metzger, 9.67; 2. Carol McLernon, and Jim Allday (tie), 10.06; 3. Jan Smith, 10.36; 4. Jarrett Pinkley, 10.63; and 5. Lynn Dokey, 11.00.

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## Lambda Beta To Sponsor Beauty Contest

The Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi will hold their annual Beauty Pageant April 24 in the Merkel High School Auditorium.

Any young lady who would like to enter, please contact one of the following: Milly Bright, 928-5680; Minyon Seymore, 928-5505; or Betty

Coker, 928-5494. The divisions will be as follows: 3 years old-Kindergarten; First-Fourth, primary; Fifth-Sixth, elementary; Seventh-Eighth, junior high; and Ninth-Twelfth, high school. Any merchant who would like to sponsor a young lady

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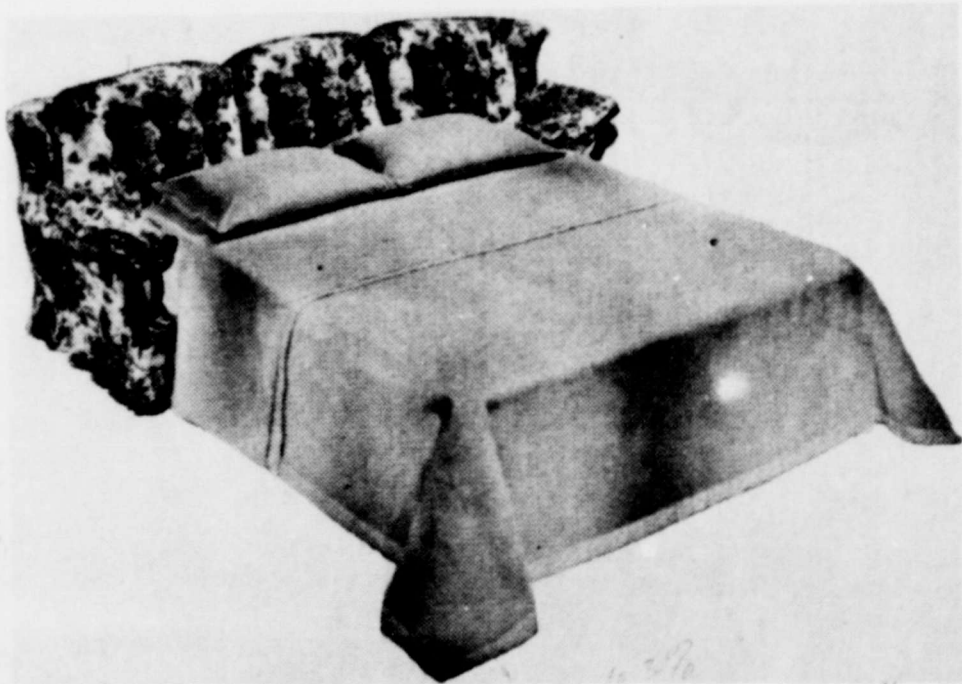
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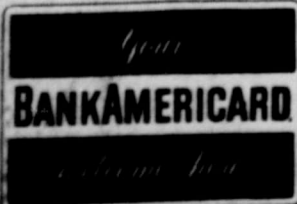
