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The Merkel Mail

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Council changes meeting time, fires patrolman

Merkel City Council approved a time change for their regular meetings and fired a city policeman during their Thursday called meeting at the City Hall.

The City Council met at 7 a.m. Thursday in a called meeting after a lack of a quorum at the regular scheduled Monday meeting.

With all present, they elected to change the regular meetings to 7 a.m. the second and fourth Thursday of each month. Next meeting is Thursday.

The time change was approved after it was determined that the Council could more conveniently meet at this time and it wouldn't conflict with their jobs.

After an executive session the City Council reconvened and announced that patrolman Clifford Collins had been dismissed effective immediately. They gave conduct unbecoming an officer as the reason for the dismissal.

George Neal, part time chairman also quit June 1. The Council also approved a building code to meet federal standards for future loans by individuals and buildings.

The new regulation now requires building permits and will allow the provision for securing flood insurance for anyone building in one of the two areas in Merkel in a floodplain area.

City Coordinator J. A. Sadler read the new proposal which was adopted by the City Council.

Merkel thus has adopted and will enforce the Southern Standard Building Code.

This code prohibits anyone from erecting, constructing, enlarging, altering, repairing, improving, moving or demolishing any building or structure without first obtaining a separate building permit for each building or structure from the building inspector.

Also, the building inspector must examine all plans and specifications for the proposed construction when application is made for a building permit.

The building inspector must review all building permit applications to determine whether proposed building sites will be reasonably safe from flooding.

If a proposed building site is in a location that has a flood hazard, any proposed new construction or substantial improvement (including prefabricated and mobile homes) must be designed or modified and anchored to prevent flotation, collapse or lateral movement of the structure.

Also, construction materials and utility equipment must be used that is resistant to flood damage and construction methods and practices must be used that will minimize flood damage.

The building inspector also will review subdivision proposals and other proposed new developments to assure that all proposals are consistent with the need to minimize or eliminate flood damage; all public utilities are constructed to minimize or eliminate flood damage; and adequate drainage is provided to reduce exposure to flood hazards.

The building inspector will require new or replacement water supply systems to be designed to minimize or

Square dance graduation

There will be a graduation square dance at the Merkel Lions Club building Friday, June 25, Jack Mason of Sweetwater will be the caller. The dance will begin at 8 p.m.

eliminate infiltration of flood waters into the systems and discharges from systems into flood waters and require on-site waste disposal systems to be located so as to avoid impairment of them or contamination from them during flooding.

The city has available maps of the flood hazard boundary which includes an area in the northwest and in the northeast of the corporate limits of Merkel.

They then moved quickly to the adoption of a resolution on the affirmative action plan for section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 in order to provide opportunities for employment for business and lower income persons in connection with projects receiving federal financial assistance.

The plan is a requirement of the Community Development Program and this plan is a necessary prerequisite to awarding bids or contracts. The resolution takes effect immediately as an emergency was declared and the required second reading of the resolution was suspended.

The issue of closing of Cherry Street and the two alleys as proposed was not acted upon. Closing of the street failed to comply with the law which says petitioners have to include all abutting members. Since the request didn't meet this requirement it didn't comply with the law and it was pointed out there is no way the council "can act on it."

One of the requests to close an alley was on property purchased by Starbuck and it was pointed out that West Texas Utility has a utility pole located on the property at El Paso and Runnels and no action could be taken on closing that portion of the alley until W.T.U. could be consulted.

And on the alley closing on the property next to Bobby DuBose Texaco station on the I-20 access road, it was pointed out that "Mr. Smith has not officially purchased the land."

Smith had requested the closing in order to build a Dairy Queen and since Smith is not the official owner the request could not be considered.

The purchase of 19.27 acres for the sanitary landfill property was announced at a cost of \$3,854 to the city.

Council member Derrell Farmer commented "that's a cheap landfill site."

The city borrowed the money over a 10-year period from the Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Merkel.

A report of the summer work program was then presented with the city hiring four boys and a girl. They all received high praise for the work they have accomplished thus far this summer.

Before going into executive session the Council approved payment of bills for May totaling \$13,290.12.

Big item was the water and sewer department where Abilene was paid \$4,922.40 for water; Rohan Company was paid \$1,032.65 for water meters; and a note to Texas Bank and Trust for \$1,630.98.

Bank balance shows \$2,094.17 in the general fund; \$14,434.86 in the water and sewer fund; \$8,794 in the revenue sharing; \$1,379.14 in the ambulance fund; \$305.84 in the library fund; and \$17,132.58 in the interest and sinking fund and \$20,000 in certificate of deposits.

The recent ambulance breakdown also was discussed and it was pointed out that Abilene ambulance service had been notified to stand by while the ambulance was being repaired. It is back in service now.

Staunch Merkel booster, Miss Collins, dies

One of Merkel's most ardent supporters has died. Funeral services for Christine Collins, 75, were Friday at the Grace Presbyterian Church.

She died Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. at her home following a lengthy illness.

Dr. B. P. Smith of Fort Worth and the Rev. Jack McClendon, pastor officiated. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery, directed by Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born April 14, 1901, at Merkel, she had lived in the area most of her life. She attended McMurry College and studied voice under Gypsy Ted Wylie. She had been retired for several years. She was active in civic activities, including the Merkel Cemetery Association, a member of the Presbyterian Garden Club, a member of the Fortnightly Study Club; the Abilene Woman's Club; the Abilene Music Guild; helped organize and was a charter member of the Merkel Senior Citizen's Club.

She had been honored as Woman of the Year in 1973, by the Merkel Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi sorority.

Survivors include a sister, Mable Easterwood of Taft; two nieces, Mrs. Lewis J. Adams of Covington, Kentucky, and Mrs. Hugh Grandstaff of Dallas; a nephew, Homer C. Easterwood of Sinton; and five great-nieces and two great-nephews.

THE MAIL

by MARTHA SUE JUSTICE

Christine Collins represented all of us who love God, His church, the community, country and people. Her memorial service Friday was a tribute to the worth of a unique woman created in the image of God.

She gave herself without reservation to the Presbyterian Church. A stranger never left church without her speaking to them and making them feel welcome. Her physician told her numerous times, "Do not exert yourself by walking up the church steps!" Needless to say, she never could give up her church and insisted on being carried bodily to the services when she became unable to maneuver on her own.

