

BIBLE VERSE
What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?
Micah 6:8

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DELIVERING MAIL--W. R. (Pinky) Cypert receives a "damaged" late delivery from his postal friends during his retirement dinner Friday night. Mrs. Mildred Cypert at left and Merkel Postmaster Truett Thompson and wife at right watch as Alvin Wozencraft presents the gift.



TIME OUT--Pinky Cypert takes time out from his thank you address to make good use of a napkin his wife handed him in order to get rid of some happy tear.



DISPLAYS GIFT--Cypert holds up the shotgun and looks at the engraving of his name as he thanks his many friends present at the dinner honoring him for his 35 years of service with the Merkel Postal Service. He retired May 21 as a rural route carrier.

THE MAIL



By Carl Dingler

Housing development for Merkel revealed

Postal friends of W. R. Pinky Cypert and his family were honored with a retirement dinner Friday night at River Oaks Cafeteria.

Cypert retired from the Postal Service and his rural route in May but this is the first time all his many friends in the post office could meet and honor Cypert.

Cypert started working as a substitute clerk for the Merkel Post Office in 1941 for 65 cents an hour. At that time there were but four employees and four rural carriers in Merkel.

During that 35 years, Pinky took time from his postal duties to serve in the Army from 1943 until 1946 during World War II and again in 1950 when the Korean War started.

After the Korean War he was assistant postmaster in Merkel until 1961 when he took a rural route.

And, beside him, as she was Friday night, is Mrs. Mildred Cypert, his wife of 38 years. He and the former Mildred Humphrey were married Christmas Day, 1937. Cypert also has served Merkel in many civic, church and masonic capacities during his life.

His many friends Friday night presented him with a present in the form of a "damaged" package. However, what was inside was not damaged. It was a new shotgun with his name engraved upon it.

In an emotional, tear-filled thank you, Cypert told the group "This couldn't happen to me if it hadn't been for you. I have been overwhelmingly blessed to have friends like you."

Between the thank you, he accepted a napkin from wife Mildred, and dabbed the joyfully flowing tears from his eyes.

It was a swell surprise for Pinky and one he well deserves for his many years of traveling up and down bad and good country roads and fighting floods, snow and heat to deliver the mail.

Yes, for 35 years he was probably the most popular man wherever he stopped each day to leave a letter or package. He certainly was the most popular fellow again Friday night.

Did you ever notice some people enjoy life and aren't afraid to trust in themselves and in others around them?

They usually are the ones who participate in the community and take an interest in everything about them.

Then, there are those who sit back, don't care to vote, don't do much of anything but say "I told you so."

This leads into a story I ran across recently which reminds me so much of life and part of the problem facing each of us today.

So said the Georgia farmer sitting, ragged and barefoot on the steps of his tumbledown shack.

A stranger had stopped for a drink of water and asked, "How is your cotton coming on?"

"Ain't got none," replied the farmer.

"Did you plant any?" asked the stranger.

"Nope," was the reply, "'fraid o' boll weevils."

"Well," continued the visitor, "how is your corn?"

"Didn't plant none," came the answer, "'fraid there was 'nit goin' to be no rain."

The visitor persevered. "Well, how are your potatoes?"

"Ain't got none; scairt o' potato bugs."

"Really, what did you plant?" pressed the stranger.

"Nothin'," was the calm reply. "I just played safe."

First Baptist notes: Revival is set August 8-11; Vacation Bible School is August 2-6; Pastor Kenneth Jones and family are on vacation in Colorado; Senior High Youth Camp is July 19-22; Mrs. Troy Dickerson has been hospitalized and has recently undergone surgery; Ruby Higgins has been hospitalized for treatment.

Food for thought department from Senator William Proxmire, Democrat from Wisconsin: "More than 16 years of service in the United States Senate has convinced me that the most under-represented cause in this country is that of the taxpayer."

"Time after time the Congress appropriates literally billions of dollars with virtually no consideration for the American taxpayer. In hundreds of hours of testimony of bills that create obligations that will burden taxpayers for years to come, it is rare that there are even a few minutes of testimony of the impact of this spending on the man and woman who pays for it through his taxes."



RETIREES--Mary Outlaw, center, is congratulated on her retirement and surprise party by granddaughter Brenda Roberts and daughter Joyce Minnick. Mary is retiring from operation of the Starr Nursing Home after 19 years.

Surprise party honors Mary Outlaw

A reception and surprise party was held Sunday for Mary Outlaw at the Starr Nursing Home in Merkel.

Mrs. Outlaw retired July 1 from nursing home management and administration.

She has served the Merkel community 19 years, 18 as owner and operator of the Starr Nursing Home and one year for the owners Holiday Management.

She received several gifts and many friends turned out to share in the cake and refreshments during the reception.

On hand were her daughter Joyce Minnick and her granddaughter Brenda Roberts.

They reported that although Mary had officially retired that she still had been spending "15 hours a day down here."

However, Mary said she planned to "go fishing."

Equalization Board meets

The Board of Equalization will meet Thursday at Merkel High School.

The meeting will start at 2 p.m. in the Teacher Work Room with the School Board of Equalization hearing anyone from Utility companies and Oil and Gas operators concerning their tax evaluations.

Thursday's meeting is for these companies only and the Board will meet again July 22 to hear from individuals concerning their tax rate.

School Board eyes \$1.6 million building program

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City lets water billing contract

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ARTIST OF THE MONTH--Mrs. Ann Doan is the July Artist of the Month as named by the Merkel Art Association. Her works are currently on display at the Farmers and Merchants National Bank. Mrs. Doan is a member of the Texas Fine Arts Association and charter member of the Merkel Art Association. She has studied under Talmage Minter and James Campbell of Abilene and Lois Shaw of Sweetwater. In addition Mrs. Doan teaches piano and works for The Merkel Mail as a typesetter.

Help sought on Summer Rec funds

The Merkel Chamber of Commerce needs your help! The summer recreation program is in financial difficulties and the Chamber of Commerce officials are requesting individual and business donations to help meet the \$691 they are in the red on the project.

The program has two weeks to go and Chamber Manager Benny Melton says the program will end losing \$691 and put the Chamber of Commerce in financial difficulty unless this amount is raised.

It is estimated that only 20-30 youngsters have taken advantage of the program each week which includes morning sessions at Merkel High and afternoon sessions at the High School and at the swimming pool at Merkel Restaurant.

Melton told the monthly meeting of directors that the Chamber has \$482.52 in the

bank and with \$410 due in salaries to operate with the final two weeks and \$820 already spent on the program to assist with summer recreation for Merkel youngsters, the program will lose \$691.

Chamber President Don Hensley thus said the Chamber would accept donations from any members or individuals to help with the program.

The Chamber also discussed the possibility of art shows, antique shows, a golf tournament and a junior rodeo as fund raising projects for the future and to attract more business for Merkel.

It also was pointed out that \$250 will be needed for Christmas lights, trophies for the girls and candy and that September 11 is Merkel Homecoming and some form of Chamber project will be needed.