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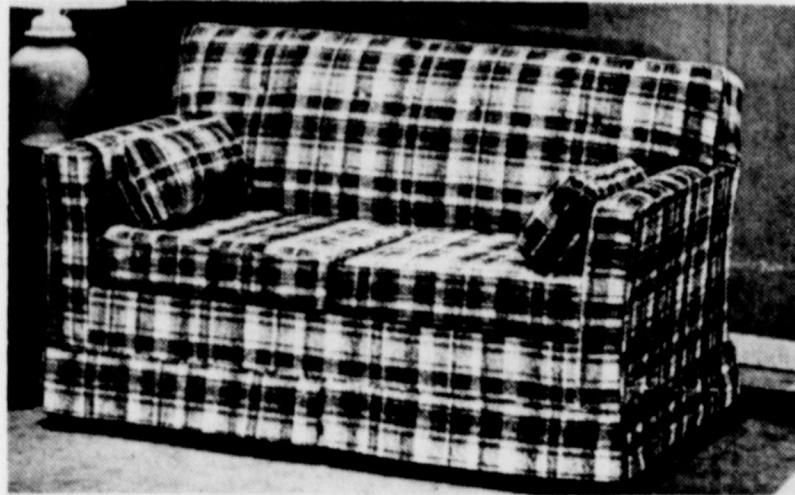
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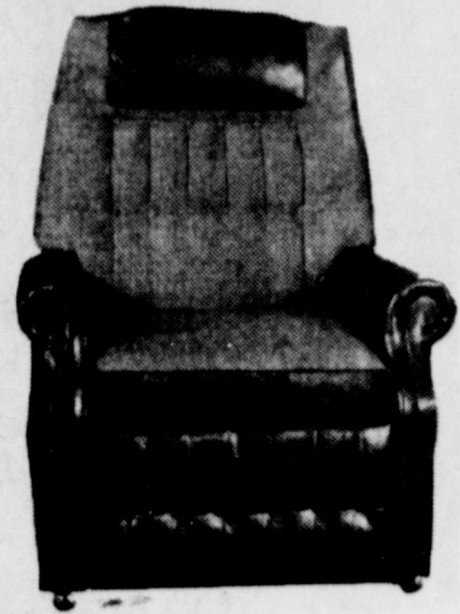
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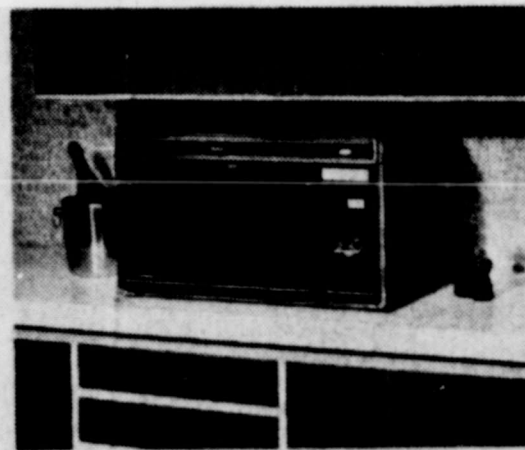
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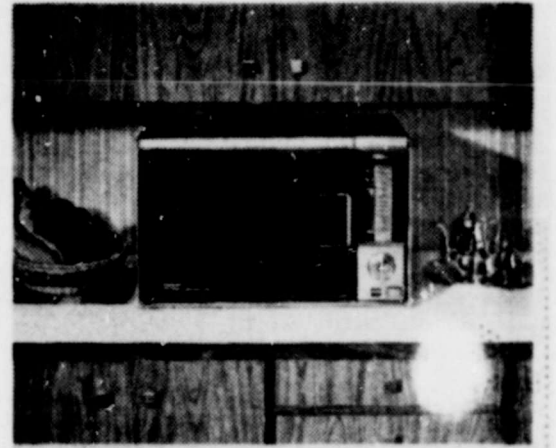
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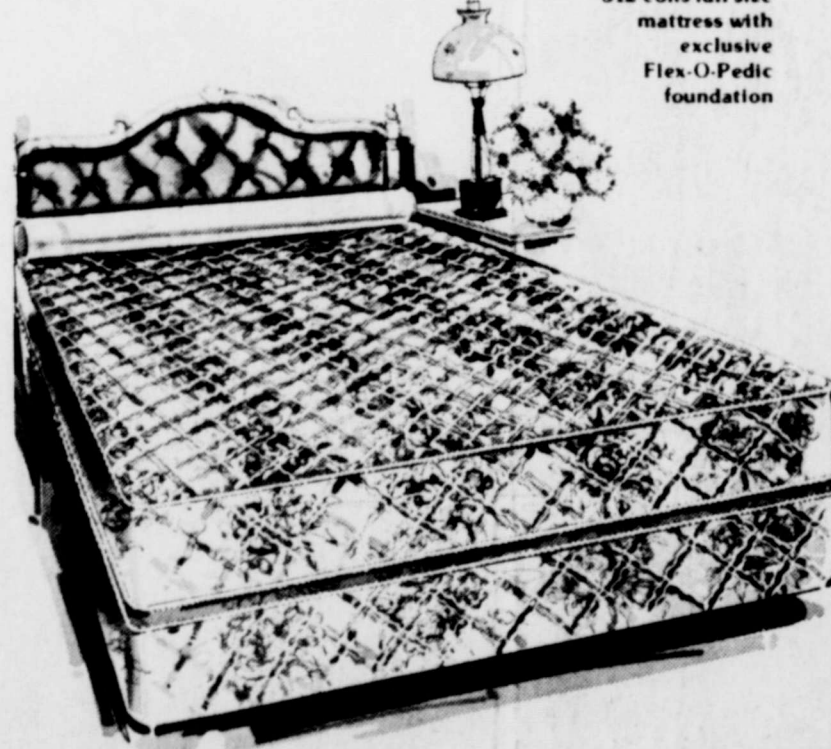
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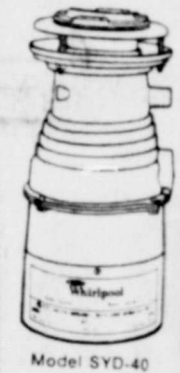
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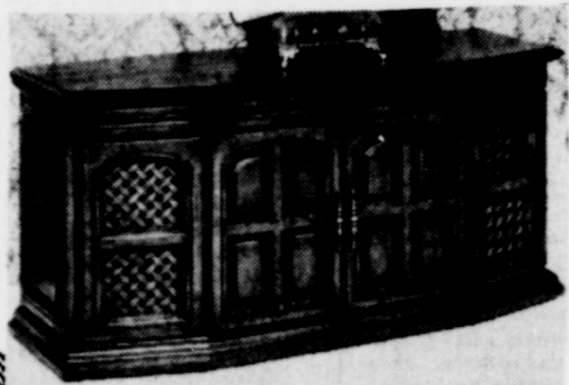
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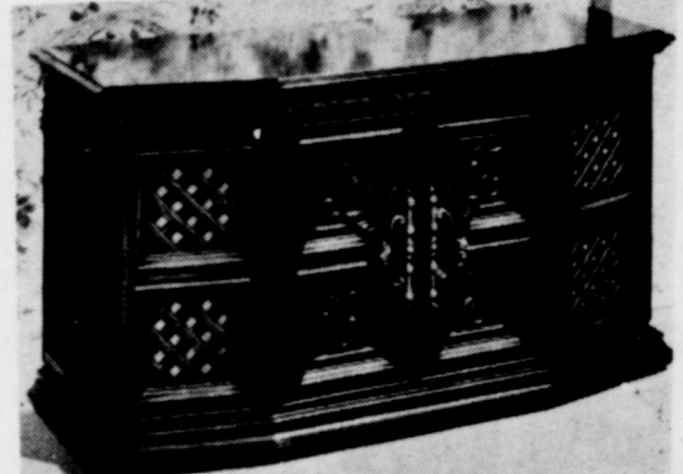
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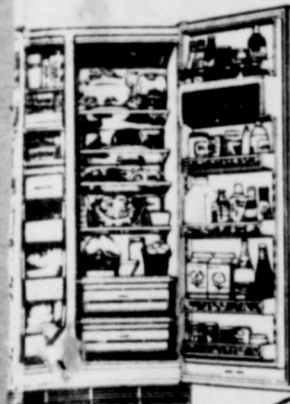


