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News and

By Martha Sue Justice

Thoughts

According to Bob Bullock, Comptroller of Public Accounts,-Newspapers are now subject to the state and local sales tax, but they won't be for long. A bill approved by the legislature and signed by the governor exempts newspaper and magazine sales from the tax effective August 29th.

Casual Comments from Agri-News-BAITING THE SHERIFF. When 11 million worms were stolen from a wholesale worm ranch in Casper, Wyoming, the sheriff's department was deluged with leads. "Talk to the nearest 500-pound sparrow," suggested one caller. "Question the rainbow trout," giggled another. "Trace them by looking under their tails for identification numbers," volunteered a third. A reward has been offered! The worms were valued at \$50,000.

The Merkel Youth Center is now open for the summer. The hours are 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. special activities have been planned. For more information, call Mrs. Leon Harris at 928-5859.

This Health Tip comes from the American Medical Association.-REYE'S SYNDROME-Reye's Syndrome is a serious illness that often is fatal to children. It usually follows shortly after a viral illness, such as flu or chicken pox. Of the thousands of children that come down with the flu each winter, only a few, statistically, will develop Reye's Syndrome. But for those few it will be very serious. Usually the child will have completely recovered from the first illness and be back in school or at play before the symptoms of Reye's appear. Sudden, persistent vomiting is almost always the first sign, followed closely by complaints of fatigue, general listlessness and apathy. If your child shows these symptoms, contact your doctor immediately. Mental disorientation occurs soon after the vomiting ceases. The child may become totally irrational-screaming, striking out, and unable to recognize family members and other familiar faces. Unconsciousness soon follows. Reye's Syndrome is not always fatal. Sixty per cent of children affected in a 1974 epidemic recovered completely, and doctors now are guided by lessons learned during that outbreak. You can better the odds of recovery by watching your child carefully after any viral illness and by acting quickly to get help if he displays any of the symptoms of Reye's Syndrome. (Frank Chappell, Science News Editor for AMA.)

Mike Ditka, Assistant by more than sixty people were going to use their Roger Stauback is in bethelp in eliminating the schedule looks even coach of the Dallas Cow- from Merkel and sur- "Million Dollar Baby terphysical condition than possibility of so many in-rougher than it was last Coach of the Dallas Cow- from Merkel and sur-

boys was a special guest rounding area. Rookie'' this season. Ditka speaker Monday night at the Country Club of Mer- film was shown for the figured out yet how we're figured kel. His appearance was first time on the highlights going to pay him!" sponsored by the Merkel of the 1976 season. After-Chamber of Commerce. Mike's appearance in minute question and person as he appears on year. Ierkel was to enlighten answer session. TV----except in the locker New Merkel was to enlighten answer session.

everyone on the prospects of the 1977 football season. This occasion was open for this upcoming season. to the public and attended Someone asked if they

time or two.

Mike Ditka, Asst. Coach of the Dallas Cowboys,

guest speaker at The Country Club of Merkel

up his arms and shoulders quarterbacks this year, Ditka said that Tom and believes he will have Staubach, White, and one question and answer wards Ditka held a 30 to 40 Landry is as calm in one of his best seasons this of the two rookie quarter- period, everyone enjoyed

Newhouse was said to be on the draft. There was a lengthy room, where he has been in great shape and trying According to Ditka, the well received and said he discussion on the rookies known to raise his voice a to lose a little weight. Cowboys are looking for-would try to make it back - Ditka said that they feel ward to an outstanding to Merkel in the near According to Ditka, that his weight loss might season even though their future.

year. He also mentioned Ditka said that the Cow- that they did have Tampa

After completion of the backs that were picked up a plain ole gab session.

Mike Ditka was very

Church.

Prominent Merkelite, Earl Hughes Sr., Dies

home after a long illness. Funeral Home. Services will be 4 p.m.

McAnally, pastor, Taylor County in the late Lynward Harrison, a reofficiated. Masonic grave- was the manager of the loughby, Ohio, and Mrs. bearers.

Earl Hughes Sr., 76, a side services will be at West Texas Utilities of- Brandon Wade of Merkel: Merkel civic leader, died Rose Hill Cemetery, fice. He retired from WTU three brothers, John of at 2 p.m. Saturday at his directed by Starbuck in 1965. He was a council-

The Revs. Russell was the tax collector for Lodge.

1920s and the tax collector

Born December 7, 1900, during the late 1950s and Colorado; four sisters, Monday, June 6th at the in Mulberry Canyon, he early 1960s. He was a Mrs. Spencer Bird of Fort First United Methodist married Lamoyan Baker member of the Methodist Worth, Mrs. Gibb Elliott of July 31, 1921 in Abilene. He Church and the Masonic Arlington, Mrs. Comora

tired Methodist minister, for the City of Abilene in wife; a son, Earl Jr. of dren; and seven greatand Kenneth Jones, pastor the early 1930s. He moved Abilene; two daughters, grandchildren. of the First Baptist Church to Merkel in 1945 where he Mrs. Richard Spotz of Wil-

Merkel, William of man and mayor of Merkel Houston, and Wayne of Barrick of Grand Prairie and Mrs. Powell Miller of Survivors include his Colorado; nine grandchil-Masons were pall-

ve Elementary

I dare not mention this persons name again so quickly in this column,-but I will tell you what she did this week and you'll probably guess who it is. A young lady that we all know and love, (She Doesn't Work At The Merkel Mail) and works here in Merkel began typing a letter and had stopped typing to a ask a fellow employee how to spell a name. After finding out how to spell the name correctly, she turned back to her typewriter and realized----she didn't even have any paper in her typewriter. I don't think you could say she's a Ding-A-Ling----probably just overworked! If you have no idea who this person is----just call---I will happily give you a few hints.

Congratulations are in order for the new Allsups convenience Store. According to the manager their Grand Opening was very successful.

Question For The Day-Is each person in your life of far greater value than all your activities?

Thought For The Day-There is so little time to do what God would have me do and so little time to be what God would have me be!

Vacation Bible School

June 13th-17th

Baptist, and in recent Arena on I-20 West.

portunity to enroll their Saturday June 11th at 9:00

children in a worthwhile a.m. There will be a full

beginning of school. The The schedule pastor said that the church are as follows:

years has been held late in

the summer prior to the

had decided to plan for an early school this year, to

give parents the op-

mer is upon us."

Vacation Bible School will be held at First Baptist Church in Merkel, June 13-17, pastor Kenneth F. Jones has announced. The school will begin at 9 o'clock each morning and will conclude at 11:30 a.m.