Christine Collins loved Merkel. She was in so many organizations and honorary member of others they would be difficult to list. Her enthusiasm in Merkel was contagious because she wanted everyone to love Merkel as she did. She once told me that the making of a good friendly town was always done by the service of others. In this instance, as always, she practiced what she preached. Community projects that improved on the needs of the people in Merkel were usually fortunate to have her helping in whatever way she could.

People in general were always a part of Christine's life. She always sought out those in need and did her

part to set them on the right road.

Her concern for people however was always shared by her concern and love for animals. She adopted many a stray cat because she could not turn away from a hungry and lonely animal.

This past summer Christine came into The Merkel Mail carrying a real cute puppy. She said, "Martha Sue, this dog was almost hit several different times downtown and I just couldn't resist picking it up."

"As you can tell he's hungry and just as cute as a bug. I just know there must be someone that could give him a good home."

I knew immediately that she could not take him with her because of the conflicting cats that she had and offered to help. He was given shelter here at The Merkel Mail and a home was found for him in 3 days. Christine of course was elated that another animal had been saved.

Christine was thoroughly human and a lovable one. She marveled at nature's beauty, beautiful art, drama, and particularly music which she helped all of us to appreciate more.

Merkel will sorely miss Christine because she gave us all a part of herself and was an unusual person in the fact that she could be honest in criticism or praise and get away with it. Her memory will be with us always, because we are all a little bit better, because Christine came our way.



CUTS RIBBON--Johnny Starbuck, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Starbuck, examines the ribbon after he performed the ribbon cutting ceremony to officially open the Abilene Savings in Merkel Monday morning. George Starbuck, left, welcomed the new business to Merkel, representing the Merkel Chamber of Commerce. Assisting Johnny with the ribbon is William Bane, assistant vice-president of marketing for Abilene Savings.

Abilene Savings officially opens

Official ribbon cutting ceremonies Monday morning marked the opening of Abilene Savings' new office in Merkel.

William Bane, assistant vice-president of marketing for Abilene Savings expressed his happiness with the new facilities and Abilene Savings being able to open a branch office for its many Merkel customers.

The new building, located across the street from Carson's Super Market, also has facilities for meetings.

Merkel Garden Club assisted with putting in the landscape.

George Starbuck, repre-

senting the Merkel Chamber of Commerce, told those present "I am glad to welcome this new business to Merkel this morning. We of Merkel certainly appreciate having this new business in Merkel."

Don Hart, representing the Industrial Foundation of Merkel, said, "this is one of the finest facilities we have seen in some time. Getting this business has really been an asset to Merkel."

Bane then thanked everyone present and said, "We welcome the opportunity of becoming a part of the community."

He then introduced those

present from Abilene Savings on hand for the open house, Jean Scott and Vickie Hayes of Merkel are in charge of the Merkel office.

Johnny Starbuck then stepped forward and cut the red ribbon and everyone moved inside for cookies and coffee and the beginning of the week of grand opening activities.

As part of the grand opening there will be a drawing each day for a \$50 savings account. No purchase is necessary and there is no obligation.

And, a grand prize of \$250 savings account will be awarded by a drawing Friday.

F&M Bank purchases mini-computers

With the installation of new mini-computers, Farmers and Merchants National Bank, is continuing to move into the electronic age to better cope with the increased business being generated in Merkel.

President Don Hensley reported last week the installation of an ultra modern NCR machine to post and proofread checks and deposits, eliminating the old, time consuming hand methods.

This week the bank has turned to the bookkeeping department to further speed procedures and to help speed customer service toward an automated and modern banking concept by January 1.

Installed are two L6000 Burroughs computers for bookkeeping.

Hensley pointed out that this is another step in the banks proposed conversion to Demand Deposit Accounting (DDA) which will enable the bank to convert by the projected January 1 deadline.

The mini-computers allows the bank to change from a dual system of accounting to an electronic system with single posting.

Mike Faulk was on hand to install the two machines which will do the work of three of the old manual posting machines. Hensley said the installation of the new equipment will "enable us to grow and double our current assets of \$13 million to \$25 to \$30 million."

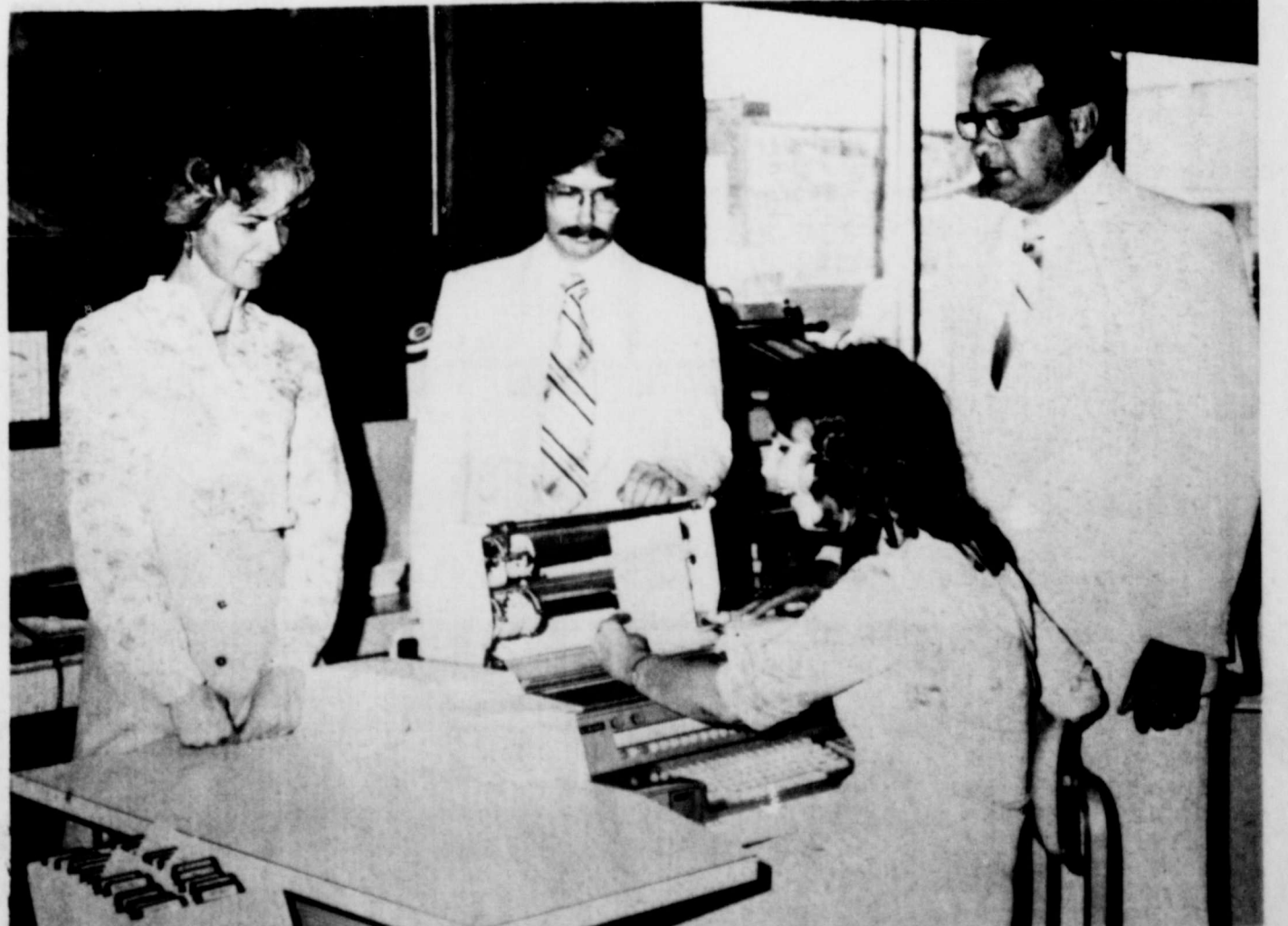
The new mini-computers will enable the bank to also maintain loan ledgers, installment and commercial loans and have the capabilities of handling savings, certificate of deposits, payrolls and any of the numerous bank bookkeeping functions.