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- Features 18.2 cu. ft. frozen food storage capacity
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  - Food package divider helps you organize food packages
  - Power cord lock

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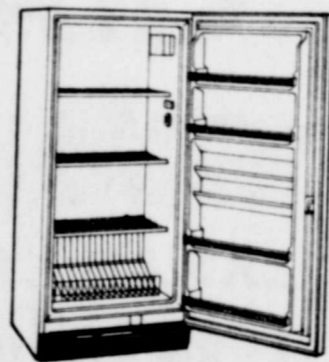


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  - Separate temperature controls for refrigerator and freezer sections
  - Power-saving heater control switch can save you money
  - Super-storage doors with full-width shelves
  - Separate butter compartment and egg nest
  - Million-Magnet® doors form a tight seal
  - Twin slide-out crispers
  - Durable porcelain-enameled interior



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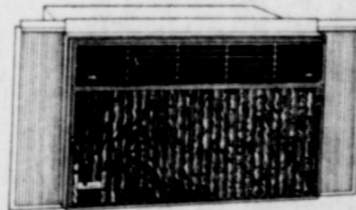
- EAU-16X UPRIGHT FREEZER**
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  - Power saving heater control switch helps save you money
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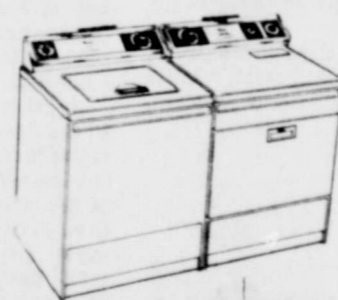