"Classes and departments will be provided for boys and girls from age three through the sixth school grade," Jones stated, "and we want to invite the children of the community to come and take part in our Vacation Bible School. Each day's activities will include "We have a competent for each age group along worship, Bible stories, and reliable faculty, and with trophies for five handwork, games, and re- we look forward to the places in each event. freshments.

Vacation Bible School is



Marijuana Plant on Display at City Hall

Merkel Police Recover More Marijuana

The Merkel Police De- of the alley of South 2nd partment again recovered and Lewis streets.

numerous growing marijuana plants about 2:10 p.m., June 3rd. According to the local had growing plants and would be there for at least

authorities, the plants were confiscated by the three months. His mother were found in the vicinity Merkel Police.

Open Horse Show June 11th and 12th

The Taylor County awards for the horse show Sheriff Posse in conjunc-Saturday June 11th at tion with the Abilene Con-6:00 p.m. and Sunday June 12th at 3:00 p.m. Jackpot vention and Visitors Bureau and Cowboy Calf Roping, age groups 40 Campfire Cook-Off will and under, 40 and over sponsor an Open Horse with two go's in each age Show, a Jackpot Calf Rop-ing and Jackpot Barrel will be awarded to the Race on Saturday and fastest average for each Sunday June 11th and 12th, age group. an annual affair at First at the Old Abilene Town

time

Saturday June 11th at 6:00 p.m. and Sunday at The schedule of events 5:00 p.m. Jackpot Team Roping, two go's with Comstock Buckles for team with fastest average **Open Horse Show will be**

teaching activity, "before schedule of halter events the dead heat of the sum- with English Pleasure, Sunday June 12th at 1:00 Western Pleasure, Reinp.m. Jackpot Barrel Racing, Barrels, Flags and ing. There will be open "All parents are invited Poles. The age groups are Classes, Novices Classes to enroll their children in 14 and under, 15 and over. and a Junior Class for 14 our Vacation Bible Each event will be \$5.00 and under. Comstock School," the pastor said. with a high point award Buckle to individual with fastest average time. An electric timer will be used. For additional informaweek of learning and fun There is a total of more tion contact Butch Albus with the boys and girls." than \$1,000 in prizes and at 677-5270.

Child Needs Correspondence

Critically Burned

Russell Hughes, 13 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Hughes of Pampa. Texas and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Ford Smith Jr. of Merkel, was critically burned in a home fire Saturday, May 14, 1977. Russell received second and third degree burns over 70 per cent of his body and was rushed by plane to the Shrine Burn Several vacant lots in Institute in Galveston. this particular area also Texas. The doctors said he

is with him.

not matter whether or not he knew the sender of them, that he really appreciated each one. His address is: **Russell Hughes** Room 313

Shrine Burn Institute 610 Texas Avenue Galveston, Texas 77550

His Dad who had just

returned from visiting him

over the weekend said his

morale is very low and

that he is in so much pain.

ward each day for mail--

card--letters. He said it did

He said he looked for-

Rabies Clinic June 11th

> The Merkel Fire Department will sponsor a **Rabies Vaccination Clinic** Saturday, June 11, 1977 from 1:00 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. at the Fire Station. Dr. B. E. Alldridge Jr. of Sweetwater will administer the vaccinations. Cost will be \$4.00 per shot.

Twenty-two Taylor County 4-Hers go to College Station

Twenty-two 4-Hers from s e n d, Kelly McCowan, Taylor County will be Maury Moore and Vernon leaving the Old County Presswood, Randy Ford, Courthouse Tuesday, June Gordon Asbury and J. B. Mauldin, Terry Criner, at 7:30 a.m. for the Texas A & M Campus in Valerie Thacker, Sue Johnson, Chuck DuBose, College Station to compete Lori Wolf and Kelly Allen. in State 4-H Round-Up. Thos participating will be: Vicki and Lee Reddin, Stephanie Wicker, Tonya Moore and Cindy Boone, Mark Willis and Otto already be cooking Beef contest, Snyder collected Carter, Scott Ake and Chop Suey when the above 14 hits and Merkel 10. Matt Tarpley, John Towngroup starts traveling.

Michelle Willis, the State Food Show partic- Merkel. The Tejanitos ipant from Taylor County were unable to overcome will depart on Monday and that deficit. During the

Awards Presentation At an Awards Presen- Michelle Todd, daughter tation Program at Tye Elementary School Thurs-

presented: daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Danny Patterson; Dusty Mrs. Bill Adams. Paul Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Moore;

and Mrs. Jimmy Maddox; daughter of Mr. and Mrs. and Michelle Wickenhagen Gary Tyler; Dusty Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bernard Scoville. Awards for the students daughter of Mr. and Mrs. who were on the A Honor Ken Corbin; Keith Watson Roll all year went to: son of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Kimberly Watson, daugh- Watson; Lisa Cantu, ter of Mr. and Mrs. Alan daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Watson; Julie Payne, David E. Cantu; Greg daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Spurr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Payne; Stacie George Spurr; Kathy Johnson, daughter of Mr. Mitchell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Johnson; and Mrs. Alvin Mitchell Mindy Steward, daughter and Nancy Bunting, of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Steward; Tasha Ray Bunting.

Tejanitos Lose to Synder

The Tejanitos playing at two hits apiece, Daniel home lost their game Sunday to the Snyder Redlegs, 12-6. The Redlegs trailing 6-4 in the 7th inning scored 6 runs with the help of some errors by Three Merkel players had

of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil W. Todd; Clara Herrera. day, June 2, 1977, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. following awards were Arturo Herrera; Michelle Arturo Herrera; Michelle Goodgion, daughter of Mr. Perfect Attendance and Mrs. Leroy Goodgion; Awards were presented Kimberly Gillespie, to: Kindra Kay Law, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Gillespie; Michael Ken Law; Tasha Michelle Keith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Todd, daughter of Mr. and Amos Keith; Kevin Mrs. Cecil W. Todd; Mitchell, son of Mr. and Mitchell, son of Mr. and Christina Patterson, Mrs. Alvin Mitchell; and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Adams, son of Mr. and

Awards for the students Amornrat Took Hayes, who were on the A-B daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Honor Roll went to: James F. Hayes; Joyce Christine Joy, daughter of Deniese Patterson, daugh- Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Joy: ter of Mr. and Mrs. Danny Sandra Kotrlik, daughter Patterson; Melanie Dawn of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Maddox, daughter of Mr. Kotrlik; Angela Tyler, Moore; Kathy Corbin,

> Moreno, Ace Moreno and Robert Rodriguez. One of Daniel's hits was a home run over left center field. Pitchers for Merkel were George Slaughter, Tony Biera and Richard Hernandez. The Tejanitos will play

at home Sunday, June 12, against the Abilene Aguilas.