"This will enable us to give our customers a lot more accuracy and speed," Hensley said. "It will allow us to get statements out more quickly and it will be more legible and will utilize updated statement forms."

He added, "The Board of Directors are real proud to have this equipment available, not only for the employees but to give our customers more modern, full banking service that is equal or superior to banking systems found anywhere."

"This is another way to show our appreciation to our many customers who have helped the bank to double in size the last two years."

Each customer already has an account number and when the system is completed personalized checks with account numbers will be required, providing more accurate and instant accounting of each account.



TRYING IT OUT--Tonja Meeks tries out the new mini-computer bookkeeping machine last week as Joyce Knight, Mike Faulk, representative of Burroughs, and President Don Hensley watch. The mini-computer is the latest in bookkeeping systems for banks and is part of the projected modernization of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank now under way. The two mini-computers will take the place of three of the old manual posting machines and will allow the bank to do more of its bookkeeping functions in less time.

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The following have made donations to the Merkel Cemetery Association.

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Doctor Rongers' Column

By EDWARD W. RONGERS CHIROPRACTOR



HEAT INJURIES

During this time of the year when you are exposed to high temperatures and high humidity, you are subject to heat cramps, heat exhaustion and heat stroke. These three types of heat injuries can be disabling, but heat stroke, also known as sunstroke, can be fatal unless treated promptly and properly.

Heat cramps are due primarily to lack of salt in the body due to insufficient salt intake and excessive loss of salt through sweating. Dehydration due to excessive sweating may also play a part in producing heat cramps.

The symptoms of heat cramps of the muscles, usually the stomach or abdominal muscles and the calf muscle of the lower leg. The skin is pale, cool, and wet with sweat, although the body temperature is normal.

Heat cramps are relieved by replacing the salt lost from the body, usually by way of a salt solution. This salt solution can be prepared by dissolving two 10-grain salt tablets in one quart of water or by dissolving one-fourth teaspoonful of table salt in one quart of water. This salt solution should be taken by mouth as freely as the patient will take it, Wilson's.

Heat exhaustion results from circulatory failure brought on by excessive loss of water and salt from the body. The victim suffers from headache, mental confusion, vertigo (dizziness), drowsiness, extreme weakness, and possibly fainting. The skin is pale, cool, and wet with sweat. The body temperature may be subnormal or slightly elevated, the pulse may be weak and rapid, and the blood pressure will be lowered.

Heat exhaustion is treated by getting the patient's circulation back to normal and by replacing the salt and water that has been lost. The patient should be taken to a cool place and while lying down with the head level, raise or elevate the feet and then rub

the arms and legs to improve the circulation. A salt solution should be given the same as in heat cramps. The patient's clothing may be loosened or removed to help body cooling.

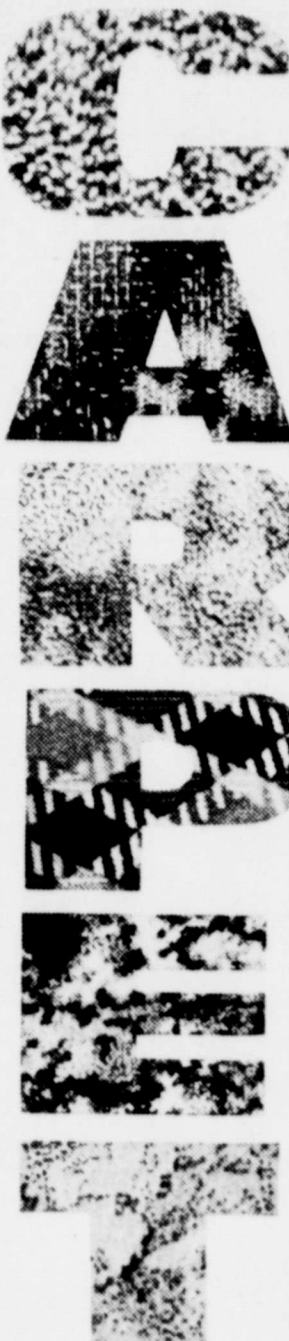
Heat stroke or sunstroke is the most serious type of heat injury and has a high death rate. Heat stroke results from inadequate heat loss from the body with overheating and damage to the heat regulating center in the brain.

The symptoms of an impending heat stroke would be headache, dizziness, mental confusion, and the most outstanding symptom as compared to the other heat injuries is the slight or complete absence of sweating. Usually, heat stroke starts with sudden collapse and loss of consciousness leading to coma. The patient's skin is red (flushed), hot and dry. Again, there is an absence of sweating and the body temperature is very high.