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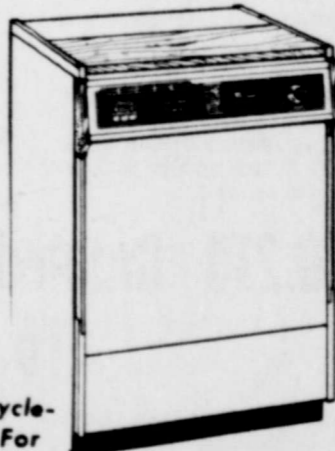
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RIBBON CUTTING-(top) Emma Lois Shugart cuts the ribbon at the Grand Opening Ceremonies of her new business, Emma's Clothes Closet, Saturday, April 3. On hand for the occasion were city officials, chamber of commerce representatives and a host of Merkelites. Just prior to the ribbon cutting at Emma's Clothes Closet, (bottom) 4-year old Brian Cosper cuts the ribbon with some difficulty to the new Merkel Home Furnishing Center. Brian is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Cosper, owners of Merkel Home Furnishing Center. Merkel welcomes these two new businesses to our town with the hopes they are among the first of many more to come.

## Cheerleader Clinic Scheduled At Western

The third annual Cheerleader Clinic has been scheduled June 14-18 at Western Texas College.

Planned for the second year are Girls' Basketball Camp with sessions from June 20-25 and June 27-July 2 and a Bible Camp scheduled July 11-17. The Bible Camp is for students from grades 7-12 and recent high school graduates, while the basketball camp is primarily for girls in grades 6-9.

Personnel from the national All-Star Cheerleading Conference (ASCC) will provide professional instruction for the cheerleader clinic. It is primarily designed for present and prospective high school cheerleaders, although students from junior high schools and colleges are also welcome to attend.

Instruction at the clinic will emphasize basic cheerleading techniques, partner stunts, tumbling, squad coordination, soul chants, pom-pom routines, tryout tips, voice control, leadership and responsibility.

Advisors are invited to accompany their squads at a minimum cost and special seminars are scheduled daily for advisors.

Tuition fees for students are determined by the ASCC. Applications for the clinic are to be obtained by writing to

Pepster All-Star Cheerleader Conference, 819 Broadway, Kansas City, Missouri 64105. Additional information about the clinic may be obtained by writing Mickey Baird, Director of Student Activities, at WTC. All summer campers at WTC are housed in the air conditioned dormitories and eat their meals in the Student Center cafeteria. Recreational facilities on campus are open to the campers during their stay, and other types of entertainment are planned for them as well.

## \$60,210 Granted To Community

Congressman Omar Burleson announces the approval of a \$60,210 community Services Administration grant to the Community Action Program, Inc. with headquarters in Abilene.

The delegate agencies are the Community Action Programs of Mitchell, Haskell and Stevens counties. The grant is effective May 1, 1976 and will run for two months. The areas served are Taylor, Mitchell, Stevens, Jones, Kent, Haskell, Stonewall, Knox, Throckmorton and Shackelford Counties. The

## Alpha Nu Nu

Alpha Nu Nu chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority met Thursday evening in the home of Louise Sudderth.

Following a short business meeting and program, pledges Anita Raymer, Mychelle Hammond and Sarah Eckols were given the Ritual of Jewels Pledge Test.

Refreshments were served to Martha Sue Justice, Peggy Vanderwerker, Pam Bishop, Ann Leach, Louise Sudderth, Mychelle Hammond, Anita Raymer and Sarah Eckols.

## Former Merkelite Died In Hamlin

Mrs. F. F. (Laura) Carter, 89, of Hamlin, formerly of Noodle, died at 4:15 p.m. Saturday in Hamlin Hospital after a short illness. Services were at 2 p.m. Monday in First Baptist Church of Merkel.

The Rev. Howard Ingram, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church in Abilene, officiated. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery in Merkel.

Born February 22, 1887, in McLennan County she moved to the Noodle area in 1901. She married F. F. Cart-

er in 1905 in Noodle. He died in 1921. She had lived in the Noodle area almost all her life.

Survivors include three sons, Frank, Alec and Charles, all of Merkel; three daughters, Barbara Coats of Big Spring, Edith Ely of Hamlin and Sue Barbee of Azle; a brother, E. L. Horton of Abilene; 22 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

A son preceded her in death. Grandsons were pallbearers.