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Pictured with the many surprise gifts from fellow teachers, is Chester Collinsworth. Chester is retiring this year from the Merkel School as vocational agriculture teacher. Some of the gifts pictured are: a money tree, an Aggie Bowling Ball, beach towel, etc.

Parker Leads Honor Students

of Ms. Jean Mattingley, 1977. Ms. Parker had the junior year. highest average of any student at Merkel High year average of all the office clerk after courses she has completed. Retha's average is 97.06.

math and home commendation for their economics. She competed leadership and sholastic in UIL events. She was abilities

and was 20 1/2 inches in length. Retha Parker, daughter also a member of the Upon arriving home, VICA Club. She received a Michael will be greeted by has been announced as the Silver Merit Award her his 2 1/2 year old sister, top honor graduate of sophomore year and a Kimberly Michelle. Merkel High School for Gold Merit Award her are Mr. and Mrs. Thomas

Retha plans to begin D. Santee. Paternal work full time at Taylor grandparents are Mr. and School based on a four Electric Cooperative as an Mrs. Billy E. Holmes. Maternal great-grandparents are Mr. and graduation.

Other graduates who Retha has also been ac- also maintained an "A" tive in many areas at average for four years Montana. Merkel High. She has include John Biera, David served as assistant editor Booth, Mike Henry, Kristi of the Annual Staff. She Nease, Annette Parmelly, Phillips was in the band 2 years Becky Rister, Doug and also in the National Roysden, Gayle Teaff and Honor Society. Retha re- Suzanne Warner. All of ceived medals in speech, these students deserve

Mrs. Lucille Shaw Dies

Mrs. Fowler (Lucille) Shaw, 66, of Long Beach, California, and formerly

Mr. and Mrs. Mike of Abilene, died Wednes-Holmes are proud to an- day at her home after nounce the birth of their suffering a heart attack. son, Michael Brandon, Services were at 10:30 born Thursday, May 26th a.m. Saturday, June 4th at at 4:06 p.m. Michael

LOOK

WHO'S

HERE!

weighed 6 pounds 7 ounces

Three Area Students on Honor Roll

Three Merkel area Maternal grandparents students attending Angelo State University in San Angelo, are listed on the Dean's Honor Roll for the spring semester at the University

Those listed on the 3.00 Mrs. James J. Haran of to 3.49 Honor Roll include California and Mrs. Sherry Luella Bratcher, a psychology major, Esther A. Bertini of Kathryn Leigh Murrell, an Paternal great- undecided major; and grandmother is Mrs. Kate Ronnie Dan Sanford, an accounting major.



The Honor Roll for the Maria Moreno, Stacy Sev-Merkel Middle School was more and Ann Wooten. "A-B"-R e n e Aiken, released as follows:

the Hunter Mortuary in Long Beach. Survivors include her

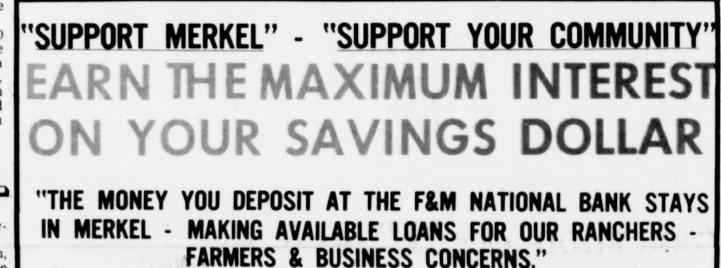
Jr. of Philadelphia, Pen- 3. Shelly Stout, 4. Jarrett nsylvania; two sisters, Joy Pinckley and 5. Patricia Martinez of Vallejo, Cali- Boyd.

and several nieces and Manahan. nephews, including Mrs. Wayne Jones of Abilene.

She was preceded in death by her father, King Simpson and 2. Shelly Roberts of Nugent; and a brother, Keller Roberts of Abilene

·50° (13-17)-1. Buddy Stout

Boot Race (5 and Under-1. Dawn Henslee, 2.



Merkel Riding Club News

The point system for the Merkel Riding Club started Saturday, June 4th. You have to be a paid up member in order to earn points.

Trophies will be awarded at the end of the month to the first five high point riders.

The Saturday night results are as follows:

Barrels (12 and Under)-1. Dayna Pursley, 2. Dee Dee Masonheimer, 3. Denise Pursley and 4. Candice Henslee.

(13-17)-1. Sherry Williams, 2. Buddy Stout and 3. Danna Russell.

(18 and Over)-1. Lavena Vaughn, 2. Jarrett Pinckley, 3. Shelly Stout, 4. Don Simpson and 5. Jerry Russell

Flags (12 and Under)1. Dayna Pursley, 2. Dee Dee Masonheimer, 3. Candice Henslee and 4. Roy Manahan.

(13-17)-1. Buddy Stout, 2. Sherry Williams and 3. Danna Russell.

(18 and Over)-1. Levena husband; a son, Fowler Vaughn, 2. Don Simpson,

Poles (12 and Under)-1. fornia, and Mona Faye Bartlett of Merkel; her Dayna Pursley, 2. Dee Dee mother, Madge (Roberts) Masonheimer, 3. Denise Sylva of Vallejo, Califor: Pursley, 4. C and i c e nia; five grandchildren; Henslee and 5. Roy

> and 2. Sherry Williams. (18 and Over)-1. Don

Stout.

Cody Vaughn, 3. Roy Henslee. Manahan, 4. Amy Sparks Steer Roping-1. Walter and 5. Brit Sipe. Henslee and David Roping-1. John Rodgers. Manahan.

We will have our pot Ribbon Roping-1. John Rodgers and 2. Walter supper Thursday, June 9, Henslee and Candice at the Taylor electric Co-op Building.