The most important aspect in the treatment of heat stroke is to lower the patient's body temperature as rapidly as possible to avoid possible brain damage. The longer the high temperature continues, the greater is the threat to life. The following measures should be taken immediately:

- (1) Remove the patient's clothes. Immerse the patient in cold water, in ice water if available. If water is in short supply, then sprinkle the patient thoroughly, and then fan the patient to quicken cooling evaporation.
- (2) Rub the patient's arms, legs, and trunk to increase circulation to the skin.
- (3) If cyanosis (blueness of the skin) is present, artificial respiration may be needed.
- (4) Remove the patient to a hospital as soon as possible in a vehicle with the windows down. The passage of air currents through open doors and windows will aid cooling. Continue measures to cool the patient until the hospital is reached.

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Brnovak award

Judy Kay Brnovak of Merkel has been selected to receive the Ann Sonner Scholarship awarded by the Texas Association of Extension Home Economists. Ann Sonner was a past president of Texas Association of Extension Home Economists and served as both a County Extension Agent and a District Agent. The scholarship is awarded on the basis of previous college record and 4-H participation.

Judy was Co-chairman of the 4-H Council and a junior leader in Trent and Mulberry Canyon. She was selected to compete at the State 4-H Roundup for four years in succession. Judy attended Leadership Training Camp and attended District Camp 2 years.

Judy is now a Senior at Texas Tech in Lubbock majoring in Home Economics. She is active in intercollegiate basketball and volleyball and is a member of the Home Economics Association.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brnovak of Merkel.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF JEWELL AYCOCK DOCKERY, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Jewell Aycock Dockery were issued on June 14, 1976, in Cause No. 12,406, pending in the County Court of Taylor County, Texas, to: Boyd Taylor.

The residence of such Executor is Dallas County, Texas. The post office address is:

c/o Law Offices of Jack K. Curry
312 First National-Ely Building
365 Cypress Street
Abilene, Texas 79601

All persons having claims against this Estate which are currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law, DATED the 18th day of June, 1976.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Project Identification: Improvements to the Water System of the City of Merkel identified as Phase Number One. This program will consist of the installation of 4000 feet of 6 inch water mains within the dedicated street beginning at the intersection of Sunset and Avondale Street; thence North within West Street to intersect with an existing water main located at the intersection of North Second and Martin Streets. This project will necessitate the crossing of the railroad and Highway 80 which will be done by boring and casing each section. There will also be four 3-way fire hydrants installed on this water main with all necessary valves and fittings.

Statement of Intent: The City of Merkel does not intend to file an environmental impact statement regarding this project.

Reason Behind Intent: This project will be done only within dedicated streets and will not effect any residences or land occupied by people. The City of Merkel has determined that this program will be of a positive nature and will not adversely affect any person or the environment. This program also complies with all applicable laws and regulations as set forth in Sec. 58 1 (a) (3) of Environmental Review Procedures for Community Development Block Grant Program.

Environmental Review Record: The City of Merkel has made an Environmental Review Record respecting this project. This Environmental Review Record may be examined and copied in the City Hall, Monday through Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. No further environmental review of this project is proposed to be conducted and the City of Merkel intends to request the Department of Housing and Urban Development for release of funds for this project.

Comments: Comments may be submitted to the City of Merkel, Texas from June 24, 1976 to July 15, 1976. Chief Executive Officer: Lou David Allen, Mayor, City of Merkel, 107 Lamar Street, Merkel, Texas 79536.

printed in Taylor County, Texas, the accompanying citation, of which the herein below following is a true copy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: Gerald W. Varner, Defendant, Greeting;

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 22nd day of July A. D. 1976, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 30th day of January A. D. 1976, in this cause, numbered 11,511-DK on the docket of said court and styled Barbara J. Varner, Plaintiff, vs. Gerald W. Varner, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: parties were married on or about April 24, 1959 and separated on or about November 15, 1975; marriage has become insupportable because of discord and conflict of personalities; the following children were born to the parties of this marriage: Perry Wayne January 11, 1973, Sherri Lavonne-March 25, 1964, Meley Lee-January 12, 1968, and Beverly Jeanne-February 10, 1961; children now reside with petitioner; petitioner requests she should be appointed managing conservator of the children and respondent should be ordered to contribute to their support until youngest child reaches the age of 18; during the marriage certain community property has been accumulated, petitioner requests equitable division; petitioner prays for 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 return 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 the 10th day of June A. D. 1976.

(SEAL) Attest: Irene Crawford Clerk, Domestic Relations Court Taylor County, Texas. By Sandra Harris, Deputy. 18-4tc

Snow on dean's list
Mary Snow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Snow of Merkel, is one of 486 students named to the dean's honor roll at Abilene Christian University for the 1976 spring semester.

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Rabbies shots set Friday

Rabies vaccinations for dogs and cats will be available at the Merkel Fire Department Friday afternoon.

Dr. Bud Aldridge of Sweetwater will be available from 2 until 3 p.m. Friday to vaccinate all dogs and cats in the Merkel area. Fee is \$4 each.

This is for rabies shots only, Dr. Aldridge pointed out.

All dogs and cats are required to be vaccinated once a year.

Eastern Star installs

The new officers of the Merkel Order of the Eastern Star were sworn in June 11 in a ceremony at the Masonic Hall.

New officers installed are: Hazel Pargament, Worthy Matron; Ted Fargament, Worthy Patron; Estelle Humphreys, Associate Matron; Fred Starbuck, Associate Patron; Fern Windham, Secretary; Florence Berry, Treasurer; Margaret McAninch, Conductress; Wanda Clyburn, Associate Conductress; Louise Parham, Chaplain; Jewell Dunagin, Marshall; Aileen Knight, Or-

Younger Generation to perform

The Younger Generation Quartet represents a new bloodline in gospel music. They've infused a new strain of life into the whole business. Gospel music hasn't been youth-oriented in the past.

Gospel's established superstars just don't sing for a teen-age audience. There have been a few family groups with a few kids in them, but the Younger Generation is an old-fashioned male quartet

with the traditional four-part harmony and they are all 17 and just completed their junior year in high school.

Gospel music, Younger Generation style, has a phenomenal charm singularly its own. Boundless energy, smiles, and a warm handshake for everyone; all are synonymous with these Abilene performers.

The quartet consists of Ricky Bailey, first tenor, whom the group jokingly refers to as their girl singer because of his high voice. Kelly Willis is the lead singer and Fred DeHerrera is the bashful baritone.