Cemetery donations

- The following have made donations to the Merkel Cemetery Association.
- Mr. and Mrs. Robert Campbell and Vicki in memory of Whitt Richie and Zenobia Lucas Spann
- Mrs. Boog Eysen in memory of Christine Collins
- Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Ueckert in memory of Mary Jane Adair
- Alice Bigham
- Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Baker in memory of Janice Adair
- Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Boaz Jr. in memory of Christine Collins
- Bland Partnership
- Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Baker in memory of Andrew Baker
- Mr. and Mrs. Will Butman
- John and Selma Warlick in memory of his sister, Mrs. Doris Rodwine
- Johnnie Adcock in memory of Jim Cook
- Mary Kate Campbell
- Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Bartlett in memory of Mrs. Link Adair
- Bonnie Byron
- Mr. and Mrs. Robt. T. Hodge in memory of Christine Collins
- Wade Brothers and Sisters in memory of Loyd D. Wade
- Roy Bacous
- Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Graves
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- Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Derrington
- Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Childers
- Gloria West
- Mrs. J. K. Blair
- Mr. and Mrs. Bill Collins
- Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Carr
- Mrs. Walter Frazier
- Thomas Green
- Mr. and Mrs. Dent Gibson
- Mertle Duncan
- A. W. Berryman
- Mrs. Zula Gilliam
- J. E. Higgins
- Mrs. Emma Herron
- Mr. and Mrs. June Hogan in memory of Lucy Ford
- Mrs. Stacy Birdin in memory of Lucy Ford
- Mr. and Mrs. Pat Cypert in memory of Lucy Ford
- Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Barnett in memory of Lucy Ford
- Mrs. Ina Hunter in memory of Lucy Ford
- Mrs. H. H. Windham in memory of Lucy Ford
- Dorothy Sigler
- Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Fox in memory of Lucy Ford
- Bessie Clack in memory of Lucy Ford
- Mrs. M. H. Ely in memory of Lucy Ford
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- Mrs. Rosemary Roberts in memory of Christine Collins
- Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lassiter, H. W. Peters, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Lassiter, Mae Lassiter and Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Teaff
- Mrs. A. B. Gregory
- Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Horton
- Mr. and Mrs. Orin Higgins in memory of Lucy Ford
- Mrs. John Mansfield in memory of Lucy Ford
- Mrs. Minnie L. Coats in memory of Lucy Ford
- Mr. and Mrs. Ted Pargament in memory of Lucy Ford
- Mrs. Carlton King in memory of Lucy Ford
- Mr. and Mrs. Jarrett Pinckley in memory of Lucy Ford
- Mr. and Mrs. Weldon McAninch in memory of Lucy Ford
- Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Cox
- Mrs. Ann Debusch

- Mrs. R. E. Harris
- Mary M. and Fricke Floyd
- Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Griffin
- Mr. and Mrs. Bill Evans
- Mrs. H. F. Hemington
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- John Coats
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- Mr. and Mrs. Don Hart in memory of Mary Adair
- Anna L. Dunn
- Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Howell
- Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Davis
- Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Harris in memory of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Ramsey and J. C. Brown
- Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dubree
- Marvin Hudson Sr.
- Mr. and Mrs. Jack D. Brown
- Mr. and Mrs. Frank Breaux in memory of Lucy Ford and Christine Collins
- E. D. Ely
- Doris H. Dowdy
- Alphus Bynum
- Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Bishop in memory of Sallie Justice
- Ruth Pangle in memory of Lucy Ford and Bill Horton
- Mr. and Mrs. Robt. L. Campbell in memory of Sallie Justice
- Mr. and Mrs. Weldon McAninch in memory of Bill Horton
- Mr. and Mrs. Wren Durham in memory of Christine Collins
- Mr. and Mrs. H. A. J. Conklin
- Mr. and Mrs. Buster Horton in memory of Lucy Ford
- J. W. and Eva Cole
- Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Wilburn

- Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Baker Jr. in memory of Jerrell F. Mashburn
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- Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Fairley
- Mr. and Mrs. Henry Foster
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- Mack Fisher
- Mrs. Ruth Cox
- Mrs. Olive Herron
- Mrs. J. W. Bryan in memory of C. Collins
- Stace Deavers Phillips in memory of Lucy Ford
- Mr. and Mrs. Whit Farmer
- Mr. and Mrs. D. R. DeRusha
- Mrs. Anna E. Harris
- Homer E. Easterwood
- Joyce Jane Adams
- Mrs. B. R. Hughes
- Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Hammond
- Mr. and Mrs. Roy B. Dalziel
- Floyd and Laverne Fortune in memory of Ike Tqner
- Mr. and Mrs. Raymond L. Earthman
- Mrs. A. B. Cullen Sr.
- Mrs. Robert Higgins



People once believed that rowan trees warded off witches.

The word paper comes from papyrus, the giant water reed from which Egyptians manufactured a writing material.

Utility panel adopts regulations

The Public Utility Commission of Texas, in three days of public hearings, adopted rules governing rates and services of utilities under its jurisdiction. The adoption of the rules marked the end of a thirty-day waiting period during which time public comment was actively solicited. Representatives of various utility companies, plus such groups as the League of Women Voters, the Texas Municipal League, and the Texas Consumer Association were present and participated in the meeting.

The rules, which apply to all telephone companies in the state and all rural electric, water and sewerage utilities, concerned three main areas: rate setting, service standards, and reporting requirements.

In setting rates, utilities will be allowed to charge advertising, contribution and donation expenditures in the rate base as long as those expenditures do not exceed three-tenths of one percent of the gross receipts of the utility for services rendered to the public. The commission encouraged fully-recoverable expenditures of such funds used for promoting conservation of energy or measures which can allow a consumer to effect a savings in his total bill. Other recoverable expenditures which were encouraged were those which seek to improve utility peak load usage and support of utility trade associations which directly contribute toward the professional standing of their members.

Contributions to charitable causes and such organizations as Chambers of Commerce will be allowed as a cost of service so long as the total sum of all such expenditures does not exceed the three-tenths of one percent formula.

The utilities were excluded from charging customers for funds spent for political or lobbying activities, membership in social, recreational, or religious organizations or clubs, or promotion of increased energy consumption. Utilities, if they choose however, may spend investor dollars for these purposes.

Although the Texas Railroad Commission has jurisdiction over natural gas in Texas, the PUC is empowered to examine all electric utilities' contracts for fuel supplies when the utility comes before the commission for a hearing. If any impropriety is found, the fuel supply contract may be disallowed.

The total cost of fuel will be shown separately on all customer's bills and will no longer be included in the base charge.

This will have the effect of insuring that all customers—large and small alike—will pay the same rate for fuel which the electric utility uses for generation. Fuel consumption will thus be paid for on a per-kilowatt-hour basis.

Utilities may continue to charge customers according to the actual cost of serving each class of customer, however.

The service standards set forth by the PUC deal with many areas of company-customer relations. Utilities are required to advise customers of rate changes, deferred payment plans for outstanding bills, and the most economical service available for the individual customer. Deferred payment plans may include a five percent penalty for late payment, but may not include a finance charge.

Applicants for new service who can demonstrate a satisfactory credit rating by supplying generally accepted credit references and those persons aged 65 and older who do not have an outstanding balance for the same utility service will not be required to furnish a deposit. If a deposit for utility service is required, the company will refund such deposit automatically and will pay an interest charge of at least six percent unless the deposit is refunded within thirty days after receipt.

Utility bills will be printed in such a manner that the customer can readily understand and compute his own bill. Residential customers will not be charged a late payment penalty, and the

terms "net" bill and "gross" bill, which will no longer apply to residential bills, will not be used on commercial or industrial bills unless the utility is in fact granting a discount for prompt payment. A copy of the applicable rate schedule will be mailed to the customer by the utility upon his request.

The descendants of Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Riney met at the Lions Club Building for their annual reunion on Sunday, July 11. The Riney family were early settlers in Taylor County.

Three of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Riney are living but were unable to attend the reunion. They are Roy Riney and Mrs. May Bush of Merkel and Claude Riney of Arkansas. Two sons passed away in recent months, Harry Riney of Merkel and J. J. Riney of Slaton.

Relatives attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Don M. Murray of San Antonio; Mr. and Mrs. Warren Higgins of Seguin; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Riney of Lamesa; Mrs. Wayne Bradford and Tiffaney of Oklahoma City; Christi and Kelli Hogan of Seymour; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Justice, Scotty, Rusty and Terrilyn of Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Riney of Trent; Mr. and Mrs. Allie Cummings; Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Campbell, Delinda and Cory all of Abilene.