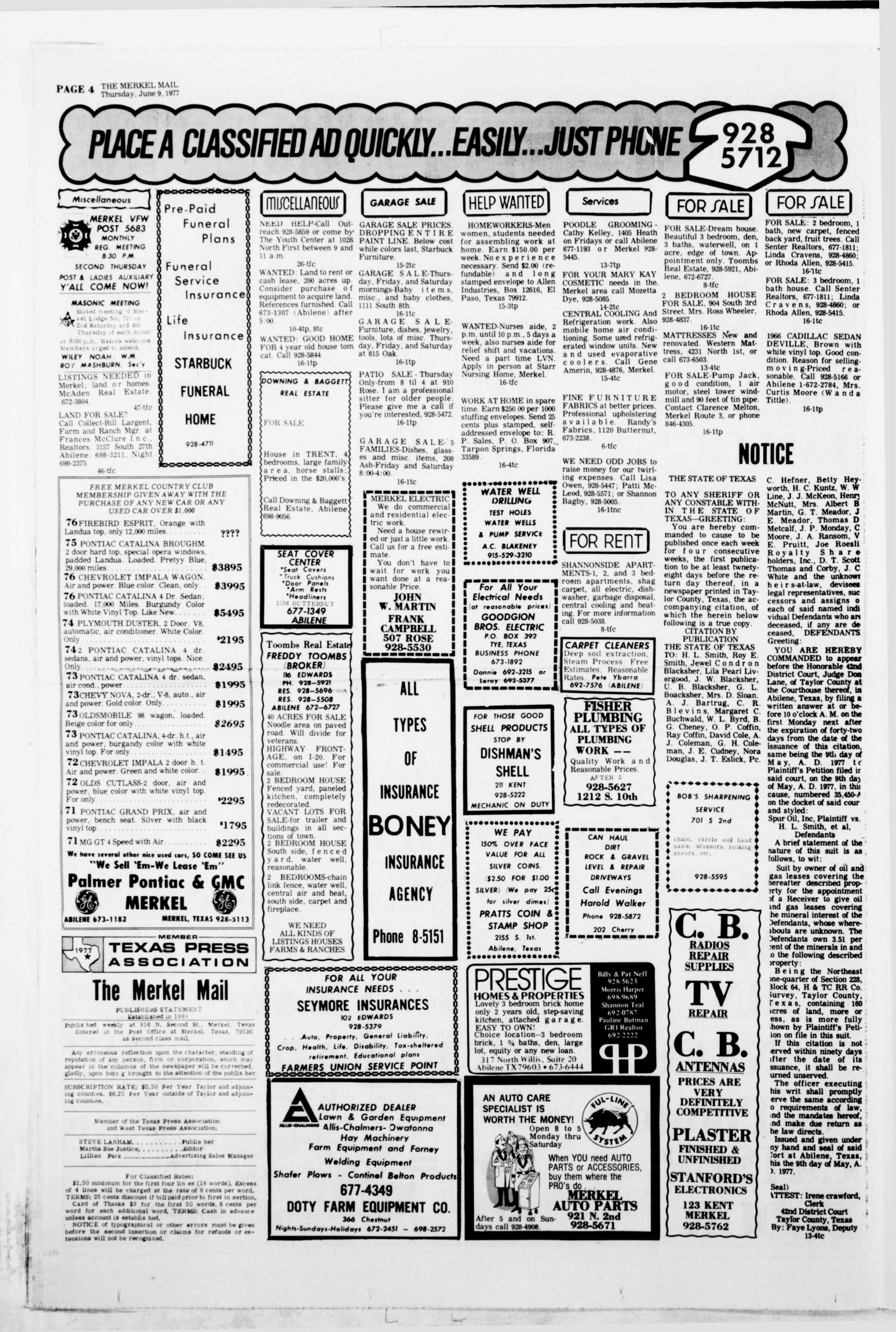
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INSTANT TEA 3 OZ ^{\$} 1 ⁵⁹	Spaghetti & BALLS	39 °		Tomatoes LB 29
PETER PAN Peanut Butter 12 0z 69°	LIBBY VIENNAS 5 oz.	²′65°	GT \$119	Potatoes ^{10 LB} 999°
Beans	RANCH STYLE 300 CAN	19 °	MARIGOL 2% HOMO GAL	145 REG 155 HOMO 155 GAL 155 BEPS
Tomato.	uice _{2/} 4	L5 °	OLEO	KRAFT WHIPPED 1 LB 69°
				Whip 98°
PEARS	HUNTS 300 CAN	89 °	CoffeeM	ate 18 oz \$139
CORN	LIBBY'S CREAM STYLE 303 CAN	19°	Ice Crea	m ROUND CRTN. 1/2 GAL 89°
SPINACE	HUNTS 2/4	19 °	BREAD	MIX OR MATCH BIG 1% LB. LOAF OR HAMBURGER OR HOT DOG
HUNTS 300 CAN NewPotat	toes 2/4	9 °	USDA APPROVED TO REDEEM FOOD STAMPS DELIVERIES DAILY AT 10:00 A.M.	
CATSUP	HUNTS 7	'9 c	SS.00 MINIMUM DELIVERY	Purchase of \$7.50 OR MORE IN MERCHANDISE
FLOUR	GLADIOLA 5 LB	59c	FOOD STORE Where Customers Send Their Fr PHONE 928-5713	Cash Kegister Tapes





George Denman who lives at the north end of Kent Street proudly holds two huge beets that were raised in his garden.



8th Grade Graduation

The Merkel E ighth ton, Jan Melton, Cary Al- participating in the pro-Grade Graduation was len Metts, Billy Larkin held Thursday, June 2nd Morgan, Ty Dean Nelson, at 7:30 p.m.

The invocation was led by Kelly Knight. Kelly Knight. We've Only Just Be- Dale Rankin, Delisa

gun" was sung by Tammy Roysden, Billy Dwayne Davis and Becky Dunlap. Sloan, Lori Ann Sloan, The address was by Mark Sara Nora Slough, DeeAnn Bland and Alane McGee Smith, Bob Starman, Tommy Swinney, Nancy introduced the class officers. Judy Castille pre- Jean Terral, James sented the class gift. Mr. Cain, Principal of Ricky Gene Vicars, Wil-

Merkel Middle School and liam G. Walters, III, Mr. Davis, Superintendent of Merkel Independent Charlotte Watts, Angula Kay Wells, Susan Wheeler, School District presented diplomas to the following: Lynn Williams and Linda Salvador Acosta, Sheila Lou Wilson. Faye Adair, Alan Ray Allbright, Lisa Allen, Kay

Amerine, Manuel Biera, Pattie VeAnn Bird, Mark Life of Christ Pageant Allen Bland, Shannon Ruth Boyd, Christina Lynn Brady, Robert Buster Brown, Lori Bryan, Mark

C. Bunch, Judy Emma Castille, Carrie Clark, the Kendrick Religious cluded with the cast are Carla Kay Corbin, Larry Davis, Tambra Fran CHRIST will begin June Shepherds in the field; the Davis, Cynthia Ann Doan, 16, 1977 and will be pre-Becky Dunlap, Walter sented each Thursday and Olan Elmore, Michael Friday at 9:00 p.m., Gene Fisher, Randy L. through August 12, 1977. lores, Owen Bert Franklin, Norma Jean Frazier, hours and portrays the en-Kimberly Diane Gary, tire LIFE OF CHRIST