The youngest of the group who just turned 17 is Ricky Josseliet the bass singer. The group also laughs about their "baby" singing boss. Ricky is surprising people with his voice when in some songs he hits a low B flat. These young men are under direction of Rip Willis. He has just recently returned to Abilene after living in Nashville, Tennessee for 2 years playing drums for country star Johnny Rodriguez. Rip went to England with Johnny's band and also appeared on The Midnight Special on NBC in Hollywood and on ABC's Wide World in Concert.

ganist; Thelma Griffin, Adah; Lottie Everett, Ruth; Georgia Allday, Esther; Martha, Mary Sue Doan; Electa, Rose Denman; Warder, Roy Mashburn; and as Sentinel, Alfred Parham.

The installing officer was Mae Seago; Installing Marshall, Blanche Abbott; Installing Chaplain, Amelia Smith; Installing Organist, Anna Belle Shouse; and the Installing Secretary was Ouida Reid.

Other Chapters represented included Sweetwater, Rotan, Abilene, and Colorado City.

Douglas reunion

The Douglas Reunion held June 6 at Abilene State Park was a huge success.

Some 48 people attended from all sections of Texas as well as Arizona and Alaska.

Two of the original founders of the reunion were there, Mr. Joe Douglas of Merkel and Mr. J. A. Douglas of Sweetwater.

Next year's meeting has been set for the first Sunday in June.

Planning committee

The First Baptist Church has elected five to a long range planning committee.

The five are Howard Carson, Peggy Gibson, Sue Henry, Wayne Waldrum and Leon Walker.

\$70.03 collected

The Red Cross drive in Merkel received \$70.03 more Monday, reports fund manager Don Hart.

The Merkel Volunteer Fire Department and Women's auxiliary collected the amount Hart said.

Thus Merkel collected \$853.33 in the recent Taylor County Red Cross drive in Merkel.

ACU homecoming theme set

"Getting to Know You" will be the theme of the 1976 homecoming activities at Abilene Christian University Friday and Saturday, October 15-16, on the ACU campus.

Also scheduled during homecoming weekend will be reunions for the classes of 1931, 1936, 1941, 1946, 1951, 1961, 1966, 1971, and 1976.

It will mark the 25th anniversary for the class of 1951.

The weekend will also feature the homecoming football game between ACU and East Texas State in a Lone Star Conference match Saturday, October 16, at 2 p.m. in Shotwell Stadium in Abilene.

Watts honored with party

Rita Watts, bride-elect of Shawn Moore, was honored Tuesday evening June 15 in the home of Mrs. Elmo Moore, Tye with a rice bagging party. Mrs. Moore and her daughters, Karla Moore and Lisa McFall were the hostesses.

The serving table was covered with a white embroidered lace cloth with crystal appointments. The

centerpiece was white daisies and apricot and mint green, the bride-elects chosen colors, were used in the arrangement.

Special guests were Mrs. Harold Watts, Merkel bride-elects mother and Mrs. Jack Moore, Tye, the mother of the bridegroom. The couple will be married July 10 at Tye Baptist Church.

Three indicted for theft

Three Abilene men have been indicted for the June 8 theft of a \$270 air conditioner from Home Furnishings of Merkel.

They are John Lee Renfro, 27, address listed as the Allen Motel, Kenneth Mays, 36, of 1044 North 10th and Earl Lee Gardner, 29, of 4029 South 7th.

The suspects were arrested within four minutes of the theft by Department of Public Safety troopers on Interstate 20, heading for Abilene.

During the brief chase, the air conditioner was thrown from the speeding car and damaged beyond repair.

FHA Club meets

The Key Chapter of the Future Homemakers of America Club in Merkel held a Get Acquainted Party Wednesday, Wilson's.

It was held in the homemaking department at Merkel High School. It was a come and go party and refreshments were served.

Mrs. Candy Martin is advisor for the club.

Anna Dunn wins Bragg's drawing

Anna Dunn of Merkel won the Eileen Scott pant suit as the fifth Mystery Store contest winner during a drawing held Monday morning at Bragg's.

Semi-pro team wins

The Merkel Tejanitos, semi-pro baseball team of Mexican-American men and boys, won their tenth straight game Sunday by outlasting the Mineral Wells Chicanos 18-14.

The Tejanitos were led by Daniel Moreno who went four for five with a single, two doubles and a home run over the right center field fence. The winning pitcher was Tony Biera with some relief help from Richard Hernandez.

The team's next game is tentatively scheduled here in Merkel next Sunday with the Abilene Aguilas. Also, the team is scheduled to play in Juarez, Mexico the July 4 weekend. They will play the winner of the Valle (valley) de Juarez league, which at this time is San Agustin.

They are also in the midst of raising money to pay some expenses. If anybody has any odd jobs that need to be done, please get in touch with Juan C. Biera at Juan's Garage or call him at 928-5403.

Murpree visits

Mr. and Mrs. Olen Murpree visited with Mr. A. H. Murpree and other kinfolks recently. They are from Jasper, Alabama.

contest half over, Merkel businessmen have offered some of the top prizes as gifts and to show their appreciation for shopping in Merkel.

The contest will continue for five more weeks with each of the 10 Merkel businessmen providing top savings and values along with great incentives for helping keep money circulating in Merkel and helping support the great growth of the city.

This week's Mystery Store is Wilson's Food Store. In addition to the outstanding buys listed on Page 3 of this week's Merkel Mail Wilson's will give away a mini-calculator to an entrant in the Mystery Store contest at a drawing Monday morning.

The word to find throughout the Merkel Mail this week is "Wilson's" and it has been hidden throughout the paper at least 10 times.

To enter the contest find the word "Wilson's" and circle at least 10 of them and then turn the newspaper with your name, address and telephone number in at this

week's Mystery Store, Wilson's before 5 p.m. Saturday.

Or, a contestant may enter by printing your name, address and telephone number on an 8 1/2 by 11 plain piece of paper and print the name "WILSON'S" 10 times using all capital letters.

No purchase is necessary to enter and you do not have to be present at the drawing to win.

Everyone is eligible for the prize excluding employees of the participating stores and the staff of The Merkel Mail.

At the end of the 10 weeks, a special drawing will be held from all those who have entered and The Merkel Mail will award 10 additional prizes of \$10 gift certificates.

A contestant may enter as often as he or she wishes.

Participating businesses are L & W Snack Bar, Ann's Flowers, Wilson's Grocery, Western Auto, Castille's Hardware, Bragg's Department Store, Emma's Clothes Closet, Adcock's Circle A Western Wear, Crawford's and Starbuck's Furniture Store.