## Mrs. Criswell Hosts TEL Class

The TEL class met in the home of Jewell Criswell for their regular monthly meeting. Ruth Baze was the co-hostess.

Estelle Humphrey gave the meditation and read the 145th Psalm.

Funch and Angel food cake was served to the following: Bessie Clark, Annie Walker, Ora Griggs, Martin, Sylvia Thomas, Martin, Maggie Renfro, Orr, Ruby Jenkins, Fannie Keith, Bessie Perry, Blanch Teaff, Dewey Flemming, Estelle Humphrey, Maxwell, Ruth Baze, Jewell Criswell, and Paralee Gibson.

## Reader Recalls Theme Of 1958

Dear Editor:

After viewing the NBC program, "Liberty" with David Brinkley, I recalled a theme written in 1958 by my son, Arthur Bagby, now a civilian employee in the Army Air Force Exchange Service in Munich, Germany.

The title of the theme reflects the thoughts and ideals of every American today. I'd like to share it with you.

"THERE IS NOTHING WORTH SO MUCH

AS LIBERTY"

By Arthur Bagby-1958  
The battle for liberty has been a long and thrilling fight between men who believed men had minds to rule themselves, and men who had no faith in men's minds.

Thus far those who believed men capable of ruling themselves have won. We are a free people.

We are the lucky ones, the only nation of people who have enough to eat, clothing to wear, good schools, automobiles, jet airplanes, electricity in cities and rural areas; electrical appliances, radios, televisions, sky scrapers, hospitals, clinics, and natural resources that are second to no other nation on earth.

Our greatest liberty is that of being given a choice. We may choose whom we wish to represent and govern us.

We can worship in any church we choose, in our own way, with out threat of persecution.

We can choose our own work, and maintain our own homes.

We have freedom of speech, freedom of the press, freedom to think, to study, and to make decisions for ourselves.

Liberty is our heritage. But it is a hard won blessing, and could easily be lost if, instead of prizing it, we take it for granted.

The only assurance of liberty is our love for it, our willingness to work for it, and our willingness to defend it.

Mrs. Jack Bagby

## Practicality Of Local Trade Discussed

Dear Editor,

In recent weeks I have noticed the exchange of opinions on whether or not it is practical to trade in Abilene or Merkel.

First of all very few people realize the circumstances causing different prices on the same items. (Not necessarily the same brands however.) If you will watch not only prices but also brands you will notice that the prices here in Merkel will not only meet those in Abilene, but beat them!

Discount stores are always good at giving low prices on some-I repeat some of their merchandise, but normally it is not name brand nor is the actual quality as good.

The merchants in Merkel are giving the people of Merkel the very best price for the best merchandise by comparison to any discount house I know of.

Another item of interest to the consumer is this: Discount houses buy direct from the manufacturer's and most of the merchants here in town (particularly the grocer) must go through a middle man due to buying power. If everyone in Merkel and

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the surrounding area would do all of their shopping in Merkel, our local merchants buying power would increase and would enable them to have more flexible prices.

The merchants in Merkel are giving the people the best possible quality and price. Why don't we reciprocate by backing them up all the way! Allow Merkel to grow and be able to say that you had a part in it!

Martha Sue Justice

## About Unsigned Letters Is It A Guessing Game?

Dear Editor:

The letters to the Merkel Mail have turned into a guessing game!

My old Grandma used to say, "If you are ashamed to sign your name to a piece of paper, don't sign it."

But since the letters have turned out to be a guessing game, I'll play along, it should be fun, for you to find out who done it?

Believe me, I would be honored and pleased to sign my name to a testimonial about my friend, but I like to go along with what seems fashionable today--no name signed.

My friend? Earl Hughes. I can't ask him about any dates, so I will just say about a certain time.

First about depression time, he made it possible for his old time home towners (us) to pay our taxes and car licenses right here at home instead of standing in line, at the courthouse as they are doing right now in Abilene. See the picture in the papers lately? The folks standing in line?

He helped organize the Chamber of Commerce here, served as councilman, mayor and district representative to the West Texas Chamber of Commerce.

He was elected to serve on the school board, but declined to serve, because he had kin folk teaching and you couldn't do that in those days, because it was agin' the law.

He was deacon of the Methodist Church and past manager of West Texas Utilities, member of the Masonic Order and Woodmen of the World until ill health caused him to retire.

Now, I come down to April 2, 1976. Why hasn't this town of ours, which I love, given him some recognition. I don't know.