Jimma Gass, Linda Olivia Graves, Marsha Lynne Green, David Greer, Todd L. Gregory, Nelda Kay Hart, Rhonda Leah Hurley, Joyce Lynn Kidd and Kelly Bryan Knight. Also, Annette Lanphear, Sherry Lurea Laurance,

Judy Nail Lindsey, Willie C. Marsh, Randy Martin, Ricky Allen Mathewson, Insure any valuables Tonya Maxwell, Alane with a floater policy. McGee, Belynda Ann Mel-

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The production lasts two

from the birth through the

gram were James Barcuch, Laurie Barcuch, Terry Owen, Latricia Powell, Philip Bartley Vicki Gayle Campbell, Gilbert Rivera, Louise Sellers, Moses Aldrete and Randy Siplinger. The benediction was

given by James Turner. Pianist was Mrs. Rov Davis

Ushers for graduation were as follows: Mary Turner, Donnie Tutt, Fariello, Edward Herrera, Stacy Seymore, Yvonne Swinney and David Wilkerson.

Mrs. Judy Butler, Mr. Roger Dale White, Sheri Kenneth Elliott, Mr. Greg Henderson, Mrs. Jeanette Also graduating but not

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: Rick Lee Macke, Respondent:

COMMANDED to appear solving the marriage and and answer before the providing for the division Honorable Domestic Relaof property which will be binding on you. The Court has authority tions court, Taylor County, Texas, at the Courthouse in this suit to enter any of said County in Abilene, Texas, at or before 10 judgment or decree in the o'clock a.m. of the Mon- child interest which will be day next after the expira- binding upon you, includ-tion of 20 days from the ing the termination of the date of service of this cita- parent-child relationship tion, then and there to and the appointment of a answer the petition of conservator with authority Susan Lynne Macke, Peti- to consent to the child tioner, filed in said Court adoption.

on the 31st day of May, If this citation is not 1977, against Rick Lee served within ninety days Macke, Respondent, and to Begin June 16th said suit being numbered 13,266-DR on the docket of Summer Productions of resurrection. Insaid Court, and entitled "In The Matter of The Pageant THE LIFE OF the sheep for the Marriage of Susan Lynne

Cemetery

Donations

umphant Entry of Jesus; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Baze and the camel for the in memory of Earl Hughes Mr. and Mrs. Vincent The presentation is non-Barnett in memory of Earl denominational and the script is taken entirely, Hughes

from the KING JAMES Mary Grimes in memversion of the Holy Bible. ory of Earl Hughes

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Location is the Kendrick Read in memory of Earl Amphitheater b e t w e e n Eastland and Cisco, Texas Hughes

on U. S. Highway 80. Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Higgins in memory of Earl Admission is: All Seats Hughes

Mr. and Mrs. Ray June 23 and 24 have been Orsborn in memory of designated as Senior Citizen, AARP, AART, Earl Hughes

and all Senior Organiza-Mr. and Mrs. Price tion nights. July 7 and 8 Melton in memory of Earl Hughes are designated as Home

Demonstration C l u b Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Fox in memory of Earl Hughes Zada Bird in memory of A 1 1 organizations,

church groups, and indi-viduals are urged to at-Earl Hughes Mr. and Mrs. Robert tend one of the spirit filled Higgins in memory of Dale and Charlie Sanford presentations. To make reservations Jr.

Mrs. Wade Ensminger call 817-629-2732 or write in memory of Earl Hughes LIFE OF CHRIST Mrs. S. D. Gamble in **PAGEANT Route 2 Box** memory of Earl Hughes 46, Cisco, Texas 76437.

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PUBLIC NOT Macke," the nature of suance, it shall be re-

which suit is a request of turned unserved. Petitioner for Divorce The officer executing from Respondent.

this writ shall promptly The Court has authority serve the same according in this suit to enter any to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

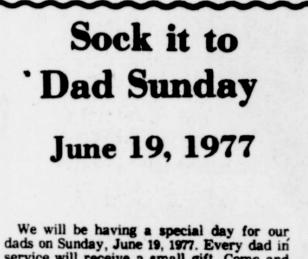
Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Abilene. Texas, this the 31st day of May, 1977.

(SEAL)

Irene Crawford Clerk, **Domestic Relations** Court

Taylor County, Texas. By Sandra Harris, Deputy.

16-1tc



service will receive a small gift. Come and enjoy a great service with us. Kids: here's your chance to Sock It To Dad on this Sunday.



GREETINGS: YOU ARE HEREBY judgment or decree dis-

Class sponsors were

Pursley and Mrs. Sandra Townsend.

grey donkey for the Mother Mary; the white

donkey for the Tri-

Wisemen.

Reserved \$3.00.

nights.





Tahon - Shugart Exchange Vows

Cindy Tahon and Tony Shugart exchanged mar- soloist singing the Wedriage vows Tuesday, May ding Song as the proces-31st in a ceremony at First sional began. After the Baptist Church in Merkel. double ring ceremony was Jim Lawless, minister of performed she sang The Trent First Baptist Church Roy Davis was organist. officiated.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Duane Shugart of Merkel.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tahon of Gibsonia, Pennsylvania.

The bride's gown had a Weston demure neckline of lace

Steve Shugart, brother Cindy Elliott Watts was of the groom, and John Cain Jr. both of Merkel were ushers.

Kim Satterwhite reg-Wedding Prayer. Mrs. istered guests for the reception which was held in the home of the groom's



Reunion

Bridal Luncheon Held

Jocille

receives

May 1.

Brady

McMurry is a four-year

liberal arts college jointly

owned by the Northwest

Texas and New Mexico

Conferences of the United

Addressing the 111

graduating seniors at

McMurry commencement

was Dr. Maurice Cecil

The Reverend Claus H.

degree. Rohlfs is a United

Methodist minister and a

member of the faculty at

Southern Methodist Uni-

versity's Perkins School of

Theology in Dallas.

Methodist Church

A salad luncheon was held Friday, June 3, 1977, at the home of Mrs. Hugh Baker, honoring future brides, Miss Sherolyn Maynard and Miss Kathy Harkey. The lady faculty members of Merkel High School hosted this event. Guests present were Mrs. Oran Maynard of Sweetwater, Mrs. Ruth Nichols, Mrs. M. C. Harkey, and Mrs. Jack E. Chisholm, all of Abilene.

Miss Harkey will be married to George Chisholm on June 25th at First Baptist Church Chapel in Abilene.

Miss Maynard will wed Lynn Nichols at Trinity Baptist Church, Sweetwater, on July 23.