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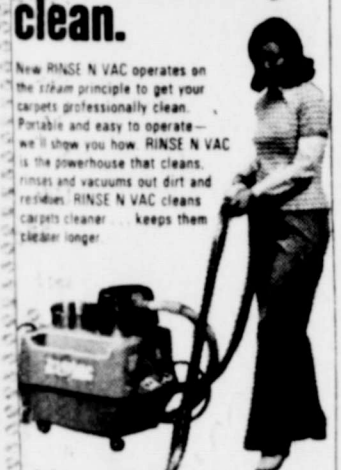
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NEWS FLASH

First of all I want all you readers to know that we do not believe in gossip, but it just so happens that I have this little incident to tell. It's not gossip-it's the truth. It's really not something I want to tell, it's something I wish to ask. What young lady who is about to be married in the very near future arrived at work and was not being spoken to face to face, I understand there was a very good reason for this, but a lot of people thought it was funny that she could turn her head so far. Even she didn't know what was wrong until somebody mentioned the fact that there was a slight possibility that her blouse was on backwards. As I said before-we don't believe in gossip or carrying tales, but we heard this happened at the Wilkerson Plant.

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Merkel receives \$5,489.64 rebate

Merkel has received \$5,489.64 as its share of the city sales and use tax allocation for the period ending June 4.

This is reported to be the largest payment to Merkel in a quarter since Merkel began participating in the city sales tax program.

Trent, meanwhile, will receive \$458.04 and Tye is to receive \$2,369.34.

Trent student gets honors

The following student from Trent has made the President's Honor Roll of Texas State Technical Institute, Rolling Plains Campus, Sweetwater: John Gaston Dunn enrolled in the Building Construction Craftman Program.

Vets meet

The 17th District Veterans of World War I and Lady Auxiliary Department of Texas, sponsored by the Stephenville Barracks Auxiliary 586, met at the Tarleton State University for their quarterly meeting June 1.

Registration was at 9 a.m. with the meeting called to order at 10 a.m. by President George Loden and Mrs. Myrtle Loden Auxiliary President commander.

Invocation was by Chaplin Mae Jenkins and welcome address by Dr. Joe Cummings.

A memorial service for departed veterans and Auxiliary members was held.

An afternoon business meeting was held which included the election and installation of officers.

Sunglasses found

A pair of prescription sunglasses have been found behind the residence at 702 South 8th.

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Bus Drivers get pay hike, Lab gets relief

The Merkel School Board approved a salary increase for bus drivers and approved the purchase of two evaporative air coolers for the science lab at its regular meeting Monday night at the high school.

The Board also approved the naming of co-ordinators for English, math, science and social studies.

The co-ordinators will be named from the faculty by incoming superintendent Travis Davis. They will be paid \$200 above their present scale.

They will co-ordinate the curriculum in their fields of study from the kindergarten through High School.

The 10 bus drivers are paid \$166.13 a month or \$1,495.20 for nine months or \$2.77 an hour. Davis pointed out in requesting the raise.

The raise will involve \$1,123.20 total for all 10 bringing each driver's salary to \$180 per month or \$1,620 for the nine months or about \$3 per hour.

The evaporative coolers at a cost of \$400 were approved after Davis reported the lack of proper ventilation in the science lab.

In past remodeling the lower windows were closed which traps hot air and is causing excessive heat problems, Davis said.

Three bids will be taken he said.

In other action at the 3 hour and 25 minute meeting the Board:

1. Approved payment of current vouchers for \$125,339.34.

2. Approved the financial reports which included a projected reserve from operations of 1975-76 only of \$30,611.22.

3. Authorized Davis to investigate the sagging floor condition in the teacher's work room and repair it, as necessary.

4. Approved the transfer of one of the old buses to the vocational department to eliminate the use of personal cars and trucks by the students and teachers.

5. Studied the 5-year accreditation plan and discussed the required improvements planned for next year.

6. Accepted the resignations of Mrs. Cathy Malone and Mrs. Katherine Stuckey.

7. Approved spending \$5,300 from the maintenance fund with \$1,500 going for drinking fountains, \$2,000 go-

School Board bids Fisher happy fishing

The Merkel School Board took time from its business meeting Monday night to wish retiring Superintendent Mack Fisher a fond farewell.

Fisher is retiring July 1 with High School Principal Travis Davis moving up to the superintendent's duties.

Fisher admitted he has been looking into the possibility of buying a mini-home and has his eye on a few good fishing holes.

Board member Don Hart told Fisher, "You don't know how much we appreciate you and what all you have done for our schools."

Fisher countered with "I have enjoyed all my years working with the Board, I don't know of any board that has worked so well together as this one."

He even admitted he might even go back to school.

Hart then made a motion which was approved that "we prepare a resolution honoring Mr. Fisher for all his years of dedication to the Merkel School District and that it be prepared by the new Superintendent and that the resolution be placed in the permanent minutes of the next meetings."

In a projected report presented to the board by Lawless it was pointed out that realized and projected income through August will be \$1,385,491.46 and the total expenditures and projected expenditures will be \$1,354,880.24 leaving a projected reserve of \$30,611.22 This is for the 1975-76 operation only. Total

for three double doors to go in the west end of the Junior High, the west end of the Merkel Elementary and the south side of Merkel Elementary; \$1,076 for a scaffold; and to add two more speakers and a microphone in the auditorium at \$600.

8. Approved capes for twirlers at \$45 each with Don Hart abstaining from voting.

9. Approved the purchase of five electric typewriters at \$430 each.

10. Approved increases in salary of Leon Harris and Oble Coker of \$1,000.

11. Approved the hourly wage scale as presented by Davis which will give hourly employees a regular pay increase incentive.

12. Approved the hiring of two part time library aides at \$225 each, paying accountant Jim Lawless \$9,400, secretary bookkeeper Blanche Hewitt \$8,460 and Jerry Dunlap \$8,880.

13. Approved hiring Marsha Kivleag from Waxahatchie as a reading specialist and gave Davis' secretary a raise to the next pay scale.

cash anticipated to be available to pay September salaries and school expenses is expected to be \$110,232.15 (about a month's operating expenses).

It was pointed out the projected reserve will be close to the amount of increased district burden of 5 per cent for 1976-1977 budgetary needs. It will also enable the district to enter the school year 1976-77 with a cash reserve to carry on expenditure needs for the months of September and October before the influx of local tax monies.

The revenue and expenditures recapitulation report submitted and approved shows the district received \$82,879.29 in May and spent \$104,809.26 leaving a bank balance of \$145,276.12 and \$207,528.76 in certificates of deposit and savings.