Also Mr. and Mrs. John Brady, Mike, Christi, Tim and Danny, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Campbell and Vicki, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Richie, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Orsborn, Mr. and Mrs. Irven Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Perry, Mr. and Mrs. June Hogan and Wendy, Mr. and Mrs. David Riney, Kelly and

Riney reunion

Kevin, Eva Denton, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hogan, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Conley and Ricky, Leroy Riney, Mrs. Bink Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Don Riney all of Merkel.

Two visitors attending were Mrs. Curtis Conley and Kim Mashburn.

Noodle church sets revival

The Noodle Baptist Church will hold a revival starting Sunday.

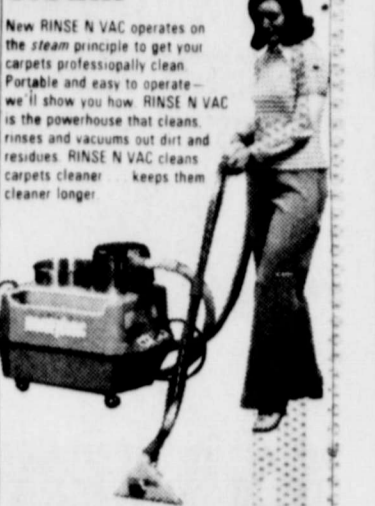
It will continue until July 25.

Prayer service will be at 7:30 p.m. and evening service at 8 p.m.

Pastor is W. E. Nowell, Evangelist will be Knox Waggner, pastor of Cottonwood Baptist Church near Cross Plains. Mr. and Mrs.

John Ayers will be in charge of music. He is director of music at Immanuel Baptist Church in Abilene.

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THE FAMILY OF Salie Justice want to express appreciation to all who served us in so many ways. Thanks to the singers, to those who brought such lovely food, to all who prayed for our dear Mother and helped in any way. May God bless you all.

The Family of Salie Justice
21-1tc

WE WOULD LIKE TO thank everyone for all you did for us in our time of sorrow. For the food, visits, calls, flowers, prayers and your many acts of kindness shown us during the loss of our Mother and wife.

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Turkey prices attractive

Turkey prices are attractive in Texas grocery stores currently--with drumsticks providing "a lot of meat for the money," Mrs. Gwendolyn Clyatt reports.

She recommends turkey for summer meals, starting with rotisserie-roasted turkey, for example, then using leftover turkey for sandwiches, salads and casseroles.

Mrs. Clyatt is a consumer marketing information specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A & M University System.

Other poultry economy focuses on eggs--"a very reasonably priced protein food, even though prices have advanced slightly," she said.

At dairy counters, consumers can expect some features on milk, yogurt, sour cream and a variety of cheeses.

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 69th District Court of Sherman County, of the 3rd day of January 1966, by District Clerk of said Sherman Co. for the sum of Thirty Three Thousand Six Hundred Fifteen & 70/100---Dollars and costs of suit, under a Judgement, in favor of the 1st State Bank of Stratford in a certain cause in said Court, No. 1592 and styled The First State Bank of Stratford vs. Joe A. Horton, placed in my hands for service, I, Jack Landrum as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did, on the 9th day of May 1976, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: 1/10 & 1/8 Undivided interest in Tract 1 All that Lot, Tract or Parcel of land described as Abstract 522, Survey One (1) West

Part of Subdivision as Evers Pasture, D. B. Corley, 21.5 acres, more or less, Merkel School District, Abstract 22, Survey One (1) East Part of Subdivision as Evers Pasture D. B. Corley, 150 acres. More or less Merkel School District, Abstract 522, Survey One (1) East Part of Subdivision as Evers Pasture D. B. Corley, 200 acres more or less Merkel School District, Taylor County, Texas, Tract 2 263 acres, more or less of Lot No. 11, J. A. Evers Subdivision of the D. B. Corley Surveys Nos. 2, 3 and 4, the H. Hand Survey and the J. A. Nabers Survey No. 9, known as the Kenned, Place, Taylor, County Texas, and levied upon as the property of Joe A. Horton and that on the first Tuesday in August 1976, the same being the 3rd 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 Joe A. Horton.

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.

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BACKACHE
Would you like to reduce your chances of ever having a backache? Then stay in shape! Most backaches, particularly low backaches, are caused by inactivity. You can suffer from headaches, digestive disorders, upper back tension and others, but when a low backache strikes, especially the type that sends radiating pain down the leg and into the foot, then you become almost disabled, at best you move about with difficulty and much pain.

Most of us today lead a sedentary life, that is, our daily activity rarely involves any form of exercise. Most of us are a little careless about our diet, consequently, most of us are a little too fat also. This lack of exercise in our everyday life sets the stage for low back trouble. However, not all backaches are caused by lack of exercise. Tumors of the abdomen, gall bladder disease, kidney disease and peptic ulcers can cause backaches. Some backaches are psychosomatic in origin. But in most cases, that backache is caused from letting your muscles, tendons and ligaments lose their tone and elasticity which is needed for good back and spine support.

Muscle weakness is really the key to backaches. Poor posture while standing and sitting, carrying extra pounds around the middle, sleeping on a sagging mattress, improper lifting habits and others, can exert stress and strain on those weak back muscles. As your back and spine begin to weaken due to a weakening of the supporting structures, you become susceptible to disc injury.

Your spinal discs serve as cushions or shock absorbers between each of the vertebra. The discs have a tendency to degenerate and lose some of their elasticity due to a lack of blood supply to the cartilage substance which makes up the discs. This condition, plus a loss of muscular and ligamentous support, makes the disc increasingly susceptible to injury.

The strain from lifting or stretching, a fall or sudden jolt can cause the disc to bulge out or even rupture. When this happens, the disc presses against the adjacent spinal nerve root causing inflammation of the nerve and pain. This very condition can alter the impulses transmitted in the affected nerve thus causing abnormal function of the particular physiology associated with the nerve's transmission.

A slipped disc usually occurs in the low back. If the disc presses against the sciatic nerve, it will cause inflammation of the nerve, a condition known as sciatica. Sciatica can result in radiating pain over the hip, down the leg and into the foot. A slipped disc isn't confined to the low back, it can also occur in the neck causing radiating pain down either arm.

The best way to avoid back trouble is to give your back and spine the muscular support that it needs to withstand your bending, stretching and twisting movements. This muscular support can be acquired through specific exercises. Consult your doctor about what spinal exercises you need and the correct way to perform them.

Remember, if you take care of your back, it will take care of you.



OPEN HOUSE--Mr. and Mrs. Don Hensley greet guests during their open house Sunday, the home during the 2-hour open house of the National Bank President and his family. The house is the first to be completed on the Merkel Country Club estates. It has 3,200 feet of living area.

Cannon wins Mystery Store gift

Jackie Cannon of Merkel won the hanging plant from Ann's Flowers to become the eighth winner in the huge Mystery Store contest now entering its final two weeks. This week's Mystery Store is Crawford's and Castille's will be the final Mystery Store in the 10-week contest providing area shoppers top values by Merkel businesses.

This week's gift from Crawford's is a pair of regular size Percal sheets, one flat and one fitted. It is a \$16 value, Crawford's said.

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

To enter the contest find the word "Crawford'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, Crawford'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 "CRAWFORDS" 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.

New 4-H leader

Dr. John T. Pelham assumed the position of state 4-H and youth leader with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service on July 1. Pelham served as an assistant county Extension agent in Bexar County for three years, was a state 4-H and youth specialist for two years, and for the past four years has been studies and training specialist for the Extension Service.