Now, I ask you, my fellow Merkelites, can any Merkel Mayor, or any other man who has lived in this town for about 30 years match his record? What's the matter with us? Can't we even open our mouths?

I am ashamed of myself for not doing something about my friend a long time ago, but I am just like all the rest of you, I thought somebody else would do it.

But Earl, I take my hat off to you, I am proud to call you my friend. I also voted for you when you lost the race for county tax collector.

If I were a woman, I would say I love you. If I were a woman, I would cry for the rotten way this town has treated you, but you know we

were taught that little boys and big boys don't cry. So I'll just say, Kah, Rah for a pal and God bless my friend, Earl Hughes.

No name please.

## Thanks For Free Choice

Dear Editor:

I am writing in regard to the letters which have been appearing in The Merkel Mail unsigned.

They were ending their letters, as I recall, saying their friends were not in agreement with them.

I believe we still have certain freedoms and one of these is free choice of opinion. I disagree with a lot of people and usually always tell them what I think.

When I worked for The Merkel Mail several years ago, we kept a file of unsigned "Letters to the Editor" to laugh at when things got bad.

If you take the time to write a letter, sign it, or forget about mailing it.

Connie Harris  
Route 3  
Merkel, Texas 79536

## Letter To The Readers

Dear Readers,

I have gotten many letters in retaliation to and several saying that perhaps I myself wrote the "Ex-businessman" letter that appeared in the March 25, edition of The Merkel Mail. First of all, I did not write the letter. However, I am in agreement with a good deal of what it says.

I do most of my shopping here in Merkel even though I don't live here. I have found that I get much better service, most of the time comparative prices, and the convenience of a smaller shopping area. I plain don't like the hassle of the larger shopping centers in Abilene and usually have to go all over town before finally finding what I wanted in the first place. By that time, I am usually tired and not in the mood to shop anyway.

As for the so-called "discount" stores. I wouldn't give you two cents for the lot of them and would much rather shop right here in Merkel. I know the quality of the product and the word of the merchant are both tops.

As Mr. "Ex-businessman," I don't claim to do all of my shopping here. There are some things that are not available here that can be found in Abilene. I

must also admit that I am in no position to compare the prices of groceries. I don't do that much grocery shopping.

I guess the whole point of the issue, though, is this. If you live in a town and you have the growth and prosperity of that town in mind, then you must support it and support the merchants of the town will die. Merkel, thank goodness, is on the grow. It has some fine businesses and is gaining all the time. Next time you start to go to Abilene to shop, compare what is in Merkel and see if indeed it is the wise thing to go to Abilene.

Also concerned,  
Sarah Eckols, editor

## Reader Wishes Re-establishment

Dear Editor,

At the outset I let me introduce myself, my name is Charles Lawson. In an effort to establish new friends and to possibly relocate I'm writing to ask you to publish this letter. I am presently incarcerated in the London Ohio Correctional Institute. I am single and unattached.

I have tasted the bitter cup of failure, despair and misery. I have lived fast, but yet I have learned and I have experienced from time to time the emptiness of all my reasonable desires, and at present my only desire is that someone will respond to my plight. Prison is a place where the flame in every man burns low. For some it goes out, but I sincerely hope that someone will add fuel to my flame. I will answer all letters, and all questions.

Thank you.

Respectfully,  
Charles Lawson 136-280  
P. O. Box 69  
London, Ohio

## Wilkerson Still Needs Help

Logan Cravens has announced that Wilkerson Company, Inc. is still in need of persons looking for work. They have openings for several persons who can sew and will train applicants.

Cravens, executive vice president of Wilkerson Company, Inc., said early this week that he still has plenty of openings. Experience on commercial equipment and machines is not required.

Wilkerson Company, Inc. has contracts thru the end of 1976 with no slow down of work in sight. The manufacturing firm is looking toward the establishment of their own label in the near future.

Jobs available are fulltime from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. with little or no overtime. Plans are in the works to include both hospitalization and profit sharing eventually. Wilkerson presently employs 55 persons and are hoping to double that number by the end of May.

Anyone looking for a good job with a pleasant working environment and top pay is urged to contact Logan Cravens at Wilkerson, Inc. in Industrial Park on I-20 north of Merkel or call 928-4761.

## Compere Cemetery Assn. To Meet

The Compere Cemetery Association will meet for a business session and to work the cemetery April 17 at 9 a.m. according to chairman W. D. Ramsey.

All interested persons are asked to be present with nec-

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