Also, Superintendent Mack Fisher, attending his last School Board meeting before his July 1 retirement gave the Board a copy of the statement of taxes collected for Merkel Independent School District during the period from September 1, 1975 to May 31, 1976.

It showed current tax collected at \$473,870.53 and delinquent tax collected (some from as far back as 1939) as \$10,439.47 for a total of \$484,310.

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MRS. RUDY COSTILLO

Fariello, Castillo wed

Given in marriage by her parents, Carla Rae Fariello became the bride of Rudy Costillo at a candle light ceremony performed by Rev. Kenneth F. Jones Saturday evening in the First Baptist Church.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Fariello of Merkel. Mr. Costillo is the son of Mr. Antonio Costillo of Merkel.

Assisting the bride as maid of honor was Audrey Byrd. Bridesmaids were the brides sisters, Cynthia Fariello of Tucson, Arizona; Mrs. Jimmy Foster of Dangerfield, Texas; and Charlene Fariello of Merkel.

Candle lighters were sisters of the bride, Mary and Joan Fariello.

The groom was attended by Ruben Hernandez as best man. Groomsmen were Albert Costillo, the groom's brother of San Diego, California; Jimmy Foster of Dangerfield; and Brian Fariello, brother of the bride.

David Hernandez of Abilene and Gary Bertsch of San Angelo seated guests. Organist for the ceremony was Mrs. Roy Davis. The music selections "We're Only Just Begun" and "Because" were sung by Ted Davis.

Parents of the bride hosted a reception in fellowship hall following the ceremony.

The couple, both graduates of Merkel High, will make their home near Merkel.

Senior girls win sixth

Merkel senior division girls defeated Snyder, 17-11 and Hawley, 14-5, in games last week and Hawley beat Sweetwater, 22-5.

Merkel won a 7-0 forfeit over Trent for its first win of the season in Mini-minor division. In other games Hawley beat Trent 19-5.

In Minor division Merkel beat Trent 21-9 and then won a 7-0 forfeit.

In the Major division, Sweetwater beat Trent girls, 24-1. Merkel forfeited to Trent, 7-0 and Trent defeated Hawley, 20-9.

The Senior division girls are now 6-0 for the season. On the team are Kandi Ascencio, Melody Doherty, Judy Diltz, Christy Fudge, Gina Farmer, Robbie Freeman, Kimm Kennick, Netta Stephan, Gayle Teaff and Gayle Reed.

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Hillman Johnson got the lone hit for the Braves, hitting a single to lead off the third. Greg Dickerson and Ed Herrera scored the two runs.

For the Supers, Tommy Hayes scored twice, hit a

triple and double and batted 3 for 4. Ronnie Williams scored once. Randy Trent hit a double. David Vinson and Guy McGee each scored once, and Billy Williams hit three for three and scored once.

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Braves beat Willies, Supers win twice

The Braves defeated the leading Willies, 10-6, but lost to the Supers, 7-2, and with it an opportunity to take over first in the Merkel Little League with the season winding down this week.

The Willies held on to the lead by half a game with a 5-2 verdict over the Vets.

The Kilowatts remained in third place beating the Vets, 9-8, but losing to the Bankers, 7-1.

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Boyd pitches one-hitter

Jay Boyd pitched a one-hitter and Lynn Wall provided the batting power to lead the Tri-City League leaders Ambassadors past the Rebels, 12-0, to highlight this week's action.

In other action the Wizards edged the Lions, 14-11 and Tye forfeited to the Rebels and to the Ambassadors.

Boyd allowed a single in the fourth by Randy Martin to record his one-hitter. He also scored once and hit a triple to aid his cause.

Wall hit a home run in the 5-run fourth inning with two on as the Ambassadors are leading the league with a 7-0 record. Daryl Harris scored three times and Robert Fowler and Mike Simms twice and Todd Gregory, Kyle Ucell and Bobby Darwin each scored once.

The Wizards put together 14 runs on 11 hits with pitcher Ted Holmes who scored three times, hit two doubles and batted 3 for 4. Mike Brady scored three times and Donny Tutt three times. Roger Reed, Mike Crouse scored once and Billy Mashburn scored twice.

The Trent Lions countered with 11 runs on 8 hits as Louie Goodman hit a double and scored once and Bill Membrick hit two triples and scored twice in four times at bat. Gly Mitchell, Wendy Beaver and Willie Marsh each scored twice and Benny Beaver and Jerry Brenem scored once.

The Wizards scored four the second and five the third and held off the rallying efforts of the Lions the rest of the way.

For the Vets, Chris Mashburn scored twice; Jerry Miller hit a double; and Michael Tutt, Donald Tutt, Sammy Tomlinson, Ken Hogan, Darrel Glasscock and Shane Smith each scored once.

Russell Lucas scored twice and Eddie Harris, Willie Townsend, David Schultz and Mark Walden each scored once.

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

MINI-MINOR
TUESDAY--Hawley at Trent, 6 p.m.

THURSDAY--Merkel at Hawley, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY--Hawley at Trent, 6 p.m.

MONDAY--Merkel at Trent, 6 p.m.

TUESDAY--Merkel vs. Hawley at Tye, 6 p.m.

MINOR
TUESDAY--Hawley at Trent, 7:15 p.m.

THURSDAY--Merkel at Hawley, 7:15 p.m.

FRIDAY--Hawley at Trent, 7:15 p.m.

MONDAY--Merkel at Trent, 7:15 p.m.

TUESDAY--Merkel vs. Hawley at Tye, 7:15 p.m.

MAJOR
TUESDAY--Merkel vs. Hawley at Tye, 6 p.m.

THURSDAY--Hawley vs. Roscoe at Tye, 7 p.m.; Merkel vs. Trent at Tye, 8:30 p.m.; Sweetwater vs. Sweetwater.

MONDAY--Merkel vs. Sweetwater at Tye, 6:30 p.m.; Trent at Roscoe; Hawley at Sweetwater, 8:30 p.m.

SENIOR
TUESDAY--Merkel at Sweetwater, 8:30 p.m.; Hawley vs. Snyder at Tye, 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY--Hawley at Sweetwater, 7:30 p.m.; Merkel vs. Snyder at Tye, 8:30 p.m.

MONDAY--Merkel vs. Hawley at Tye, 8:30 p.m.

TUESDAY--Hawley vs. Merkel at Tye, 8:30 p.m.; Sweetwater at Snyder.