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Riding club results

The Merkel Riding Club will have its monthly meeting Thursday July 15 at 7:30 at the R. E. A. building. There will be a pot luck supper. Play night, July 10, results:

Western Pleasure (12 and under)-1. Sherri Williams and 2. Candice Henslee.
(13-17)-1. Ann Melton, 2. Jan Melton and 3. Vicki Campbell.
(18 and over)-1. Don Simpson, 2. Della Henslee and 3. Benny Melton.
Barrels (12 and under)-1. Candice Henslee, 2. Sherrie Williams, 3. Eddy Sparks and

4. Robby Williams.
(13-17)-1. Ann Melton, 2. Vicki Campbell, 3. Jan Melton, 4. Kay Butman and 5. Suzanne Byrd.
(18 and over)-1. Walter Henslee, 2. Charles Hatfield and 3. Don Simpson.
Flags (12 and under)-1. Sherri Williams and 2. Eddy Sparks.
(13-17)-1. Vicki Campbell, 2. Jan Melton, 3. Penny Hatfield, 4. Ann Melton and 5. Kay Butman.
(18 and over)-1. Don Simpson.
Poles (12 and under)-1. Eddy Sparks, 2. Sherri Williams and 3. Candice Henslee.
(13-17)-1. Jan Melton, 2. Vicki Campbell, 3. Suzanne Byrd, 4. Ann Melton and 5. Penny Hatfield.
(18 and over)-1. Don Simpson and 2. Charles Hatfield.
Boot Race (5 and under)-1. Tiffany Allday and 2. Traci Boyd.
(6-8)-1. Mike Boyd.
Tie Down Routine-1. Don Simpson, Crawford's
Ribbon Roping-1. Don Simpson and Jamie Allred, Steer Roping-1. Walter Henslee and Felix Boyd, and 2. Felix Boyd and Don Simpson.
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Country Club dining room complete

Members of the Merkel Country Club have received a newsletter from the management outlining progress and goals for the club. It also is announcing the increased cost of a membership after August 1.

The newsletter reveals that remodeling of the kitchen and completion of the dining room is now complete.

The new management has made \$175,000 in improvements since taking over a year ago, according to the report.

Virgil Robbins is the manager of the Country Club. Among the 17 things listed as completed are a new pro shop, new lounge, new kitchen, remodeled dining room, new entry-way to

dining area and lounge, replacement and repair of 80 per cent of the irrigation system; remodeled bathhouse; landscaping, including a new water hazard; new tees and one new green; new cart paths; carts for rental use; new patio for pool and lounge area; new asphalt parking area, well stocked pro shop; new equipment for maintenance; addition of six new employees; and construction started on additional 9 holes.

The nine projects to be completed in the near future include: beautify entry-way to Country Club; two tennis courts; planting of 500 trees for fairway borders and beautification; complete irrigation where needed; city

water for club house use; 12 additional golf carts; new cart sheds; covered entry-way to lounge and dining area; and full 18-hole golf course.

And it was stated that due to heavy expenditures and increased overhead it has been necessary for the Country Club to revise its membership dues and membership structure.

Effective August 1 a full member initiation fee will go from \$100 to \$150 and monthly dues will increase from \$17 to \$25.

A social member will pay \$30 initiation fee and \$10 monthly.

The full membership entitles a member and his family to the free use of all

facilities of the Club while a social membership is for the use of the lounge, dining facilities and swimming.

Too, it announced that Jack Horvath is the new chef and the new menus have arrived with selections from a steak sandwich to broiled lobster.

Horvath comes to the Country Club from Wahweap Lodge and Marina of Del Webb Corporation, Page, Arizona, having previously been self employed in the J & M Enterprises in Phoenix as a food and beverage director of the Hilton in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

His experience is to be utilized in the planning of banquets, parties and outside catering.



WET CEREMONY--Monday's ribbon cutting to dedicate the SUN Water Supply Corporation water plant turned into an especially wet one when the water was officially turned on. The hose lying on the ground began its snake dance and sent spectators scampering until it was brought under control. Among those getting wet shoes and pants was Congressman Omar Burleson (second from right).

New water system dedicated

The SUN Water Supply Corporation held a ribbon cutting ceremony Monday under dripping skies at the pump station north of Merkel.

Congressman Omar Burleson addressed the large group and Vincent Barnett cut the ribbon and turned the water on officially dedicating the new water supply system for residents of the Stith, Union and Noodle communities.

When the water was turned on it really sent Congressman Burleson and other officials scampering. The hose started snaking in every direction until it was snatched and controlled. Thus, the water was officially turned on, Crawford's.

However, it has been on at resident's homes for a couple of weeks now.

Don Newhouse, Taylor County supervisor with the Farmers Home Administration was master of ceremonies and recognized all the officers and board of directors of the SUN Water Supply Corporation.

The system has taken five years in completion with \$440,000 in loan and a \$380,000 grant. Monthly water bill will be \$12.50.

Water operator hired is E. E. Bristow and Mrs. Tom Fox will be secretary.

Barnett received a plaque for his time and personal expenses in getting the water system for the communities. However, the plaque was forgotten and he had to settle for a hand shake Monday morning.

Don Hensley, President of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank praised the effort to get city water to the area and "we are just happy to be a part of it."

Don Hart of Taylor Electric Cooperative recalled that five years ago the project was in the talking stage and now it has become a reality.

He also pointed out that it is a project that has taken a lot of work and that the water system will certainly improve the standard of living for the area as evidenced by the already booming building going on in the area on North 126.

Congressman Burleson praised the FHA and its many good, needed projects for the rural areas. "It is one of the greatest agencies we have," he said.

He recalled that when he was growing up the muddy roads, coal oil lamps and poor water. "I for one certainly don't want to go back to those good old days," he said.

He said that the trend away from farms is reversing. People who left the rural areas for the suburban areas of large cities are now discovering they are part of the problem rather than the solution he said.

He was introduced by John Wolf, vice-president of the Corporation who recalled that the group first met in the spring of 1950 at Dr. Williams home to try to organize the water system.

The new system is one of six in Taylor County.



SPECIAL AWARD--Vincent Barnett receives special recognition for his long service and money and time in helping to get the SUN Water Supply Corporation into operation. He was to receive a plaque but got a handshake from vice-president Joe McDuff when the plaque was left at home by mistake.

AUSTRIAN TORTE ADAPTED FOR EASY LIVING

Aside from wiener schnitzel, Austrian cooking is probably best known for its tortes. Sacher, Viennese, Linzer--these culinary and artistic triumphs are the pride of every Austrian baker.

Torte actually means a flat, round cake. Traditionally, these rich cakes are made with little or no flour, and have 3 or more layers assembled with a variety of luscious fillings. Tortes are usually elaborately decorated.

This Easy Strawberry Torte is as pretty as a classic Austrian cake, yet so simple to prepare. You may use store bought sponge cake layers, or make your own from a favorite recipe. The cakes are split giving you 4 layers which are then alternately filled with strawberry jam and a light custard cream. This pleasing contrast of textures and flavors is typical of Austrian tortes. Royal Custard Flavored Dessert makes the creme filling for this cake a snap to prepare. Simply beat the chilled custard with a whipped topping mix and milk for a light fluffy filling with a rich custard flavor.

A dramatic appearance is essential for a true torte. Decorate this one with fresh whole strawberries, while they're in season, and tinted coconut. Serve with a cool refreshing beverage--the perfect ending for a warm weather meal.



EASY STRAWBERRY TORTE

- 1 package Royal Custard Flavored Dessert
- 1-3/4 cups milk
- 2 packages whipped topping mix
- 2 (8-inch) sponge cake layers, split
- 1 jar (12 ounce) strawberry jam
- Fresh strawberries
- Flaked coconut, tinted green

In a saucepan combine Royal Custard Flavored Dessert and 1 cup milk. Bring to a full boil over a low heat, stirring constantly. Pour into a bowl and chill until firm.

Combine chilled custard, whipped topping mix and remaining 3/4 cup milk. Beat until mixture is smooth and holds peaks. Fill cake layers alternately with whipped custard and strawberry jam. Top cake with remaining whipped custard.

Decorate with strawberries and tinted coconut. Makes one 8-inch cake.