Mackey, Jr., president of Texas Tech University. Those attending the luncheon in addition to the honorees and the guests were Mrs. Mary Grimes, Mrs. Candy Martin, Mrs. Ruth Windsor, Mrs. Blanche Hewitt, Mrs. Peggy Gibson, Mrs. Pat Dudley, Miss Pat Penick, Miss Myra Bennett, and Mrs. Baker.

Lambda Beta News

Beta Sigma Phi held their gram-Robbie Hicks, ways final regular meeting for and means-Minyon Seythe year, May 17th. The more, service-Terri Marmeeting was held at the Methodist Church Fellow- and publicity-Ann Doan. ship Hall. The meeting Names were drawn for consisted of a covered dish new secret sisters. supper, business meeting, exchanging of gifts and secret sisters were revealed.

President Mary Hill presided over the business

meeting. It was decided to have a husband and wife supper Wednesday, May 25th at the Quality Inn formerly the Thunderbird Lodge in Abilene. Committee chairmen were ap-

Lambda Beta Chapter of bership-Judy Elliott, protin, social-Linda Leddy

The following members were present: Betty Allday, Anne Booth, Pat Castille, Annette Clark, Betty Coker, Ann Doan, Bobbye Elliott, Judy Elliott, Gloria Henslee, Robbie Hicks, Mary Hill, Chera Hohhertz, Faye Jones, Sarah Lucas, Terri Martin, Minvon Sevmore, Glenda Teaff, Barbara pointed as follows: mem- Welch and Ginny Yaddow.

Mrs. Sadler Entertains Garden Club

met in the home of Mrs. degree this year's-work. It was a Mary Jocille Thompson salad luncheon which Brady of Merkel received everyone seemed to enjoy. bachelor of science Mrs. Sadler had ardegree from McMurry ranged for the club members to tour the home of College in spring commencement ceremonies on Mrs. Don Odum, 601 Oak

> Street. This home is most unusual since it is com- mesdames: Tom Allday, Merkel; Mrs. J. E. Boa pletely furnished through- Oda Clark, W. L. Brown, Anson: and the hostess.

The Merkel Garden Club out with authentic anti- Mary Click, Albert Crisques. Mrs. Odum is an well, Lottie Everett, R. M. W. T. Sadler on May 19th authority on the Ferguson, Mack Fisher, S. in regular meeting. This authenticity of antiques, was the closing meeting of and is very capable in arranging and displaying these furnishings. Everyone enjoyed Mrs. Odum's hospitality. Mrs. Jarrett Williams gave a very in-teresting talk on May Festivities. Those present were

Allen King, Virdie Patterson, Tom Russom, John Shannon, Charlie Sherrill, Arron Sudderth, Jarrett Williams, Olga Peachy. Three visitors were Melinda Haynes, grand-daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Sadler; Ruth Huffman, Merkel; Mrs. J. E. Boaz,

D. Gamble, Dee Grimes,

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Merkel-Trent Barracks 2248 Meet

The Merkel-Trent Bar- were elected to the De- Karl Bonneaux, Mr. and racks 2248 to the Veterans partment Meeting that Mrs. Dent Gibson, Mr. and of World War I and the will be in Houston July 12- Mrs. O. E. Harwell, Mr. Auxiliary met at noon 15, Jewell Criswell, Mag-Saturday in the 'R. E. A. gie Renfro and Ruth Cox. Building for their regular The following officers May meeting. After a were elected: President, bountiful pot luck meal Jewell Criswell; Sr. Vice, and an hour of fellow ship Anna Lou Ferguson; Jr. Rohlfs received an the auxiliary met in Vice, Lurlene Poland; honorary doctor of divinity separate session for a Chaplain, Mary Mosier; business meeting and Secretary-Treasurer, Bilelection of officers for the lie Hartley; Guard, Trula coming year. After the Cox; conductress, Dewie business the Charter was Fleming; and Trustee, draped for the members Bessie Kidd (3 years). who have passed on to Those present were: their Heavenly Reward. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond

The following delegates Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs

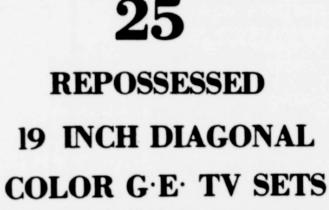
and Mrs. Dee Poland, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Kidd, Mr. Lovel Rutledge, Mr. G. N. Reynolds, Mrs. Cora Reeves, Mrs. Mary Mosier, Mrs. Jewell Cris-well, Mrs. Vallie McLauren, Mrs. Ruth Cox, Mrs. Maggie Renfro, Mrs. Alice Dudley, Mrs. Madge Crain, Mrs. Francis Carey, Mrs. Billie Hartley, Miss Mabel McRee and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Haile of Abilene.

Irl Walker Visitors

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Eager of Bastrop visited Mr. and Mrs. Irl Walker last week.



According to one expert, there are 2,728,100 letters in the Old Testament.



trimmed in seed pearls. It had a fitted bodice and long sleeves and the 5 tiered lace skirt curved into a sweeping chapel illusion trimmed in lace to the Abilene State Park. and adorned with seed Everyone is welcome .-pearls, was chapel length. especially old friends

The Weston Reunion is

kel was best man.

scheduled to take place this coming Sunday, June 12th. The gathering will train. Her veil was held held at the first shelter. with a tiera of nylon south of the old entrance



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5 GENERATIONS-Pictured from left to right: Great Grandmother, Mrs. J. D. Bingham of Abilene; Ricky Walters of Clovis, New Mexico; Great Great Grandmother, Sarah Thorn of Abilene; Father, Troy Walters of Clovis, New Mexico; and Grandmother, Mrs. E. V. Walters of Merkel.



Dear Editor:

I have had nearly three years as a teacher in

three centuries, Merkel bition will leave as soon as was Comanche Indian ter- they are graduated from ritory. The Yakima Valley High School-never to re- rington had not been discovered turn to live. Those of



Allsups Convenience Store Grand Opening which started Thursday, June 2nd. Pictured is a lucky customer being presented with a free bag of groceries.



Dear Editor:

The following have made donations to the Merkel Cemetery Association.