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Team	W	L	Team	W	L
Ambassadors	7	0	Team		
Wizards	4	2	Willies	9	4
Hicks Rebels	2	4	Kilowatts 9, Vets 8		
Tye Tigers	2	5	Bankers	7	5
Trent Lions	1	5	Supers	5	8
			Vets	3	9

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS
Ambassadors 12, Rebels 0
Wizards 14, Lions 11
Rebels forfeit over Tye
Ambassadors forfeit over Tye

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE
TUESDAY--Rebels vs. Wizards
THURSDAY--Ambassadors vs. Lions
SATURDAY--Wizards vs. Tigers

MONDAY--Lions vs. Rebels
TUESDAY--Ambassadors vs. Wizards

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS
Braves 10, Willies 6
Supers 5, Bankers 4
Kilowatts 9, Vets 8
Bankers 7, Kilowatts 1
Willies 5, Vets 2
Supers 7, Braves 2

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE
TUESDAY--Kilowatts vs. Willies, 6 p.m.; Supers vs. Vets, 8 p.m.
THURSDAY--Bankers vs. Braves, 6 p.m.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
THE STATE OF TEXAS
County of Taylor
NOTICE IS HEREBY given that by virtue of a certain Execution issued out of the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County, Texas, by the District Clerk of said county for the sum of Seven thousand eight hundred five and 47/100--Dollars and costs of suit, under a Judgment, in favor of Olen Dreyer s, Johnny Lackey and G. W. Lackey dba Country Caravan Club, placed in my hands for service, I Jack Landrum as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did, on the 11th day of June 1976, levy on certain real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit:
The West 90' of the North 1/4 of Lot 15;
The West 90' of the South 1/4 of Lot 15;
The West 90' of Lot 14;
The West 10' of the East 1/4 of Lot 14; and
The West 90' of Lot 16, part's Subdivision of Lot 2, block 202, Original Town, Abilene Taylor County, Texas.
Deed recorded in Volume 77, Page 489, secured by a deed of Trust,
and levied upon as the property of John Lackey and set on the first Tuesday in July 1976, the same being

the 6th day of said month at the Court House door, of Taylor County, in the City of Abilene, Texas, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. by virtue of said levy and said Execution I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for each, to the highest bidder, as the property of said John Lackey.
And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper published in Taylor County, Texas.
Witness my hand, this 11th day of June 1976.

By R. F. Blackley Deputy,
Jack Landrum
Sheriff Taylor County,
Texas,
17-3tc

Senior Citizens

The Merkel Senior Citizens Club had their regular monthly luncheon June 8. Ross Merritt, Director of the Month, had charge of program. Bro. Charles Spivey brought the devotional. Marie Goode sang accompanied by Miss Royston on the piano.
About 50 registered to enjoy the delicious meal and fellowship. We want all Senior Citizens to come and enjoy these gatherings. You're welcome.

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,
I've been hearing some disturbing news about the closing of the Red Cross due to lack of funds if the United Fund drops them. I believe the United Fund is very wrong in this decision and here's a few reasons why:
I grew up in a poor family and I can remember back in the droughts when there was neither food nor much money. My father plowed gardens for a living and during a drought there wasn't much being planted so we didn't have much. If it hadn't been for the Red Cross I guess we would have starved. But our Red Cross came to the rescue and bought us a weekly bill of groceries.
Then back in the 50's when the tornado hit Merkel it tore up and blew away our home. It wasn't a fancy home but it was all we had. Having no insurance nor money to build another, the Red Cross once again came to our rescue. They built us a 4 room house with a bath (first one I'd ever known). This wasn't a fancy home either but was nice and comfortable (my father still lives there).
And I can remember when I was in school, the schools taught us how good the Red Cross was. We helped pack packages for the Red Cross to send overseas to refugees and G. I.'s from home. I can remember my brother writing home from the Korean War and telling ways the Red Cross was helping out.
Then there was the time when my brother was in Seoul Korea fighting 5 miles from the front line. We quit getting our allotment check from the service. When we tried checking it out the army said

given that by virtue of a certain Execution issued out of the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County, of the 9th day of February 1976, by of said for the sum of Nine Thousand Three Hundred Three and 83/100--

he had been discharged. We knew he hadn't as we were getting mail from him. Someone told us to go to the Red Cross, so we did, and they got busy and got it straightened out and helped us get our back checks.
I can also remember a man named Johnny Cox and a woman named Mrs. McFarland who spent many and many an hour working with the Red Cross and these were good people and I don't believe they would have wasted their time on it if it hadn't been a good organization.
Then now, my 4 children have gone thru many years of free swimming lessons with the help of the Red Cross and thanks to their program they are all good swimmers. This program has probably saved many a child's life and I for one would sure hate to see it end. I have a new baby I'd like to grow up to go thru this program.
I'm not rich enough to give what I feel I owe the Red Cross but maybe thru this letter can help everyone, especially the members of the United Fund to see how important our Red Cross is. I'm sure there are others who know ways they have helped. Please let the United Fund know so we can maybe change their minds about dropping the Red Cross. If the people of the big country set back and don't do anything to help they're making a big mistake which someday will live to regret. So please everyone help our Red Cross.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Don Glascock
108 Orange
Merkel, Texas 79536
915-928-4383

Dollars and costs of suit, under a Execution, in favor of Albert B. Pittman in a certain cause in said Court, No. 35,007-A and styled Albert B. Pittman vs. James Boyd, placed in my hands for service, I Jack D. Landrum as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did, on the 7th day of June 1976, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: Lots 1, 2 & 3, Jesse Beene's Subdivision of part of Survey #66, Block 14, T & P RR CO Lands, Taylor County, Texas and levied upon as the property of James Boyd and that on the first Tuesday in July 1976, the same being the 6th day of said month at the Court House door, of Taylor County, in the City of Abilene, Texas, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., by virtue of said levy and said Execution I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for each, to the highest bidder, as the property of said James Boyd.
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and Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Gray of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. John English and Mr. and Mrs. Mike English of Fort Worth and Richard English, senior student at Stephen F. Austin State University at Nacogdoches. Weekend activities included fishing, swimming, skiing, boat riding and domino playing.

Reynolds guests

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Watkins, Ryce, Douglas, Darla and Dana, also Misses Pam Gilbreath and Patty Koonce all of Clyde, were dinner guests of Mrs. O. J. Reynolds and Bob Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Garland Sisk of Odessa spent Friday night and Saturday morning of week before last in the Reynolds home.

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