Pack reunion

The families of Mrs. Hazel Pack of Merkel and Mr. and Mrs. Ray S. Parr, Jr. of Stephenville had a get together at Bean's Park on the

Brazos River near Mineral Wells over the July 4th holidays.

Some of the group started setting up tents the Wednesday before and by Saturday there were 8 tents and a large canopy set up with 53 people present.

There was some form of recreation for all, including swimming, fishing, playing baseball on a sand barge in the middle of the river, eighty-four and pocket canasta and of course Ray Pack and his Half Breeds entertained a while Saturday night with guitar music and singing and a few antics thrown in.

Several families left Sunday but there were several families who stayed over until Monday. Everyone had a great time even with rain from time to time. Those present were Hazel Pack, Ernest and Jo Pack, Brenda, Karen, Marlene and Cody, Bon and George English and son Dwayne, Roland and Becki Pack and children Chad and Jill, Ray and Heidi Pack and daughters, Denise and Debbie, Duke and Laura Pack and children, Mandy, Lorena and Destry, Larry and Carolyn Pack and son Jason, Dwayne and Kathy Pack and children, Chris and Delaine, Donald and Mary Parr and daughter Lisa all from Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. Ray S. Parr, Jr. from Stephenville, Charles and Linda Parr and Sherry from Tyler, Jack and Jeannie Parr and children Jeff and Jill, Jerry and Debbie Parr and children Sonya and Shane from Mineral Wells. Friends who were also present were Ronnie and Rosie Holmes from Merkel, Kathy Packs brother, John from Lovington, New Mexico, and Mary Parr's brother and family Joe and Kay Stephens and two sons from Arlington. Hazel Pack accompanied the Ray Parr's home for a short stay.

Coins sought

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Seattle	\$24.21	St. Louis	\$16.63
Philadelphia	\$24.00	Cincinnati	\$15.51
Baltimore	\$23.92	San Francisco	\$15.38
Houston	\$21.75	Minneapolis/St. Paul	\$14.98
Milwaukee	\$21.54	Cleveland	\$14.77
Buffalo	\$21.36	Atlanta	\$14.64
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Sewing demonstration

Roberta Watters, Taylor County Extension Agent, will continue with her Modern Sewing Tips the next two Tuesdays at 2 p.m.

The sewing demonstrations will be at Ben Franklin's in Merkel.



BIG HAUL--Frank and Jessie Sellers are proudly holding up a 25-pound yellow catfish they caught Wednesday morning on a trotline. The Merkel couple had their trotline on the Clear Fork River and it was the only one they caught. Frank said this is the largest fish he had ever caught. Mrs. Sellers admitted what river they caught the fish but said "We won't tell where. That is our secret." She also admitted fishing is tough work and added "If you don't believe me just look at all these bruises on my legs." The couple put the catfish back in the tank in the back of their pickup and made plans for returning to their fishing. They returned Monday and landed a 36-pounder.

Tigers upset champions in Tri-City

The Tye Tigers upended the Ambassadors, 9-3 to highlight Tri-City baseball action last week.

The loss was the first for the Tri-City champion Ambassadors who have finished the season with a 9-1 record. The Tigers and Wizards were to play Tuesday and the Rebels and Lions are to end the regular season Thursday night.

Thus, the Ambassadors are the first Tri-City champions of the newly formed league.

The Wizards are second in the standings with a 7-3 win-loss record while the Tye Tigers are third with a 5-6 mark.

The Ambassadors were held to two hits, a single in the second by Jay Boyd and a single in the fourth by Mike Simms.

They scored once the third when Bobby Orinoneze walked and came home and added two more the fourth with Kyle Wade and Simms scoring.

The Tigers got four hits, triples by Darri Dawson and Donald Hogwood the second, a single by Dawson the fourth and a double by Mack Copeland the fifth.

They produced three runs the second with Dawson scoring Dee Glothyn and Gary

Arnold and Hogwood scoring Dawson. Glothyn scored the third and Victor Herrera and Copeland scored the fourth, Copeland, Eric Maddox and Donald Chaney added three more the fifth inning.

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All-Stars battle Monday

Little League All-Star action gets under way Monday at Merkel's Little League diamond and will continue Tuesday.

The Merkel All-Stars will meet Hamilton All-Stars at 7:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday's contest features Rotan and Stonewall-Kent, also in a 7:30 p.m. contest.

Winners then meet for the championship.

The Merkel team has been busy working daily to mold into a team in preparation for the tournament.

Named to the All-Star team are Ronnie Williams, Ray Johnson, Greg Beasley, Ricky Biera, Greg Dickinson, W. A. Kinder, Sammy Tumlinson, Mike Hager, Willy Townsend, Richard Beaver, Danny Riggan, Royce Fowler, O. C. McKeehan, Bubba Atkinson and Manuel Biera.

EASY FRESH PEACH COBBLER

1/2 cup butter, melted
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 cup milk
1 cup all-purpose flour
2 tsp. baking powder
2 cups peeled, sliced peaches
1/3 cup sugar
1/2 tsp. cinnamon

Combine butter, 1/2 cup sugar, milk, flour and baking powder in a 2-quart baking dish. Put peaches on top. Combine 1/3 cup sugar and cinnamon. Sprinkle on top of peaches. Bake in preheated 375-degree oven for 40-45 minutes. Best when served warm. Yield: 4-5 servings.

For additional dairy recipes send a postcard request to Commissioner John C. White, Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711.

TRI-CITY STANDINGS

Team	W	L
Ambassadors	9	1
Wizards	7	3
Tye Tigers	5	6
Hicks Rebels	2	7
Trent Lions	2	8

RESULTS

Wizards 13, Rebels 11
Ambassadors 16, Lions 7
Wizards forfeit over Tigers
Lions 15, Rebels 10
Ambassadors 7, Wizards 2
Tigers 17, Lions 5
Rebels vs. Ambassadors, rained out
Wizards forfeit over Lions
Tigers forfeit over Rebels
Tigers 9, Ambassadors 3
Wizards vs. Rebels, rained out

SCHEDULE

TUESDAY--Tigers vs. Wizards
THURSDAY--Rebels vs. Lions

Bumper Grain Harvest Revitalizes State's Feedlots

AUSTIN--The slump that hit feedlots in Texas and the nation in 1973 seems to finally be over, and indications are that more grain-fed beef will be showing up in markets across the state.

"The state's feedlot owners rang in the new year with red meat production in January 1976 showing a 27 percent increase over production during the same period in 1975," Agriculture Commissioner John C. White said.

Cattle and calf slaughter accounts for a large part of the overall red meat figure, White explained.

A bumper crop of the feed grains--corn and sorghum--helped the feedlot recovery by resulting in cheaper feed. Total stocks (including oats and barley) as of April 1 were estimated at 144 million bushels, 34 percent above a year ago.

Wheat production during 1975 reached a record 131.1 million bushels. The sorghum crop of 374.4 million bushels was the second largest on record, as was the corn crop of 113.3 million bushels. The oat crop, at 19.5 million bushels, more than doubled the 1974 crop.

Women prep for tourney

The Merkel Ladies Golf Association are making final plans for the Third Ladies Golf Tournament July 24 at Merkel Country Club.

The tourney will be 18 hole handicap partnership play with the field limited to the first 32 teams to enter. Entries have been received from Abilene, Snyder, Colorado City, Winters and

Merkel thus far.

The women met Tuesday night to finalize plans for the one-day tournament which gets under way at 9 a.m. preceded by coffee and donuts from 8 to 9 a.m.

Entry fee will be \$15 per team and carts \$7 per team. Lunch and awarding of prizes will follow the tournament, Crawford's

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NEW ADDITION--The Cunningham family was increased by two recently with the adoption of Shaina and Roy. Other members of the family are standing, left to right, Robert, Alice, Tammie and Sue is sitting in front of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Cunningham, owners of the Dairy Bar in Merkel. The happy family has one problem, however, they have but one puppy. However, Mrs. Cunningham says they make up for it when they go to the farm. Roy is 4 years old and the always-smiling Shaina is 6. She said it has taken about 3 months to get the paperwork completed and that now they are just "one big happy family."