Cemetery

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Riney Sr. in memory of Mrs. Mae Bush

Mrs. Sallie Brazelton Irene Cross in memory of Granvil Byrom and Ira Cross

Mrs. Felix Williams in memory of Mrs. Elizabeth Rutledge

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W. C. and Edrie Hacker in memory of Mrs. Abernathy

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Julia Lawson in memory of Becky McLean and Jo **Rex Mclean** The Family of Lattie

Kinsey The Family of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Wade

Mrs. Irene Irvin in memory of Kay Bar-



sentative. I am writing this letter In my opinion, I think in response to a recent this district is fortunate to article by Scott Carpenter have a man represent us concerning a poll taken on in Austin of the caliber of the representatives in the Elmer Martin, especially Texas Legislature. First, I in this day when there are want to say that I think it so many questionable most unfortunate that practices going on. people like Mr. Carpenter would choose to write such-

irresponsible journalism and also just as unfortunate that a newspaper would publish same. BOOKS I am not writing to

defend Rep. Elmer Martin, for he needs no defense, but merely to state my own personal opinion and views. I know that Rep. Martin has spent many long hours in com-

mittee meetings and conferences with his colleagues, the Speaker and the Governor in an effort to provide the best quality of government for his legislative district and to meet the needs of the people who elected him. In doing so, he has shown

sincerity, honesty, and genuine concern for those citizens who have chosen

them to be their repre-

Sincerely yours,

Harl W. Pinkard

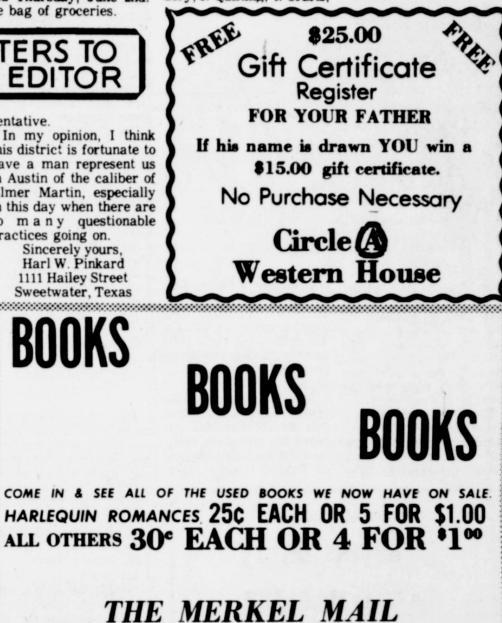
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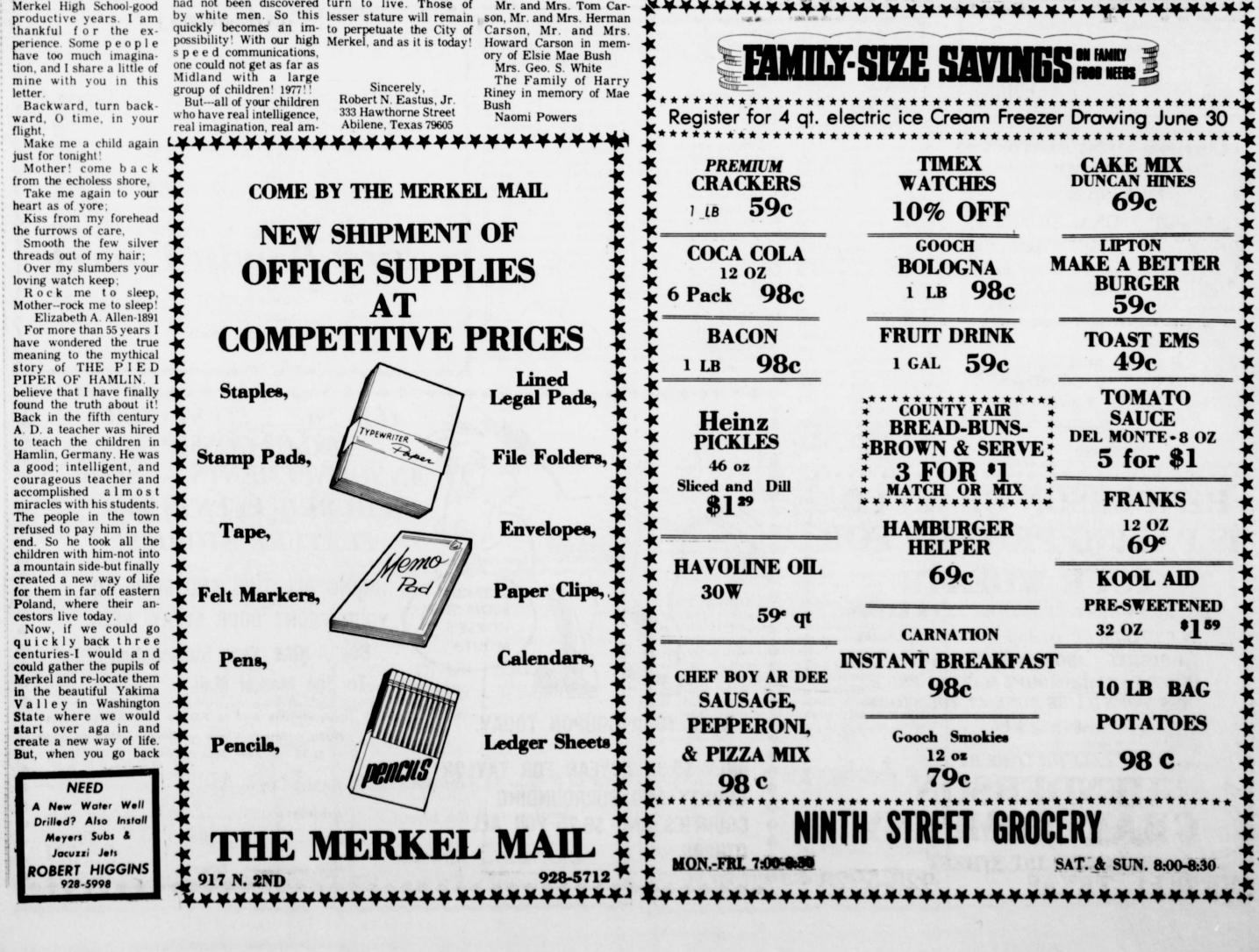
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THE MERKEL MAIL Page 7 Thursday, June 9, 1977 SEWING MACHINES RUNNING AND NEEDLES FLYING

County have sewing machines running and articles, 9. Accessories, 10 needles flying through the Recyclables, 11. Macair getting ready for the rame, 12. Liquid Embroi-County 4-H Dress Revue dery. The Revue and that will be held June 17 at awards program will be Radford Auditorium on held at 7 p.m. First place the McMurry Campus. winners of the Junior Judging will begin at 9 a.m. and continue until noon. A Project Show will represent Taylor County also be held in conjunction at the Bi-District Dress with the Revue in which Revue that will be held 4-Hers can enter 1. July 8 in the Abilene Civic Needlepoint, 2. Embroi- Center. dery, 3. Quilting, 4. Crafts,

4-Hers all over Taylor 5. Knitting, 6. Crochet, 7. Leathercraft, 8. Household (ages 9-14) and Senior (ages 14-19) groups will





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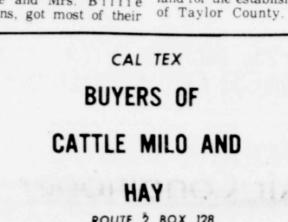
Tye Elementary Students Present history Program

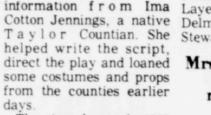




On May 31st the students of Tye Elementary School presented a program on the history of Taylor County, Tye and Tye School. The program was carefully researched and dated back more than 100 vears.