Abilene firm gets water billing contract

The Merkel City Council authorized Unitab Company of Abilene to start doing the city's water bills during its regular meeting at City Hall Thursday morning.

Unitab Company submitted a contract offer after City Coordinator J. A. Sadler was authorized to contact them about the cost of doing the city's bills when the Merkel's billing machine broke last month.

Replacement of the billing machine was estimated at \$10-12,000 at a previous meeting. Plus, a maintenance contract would be necessary at an additional cost of at least \$50 per month.

Due to the idea of a large loan plus interest the City Council elected to consider the automated data-processing service as a more economical way of handling the 970 monthly billings.

The contract will be for a year, starting August 1 and will cost the city 17 cents per bill or \$164.30 per month. Sadler said it will cost the city another 13 cents each

for stamps and at least 3 cents for envelopes to get the bills to customers for a total cost of 33 cents per bill. Unitab will do only the billing and return the bills to Merkel for checking and mailing, Sadler said.

Too, it will cost \$650 to \$800 initial cost for setting up the accounts for the computer firm. However, Sadler pointed out the City will get the programmed tapes at the end of the year if they decided not to renew the contract.

Mayor Lou David Allen said the Unitab offer "beats adding machine, I think."

National Cash Register also submitted an offer but before it was read, the Council elected to go with the computer company.

Councilman Kent Satterwhite said, "I hate to see anything leave here (Merkel) but under the circumstances we have no choice."

Too, Sadler stated that it appears the bookkeeping machines are in the process of going down in price. "They

are like any of these other adding machines and electronic equipment, when they first came out they were especially high. Now, they have gone down considerably."

He gave an example of a bid the city received in October last year of \$11,046.12 and now for the same machine the price range is \$9,233.

The contract offer, signed by Jack Williams, president of Unitab Company said the initial setup fee is to cover the costs of loading the master files to the computer. The master file would include each meter connection name and address, account number, last meter reading, present balance, type of service for water, sewer and garbage, loading the master rate tables, checking out the complete programs and designing all reports and forms.

It is estimated this charge will not exceed \$800 based on regular hourly rates for each function. This is the maximum and setup cost was

estimated at \$650 to \$700 by Unitab.

The monthly 17-cent processing fee will include: Pickup from meter books current readings; record all starts, stops and address changes; record all receipts of collections and corrections; compute and print billings for water, sewer and garbage; print past-due notices for all delinquent accounts prior to disconnection; and print management reports of water consumption, current account status and current reading of meter. Sadler said the new system will allow the city to have more up to date records on water consumption and on money paid and owed. However, revaluation of present charges will have to be conducted for garbage pickup because of varying rates.

The billing had to be done by hand last month when the billing machine broke down and is not considered feasible to continue this method with the limited number of city employees.

While the fee is 17 cents each, there is a minimum monthly cost of \$125, should the number of accounts drop that low.

The processing time requires three working days.

Total estimated cost for the year using 970 connections is \$1,978.80 plus the initial \$650 to \$700 fee.

In other action the City Council named Robert Harris an assistant Fire Marshall in order that the city may send a Fire Marshall to a one-week school at Texas A & M.

Fire Marshall Wayne Adcock cannot attend the school and it takes two firemen and a Fire Marshall attending to get full credit and help the city to get a lower insurance rate.

The Council also approved the payment of registration expenses to attend the school which includes meals and lodging.

There was one bid to provide the City with workmen's compensation insurance as required, starting this month. Boney Insurance was the only one submitting a bid--\$3,887--which was accepted by the City Council. It may be paid monthly.

The Council also approved members of the equalization board who will meet later this month. Named to the board are Don Dudley, Alf Walla, Bill Tate, Annette Clark, Betty Tittle and Connie Mack Seymour.

A police department discussion was on the agenda in order that it could be brought up should anyone desire to. None did.

So, the talk turned to the July 4 weekend when Sadler pointed out he assisted with patrolling during the daytime and that everything was extremely quiet.

The City has hired a part-time policeman--Leroy Williams--but is still looking for a fulltime patrolman to replace the one fired recently.

Sadler was officially sworn in as a peace officer by the Mayor, which authorizes him to assist with police duty when the need warrants.

There was some discussion of the situation of debris and litter in the lot next to Ben Franklin, especially during the holiday weekend. Sadler said he took \$5 out of the city treasury and paid to have the lot cleared after a rather busy Saturday night at the lot.

Mayor Allen admitted there isn't much the city can do to stop the littering of beer cans and debris on the lot since it is private property.

Turning to the accounts, the Council approved payment of \$13,697.75 for June.

Among individual items, Sadler explained the \$579.89 lost to Trans-Tex for pipe. He pointed out that for almost the same price he has been buying 1,000 feet of 2-inch pipe, Trans-Tex provided 1,000 feet of 2-inch pipe, 1,000 feet of 1-inch pipe and 1,000 feet of 3/4-inch pipe.

"We got 2,000 more feet of pipe and got it for \$54 less than we were paying for only 1,000 feet," Sadler told the Council.

Too, shipping charges were paid by Trans-Tex when the City ordered more than \$300 worth of pipe.

The City's bank balance shows \$51,099.73 plus \$20,000 in certificate of deposits at the end of June.

This is a \$22,072.04 improvement over the City's financial condition of June, 1975.

Letters to the editor

Attend meetings to be informed

Dear Editor,

Two weeks ago Mr. Heady wrote to you in disgust over the firing of one of our policemen. He said the officer didn't have any chance to defend himself. The law clearly states in Article 6252-17 Section 2, Subsection g of Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes that a council can hold a closed meeting when discussing personnel problems, unless the officer or employee requests a public hearing. But the final decision can only be made in an open meeting. It's apparent that either the officer didn't want a public hearing, or wasn't given the chance to request a public hearing. I don't know the reason there wasn't one, and I'm not trying to imply that any injustice was done. I merely stated the law

and the only two possible reasons for there not being a public hearing. Yet I can't help but wonder had there been a public hearing, how much of the public would have showed up?

Mr. Heady said that evidently respect of the citizens, manners and what the people want doesn't matter. Apparently, the people don't think they're very important because they won't speak up. If these people would come to council meetings and let their opinions be known, things like this might not happen. It doesn't matter what the people want if they don't care enough to let it be known to the proper officials, not just among each other.

It's not the council's job to come to us and ask us what to do. Mr. Heady said "You

all know where to find me." I am sure also that he knows where to find them, especially twice a month. It is the citizen's job as stockholders in a million dollar corporation to let the council know what they want and the kind of city government they expect to receive. After all, they put them in office to begin with.

I don't imagine that we are any less busy than each council member. They have full-time jobs and families, too. If they can give a couple hours a month to run the city, couldn't we give a couple hours a month to see that it's run the way we want?

I know it's inconvenient and sometimes impossible to come to council meetings at seven o'clock in the morning, but the council members and

the mayor have to get up an hour earlier, too. If enough people had voiced their opinion it might have been possible to move the meetings to a later time in the evening. But that also would have eliminated most excuses for not coming to the meetings.

I want to say right now, that I'm not "blasting" Mr. Heady or anyone else. I am just using this as an example of what I have been saying for months. Mr. Heady said "This is the first time in over 50 years of my life that I have ever wanted to become involved in city politics." That is the very reason the city politics are the way they are.

Ten people attended the council meeting on June 7 when the city's budget was

discussed. At the next meeting the time was changed to 7 a.m.

I know this eliminates most of the men, especially if they work in Abilene. But I know it can't eliminate them all. And I know I'm not the only wife and mother in the city of Merkel that doesn't work at a secular job.

The meeting this morning, July 8th, had an item on the agenda marked "Police Department Discussion," yet no one showed up. The Chief of Police was there for comment if anything was to be discussed. I presume no one showed up because they didn't know about it.

For the public's information, the law requires the agenda to be posted 72 hours prior to the council meeting, so the public can know what will be considered at the meeting. All you have to do is go by and read the agenda which would only take about 5 minutes. The law also requires that the agenda has to be posted in a place readily accessible to the general public at all times. (Subsection a of Section 3, Article 6252-17 V. T. C. S. as amended in 1975.) I think it's quite obvious that a billboard inside a building that is only open from 8-5, Monday thru Friday is not readily accessible to the general public at all times. Simply placing the agenda on the inside of the large window on the door so it could be read from the outside of the building 24 hours a day would make it readily accessible to the public, as it should be.

Even if the public didn't attend each meeting, they would know what would be discussed and could make a point to be there if any item was of special interest to them. I know every person can't attend every meeting. But some is much better than none. And the regular attendance of people that can come is even better. If you've never been involved, don't let that stop you either. It's much better to be late getting started than to never start. I truly hope Mr. Heady and the people he's talked to will do more than "want" to get involved, but will get involved.

I'd also like to take this time to thank you, Mr. Dingler, for the way you have run the paper; printing the facts as they stand, and for printing the letters from the readers, even if the items written about aren't too popular.

The Abilene paper has a quote on it which I feel you have fulfilled to the utmost. It is a quote from Byron saying "Without or with offense to our friends or foes we sketch your world exactly as it goes." Thank you, again for a job well done.

Dallen Roysden

Rehire Policeman

Dear Sir,

We are writing this letter in regard to the recent Merkel Policeman who was fired. We, the residents of Merkel believe Cliff Collins was one of the finest patrolmen we have ever seen. Mr. Collins is a very devoted man to his work. He answers every call immediately and is very concerned to keep order in this City of Merkel.

We feel that the Merkel Police could and would do a more effective job with this man back on our police force. Since our Merkel Police is understaffed I urge the City Council to consider to reinstate Cliff Collins to our Merkel Police.

Sincerely,
Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Holcomb
Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Jernigan
Mr. and Mrs. R. Frama
Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Pack

Computer link

The Community Resource Development (CRD) program of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service can now give faster, more efficient service through direct links with computers in Washington, D. C. The service is known as the Federal Assistance Program Retrieval System (FAPRS) and is designed to provide information to local community leaders regarding availability of federal rural development grant and loan programs. Access to the service in Texas is through Extension personnel, points out the CRD program leader for the Extension Service.

Texas Watermelon Crop Plagued by Bad Weather

AUSTIN--Having survived less than ideal growing conditions, the state's watermelon crop is now being harvested.

"Harvest began in South Texas, and then moved to the Coastal Bend and the Lower Rio Grande Valley. It is now underway in Central Texas and Winter Garden fields," Agriculture Commissioner John C. White reported.

Tonnage is expected to be somewhat lower than usual, although planted acreage in the state is the same as the last two years, at 55,000 acres, White said.

Quality is reported excellent in most areas. Most growers in South

Texas, the Coastal Bend and Lower Rio Grande Valley report that the growing season this year was too cool and wet, resulting in shorter tonnage.

Some fields in the Valley have been hit with disease while others suffered severe hail damage. However, fields in that area are in the final stages of harvest.

In East Texas, excessive rainfall has damaged some of the crop, while in North Texas, some hail damage was reported following a late-June storm.

But despite adverse weather, watermelon supplies should be adequate, Commissioner White said.

Highway work under way


Highway construction contracts let in June by the State Highway and Public Transportation Commission include work in Taylor County.

The work will be supervised by District Engineer Roger G. Welsh.

A contract was awarded to J. H. Strain & Sons, Inc. of Tye. Low bid was \$328,890.97.

The project, which will require an estimated 240 working days, is for safety im-

provements on Interstate Highway 20 from the Nolan County line to the west urban limits of Abilene, a distance of 15.4 miles.



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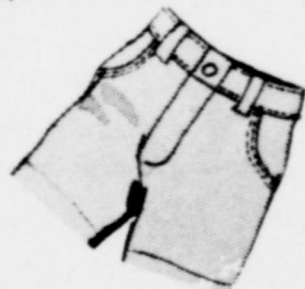
4-H Congress

4-H youth from throughout the state who will be participating in the Texas 4-H Congress July 27-30 in Austin will have an opportunity to get involved in the law-making process. The youth will actually take part in the process of presenting a bill before the Texas Legislature, points out a state 4-H and youth leader for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Congress will be headquartered at the Stephen F. Austin Hotel.

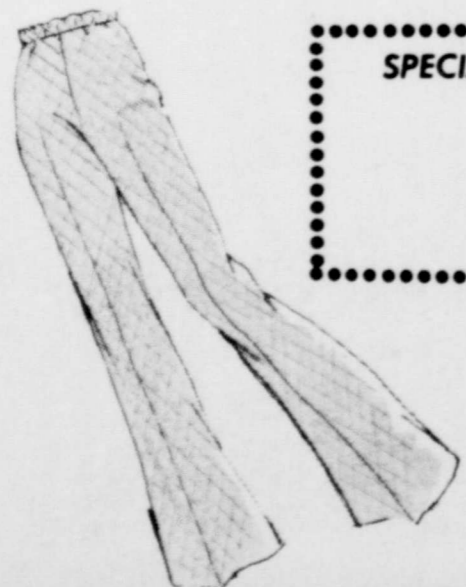
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Watts, Moore exchange vows

Marriage vows were exchanged Saturday July 10 by Rita Ann Watts and Shawn Joel Moore at Tye Baptist Church in a candle light ceremony performed by Rev. Leonard Payne.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Watts of Merkel. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Moore of Tye.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. The ceremony was performed under an archway of greenery sprinkled with apricot and yellow roses, topped by staggered candles. The archway was flanked by candelabras of lighted candles. The unity candle stationed in the center.

The bride wore a formal train length gown of white satin with white overlay of net and brocade. The bodice, sleeves and hem of gown sprinkled with seed pearls. Her train length veil was held with a cap of white lace and seed pearls.

The bride carried a white Bible topped with a cascade of white poms, daisies, baby's breath, apricot roses with white streamers.

Kay Holland, the bride's

sister was maid of honor. She wore a floor length yellow crepe dress trimmed with variegated lace and ribbons, a matching picture hat, with matching net and ribbons. She carried a yellow rose, baby's breath with yellow and apricot streamers. Bridesmaids were Tonya Moore sister of the bridegroom, Kandace Claridy of Hillsboro, and Karen Clark of Leakey. They wore matching floor length apricot crepe dresses trimmed with variegated lace and ribbons, with matching picture hats. They carried matching apricot sweetheart roses, baby's breath with apricot and yellow streamers.

The flower girl was Cristi Moore of Tye in matching apricot attire. She carried a white basket of white daisies and rose petals.

Bryan Robertson nephew of the bride, attired in a black tuxedo, apricot shirt, was ring bearer.

Debbie Phillips and Paula King lighted candles wearing matching apricot and yellow floor length gowns, following thru with apricot and yellow hairpieces.

David Kraatz of Tye attired in tuxedo of accre jacket, black pants and yellow shirt was best man.

Groomsmen attired in black tuxedos with matching apricot shirts were, David Sparks of Tye, Maury Moore the bridegroom's brother and Michael Steck of Stephenville.

Alton Hallmark of Moran, David McFall of Abilene, Ray King and David King attired in black tuxedos with apricot and yellow shirts seated guests.

Pam Prather sang "Always" accompanied by Michael Steck on the piano. Rev. Leonard Payne sang "The Wedding Prayer" accompanied by Nancy Moore on the organ. Karla Moore was in charge of the guest book.

The reception was hosted by the bride's parents using the brides chosen colors of apricot and yellow in the fellowship hall of the church.

Assisting the grooms table were Karla Moore and Linda Montgomery of Hillsboro.

Assisting in serving were Mrs. Elmo Moore, Gayla Tolver, Mrs. Pam King, Mrs. David McFall, Mrs. Paul Moore, Mrs. Johnny Teaff, Mrs. Bill Morgan, Mrs. Jack Boone, Mrs. Orlin Smith, Suzette Smith, Laura Smith and Patty Sosebee. Doug and Todd Adams presided over the rice bag table.

Following a wedding trip through South Texas the couple will be at home in Merkel.

Both the bride and bridegroom are graduates of Merkel High School. The bridegroom is employed by West-Tex Drilling Company in Abilene. The bridegroom's parents hosted the rehearsal dinner at Wyatts Cafeteria.

Pam Dorton plans wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Lester F. Dorton of Victoria announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Pam, to Wayne Stewart, son of Mrs. Evelyn Whitaker.

A July 30 wedding is planned at 6:30 p.m. in First United Methodist Church.

The bride-elect has completed two years at Victoria College and is formerly of Merkel.

The prospective groom is a sophomore at Abilene Christian University.

Russell reunion

The Russell reunion was held July 10-11 at Sweetwater lake at the Leo Harris "Hide-away". Seven Russell children were present along with 52 kinfolks and friends Darwin Warlick of Fort Worth was awarded the golf trophy, Ralph Russell of Bossier City, Louisiana who was presented a beautiful appaloosa trophy. Jimmy Gordon Russell of Neosho, Missouri was master of ceremonies.

The noon meal was served from Allen's Fried Chicken of Sweetwater.

The reunion is always held the 2nd weekend in July.

Mrs. John Warlick of Abilene became ill and had to be taken to Hendrick hospital Saturday evening. She is in A513.

Jewell Deaton rites held

Funeral services for Inez Jewell Deaton, 72, of Abilene were held Tuesday at Elliott-Hamil Chapel of Faith.

She died Sunday at Hendrick Memorial Hospital.

The Rev. L. L. Trott officiated, assisted by Dr. Joe Temple. Burial was in Elmwood Memorial Park.

Born July 12, 1903, in Blair, she married O. L. Mayfield in Merkel in 1938. After his death, she married O. D. Deaton May 9, 1940, in Clarendon, Arkansas. She moved to Abilene from Alabama in 1958.

She was a former recipient of the chiropractic woman of the year award of the women's auxiliary of the District 7 Texas State Chiropractic Association. She was a long-time Sunday school teacher at First Baptist Church, where she was a member and was active in the Women's

Gideon Auxiliary.

Survivors include her husband; two daughters, Peggy Vinson of Abilene and Martha Chrane of Dallas; a step-daughter, Carolyn Burton of Thomasville, Missouri; her mother, Mrs. Will Walker of Abilene; a sister, LaDeene Roberts of Abilene; three brothers, Carl Walker of El Paso, O. B. Walker of Abilene and Harold Walker of Merkel; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Final rites held for Sallie Justice

Funeral services were held Sunday at Merkel Church of Christ for Sallie Justice, 91, of Merkel who died Friday at Bur-Mont Nursing Center in Abilene after a lengthy illness.

Dr. Keith Justice of Abilene Christian University officiated, assisted by Larry Gill, associate minister of Merkel Church of Christ. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Born December 22, 1884, in Nacogdoches County, she married Oscar Justice December 20, 1903, in Nacogdoches County. She was the oldest of 10 children. She and her husband moved to Merkel in 1924. He died in 1968. She was a member of Merkel Church of Christ.

Survivors include two sons, V. R. Justice of Merkel and C. L. Justice of Arlington; two daughters, Mrs. Hugh

Kelly of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Mrs. Clifford Rhoden of Abilene; a brother, E. H. Smith of Kilgore; two sisters, Mrs. Herbert Finsterwald of

Wheeler and Mrs. Claud Hiltbrenner of Siamrock; 11 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

Compre News

Compre Home Demonstration Club spent a day in Abilene on July 8. Eight members enjoyed lunch, movies, shopping and sight-seeing. Those attending were Mmes: Ab Hunter, Clyde Chancey, Hazel Spurgin, Don adair, Clayton Dillard, Clarence Allen, Hugh Taylor and Clyde Mimms.

Regular club meetings will be resumed in September. The meetings are open to all who wish to attend.

Darby engaged

Beverly Darby, daughter of Mrs. W. R. Darby of Trent, has announced her engagement and approaching marriage to Robert J. Stennis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Stennis of Amarillo.

The couple plan a September 4 wedding.

She is taking medical technology training in Amarillo at the present time and he is a bank examiner in Austin.

Thompson dies

Mrs. Ollie Fox's brother, Ernest Thompson died recently at Pacific City, Oregon.

Five brothers and two sisters survive. One brother lives in Dickens, Texas, four live in California and a sister, Mrs. Ola Lane lives in Mountainair, New Mexico.

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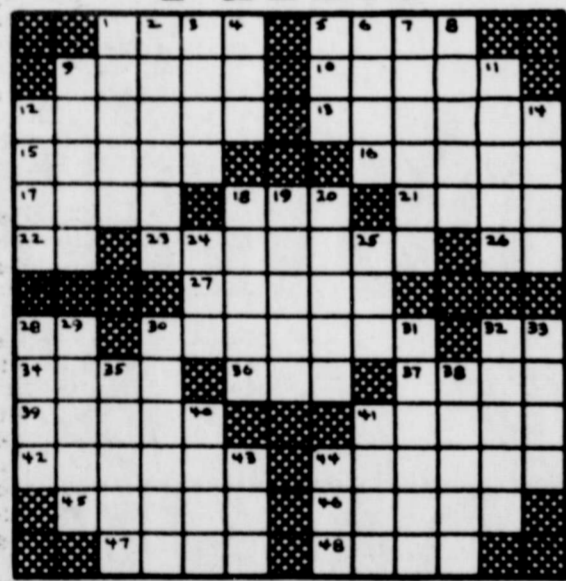
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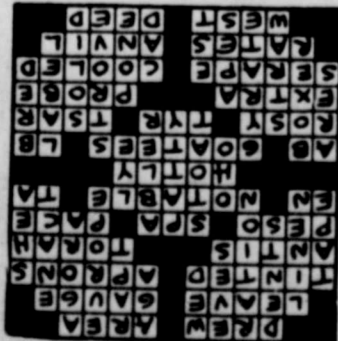
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Puzzle



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| ACROSS | 45. Service charges | 20. More capable |
| 1. Pulled | 46. Blacksmith's block | 24. Exclamation |
| 5. Region | 47. Direction | 25. Strong alkaline |
| 9. Depart | 48. Act | 28. Greek war god |
| 10. Estimate | | 29. Pugilist |
| 12. Colored | | 30. Whirl |
| 13. Stage fronts | DOWN | 31. Tried hard |
| 15. Those against | 1. Blow marks | 32. Mark with a name |
| 16. Books of Moses | 2. Apportion | 33. Brought up |
| 17. Cuban coin | 3. Nights before | 35. Dried grain stalk |
| 18. Mineral spring | 4. Marry | 38. Not hollow |
| 21. Step | 5. Turkish title | 40. Mimics assembly |
| 22. Printer's measure | 6. Enraptured | 41. Corn meal cake |
| 23. Prominent | 7. Continent | 43. Suffix; highest degree |
| 26. Tantalum; chem. | 8. Greek | 44. Ill-bred person |
| 27. Fungently | 9. Flax cloth | |
| 28. Jewish month | 11. Decree | |
| 30. Small beards | 12. Narrow strip | |
| | 14. African tree | |
| | 18. Ermine | |
| | 19. Little pie | |

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