The teachers who directed the play. Mrs. Samilue Key, Mrs. Sandra Coke and Mrs. Billie Evans, got most of their





The story began in 1858 when people in Tarrant and Bextar Counties decided to set aside some land for the establishment of Taylor County. Pro-



Ewquivel, Gena Gilbert,

Patterson, Charles Price,

Brock Taylor, Mitzie Shel-

ton, Jimmie Bogle, Kathy

Newman

Cemetary

Working

gram guesis learned that the town of Tye was first called Tebo and later changed to Tye after the town's first Methodist Minister. The school district of Tye was one of the first in the county. The first school was a one room structure.

Maddox, JoAnn Mendez, The students participat-Joe Miles, Dusty Moore, ing in the program were: Cristie Jo Criner, Angela Patterson, Douglas Taylor, Marie Terral, Angela Tyler, Sonia Wells, Chares Muhle, timmy Gauthier, Kenneth Stone, Eric Stone, Tracy Tyler, Kindra Law, Collier, Michelle Monty Griffin, Angela Mc-Wickengagen, Beverly Carty, Chris Sanders, Angela Higgs, Melissa Collier, Kathy Mitchell, Janice Buckley, Laura Esquivel, Nancy Bunting, Roys, Katherine Cates, John T. Coats, John David Melanie Maddox, Larry Layer, Jeanie Lester, Esquivel, and Donna Miller

Delma Mendez, Tonya Steward, Mike Keith, Bill

Mrs. Andy Shouse

returns home

Mrs. Andy Shouse is at home after a two weeks tour with the Golden Trippers of Abilene. The group was made up of retired annual meeting. teachers and others largely from Abilene and munity is on Highway 1085 the Big Country.

nine miles south of They visited many Sylvester and was points of interest such as established in 1900. When more than 135 people The Battle Ground at arrived Saturday they Vicksburg, Mississippi, the Cyclarama found the ground to be and Stone Mountain in almost perfectly clean. All work had been done by Atlanta, Georgia, Old Wilvolunteers. limasburg, Mount Vernon-

home of George Washing-Lea Dickerson, 84 years ton, and many interesting old, was present. He is a things in Washington D. C. charter member, and the Fisher County records including the Smithsonian cited him as spending Institute, a tour of the White House, Library of more time living in the county than any other help the Boy Scouts here Congress, Washington Cathedral, the Capitol resident. and other state buildings, the Opera House, F. B. I., etc. They also saw the changing of the guards in county. Arlington Cemetery. When they were on top of the Blue Ridge Mountains, looking across the Shenandoah Valley, they church buildings. Mr. and could see the Alleghenies Mrs. Jim Lanning are the on the West and the only residents at present. Peidmont on the East. They also enjoyed the



Tye Elementary School Honor roll Charles Corbin, Roddie Ralph Hernandez, Joyce

The Tye Elementary Michelle Goodgion, Kim-Kotrlik, chool Honor Roll for the berly Gillespie and "A-B" School Honor Roll for the sixth six weeks has been Christine Joy.

Corbin, Steven Keith, released as follows. Sandra Kotrlik, Teresa FIRST GRADE A"-Kim Watson, Julie and Joe Alvarez Payne, Stacie Johnson, Michael Olvera, Christina Mindy Steward, Tasha

SECOND GRADE "A"-Angela Tyler, Joe Miles, Dusty Moore, Todd, Clara Herrera, Kathy Corbin and Sandra

Riding Club News

The results of Saturday (18 and over)-1. Don night, May 28th riding club Simpson, 2. Cindy Sipe, 3. John Henslee and 4. Lynn events are as follows: Barrels (12 and under)1. Dokey

son

Dokey

Roger

Bridgett Vaughn.

day night for June

Eddie Sparks, 2. Denese Pursley and 3. Candice Henslee. (13-17)-1. Vicki Camp-

bell and 2. Rebecca Sipe. (18 and over)-1. Patricia Boyd, 2. Lynn Dokey, 3. Don Simpson, 4. Cindy Sipe and 5. Lavenna

The former residents of Vaughn. the Newman Community Flag (12 and under)-1. met Saturday for their Eddie Sparks and

Candice Henslee. The Newman Com-(13-17)-1. Vicki Campbell and 2. Rebecca Sipe. (18 and over)-1. Patricia Boyd, 2. Lavenna Vaughn, 3. Don Simpson, 4. Lynn Dokey and 5. Jarrett

> Pinckley Poles (12 and under)-1. Eddie Sparks, 2. Candice Henslee and 3. Dana Pursley.

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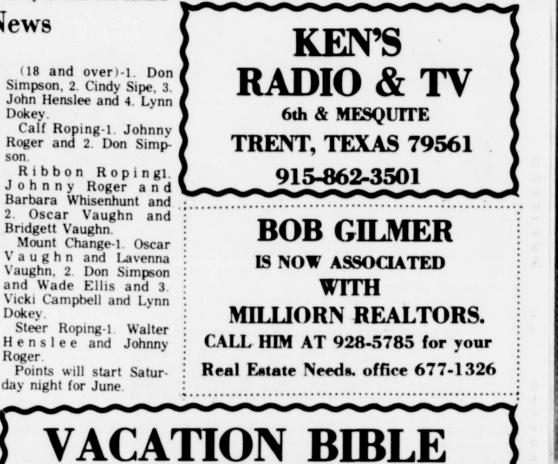
"A-B"-Tracy Jordan. THIRD GRADE

"A-B"-Veronica Muhle, "A"-Michael Keith, Brock Taylor, Allan Isom Keith Watson and Kevin Mitchell. 'A-B''-Lisa Harbour.

FOURTH GRADE "A"-Bill Adams and Tommy Jones.

Greg Spurr. "A-B"-Lisa Cantu and Tammy Tyler. FIFTH GRADE "A"-None "A-B"-Nancy Bunting,

Laura Esquivel, Darrell Davis, Kathy Mitchell and



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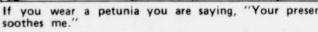
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Scouts Need **Beef for Camp** Mr. Cattleman, you can

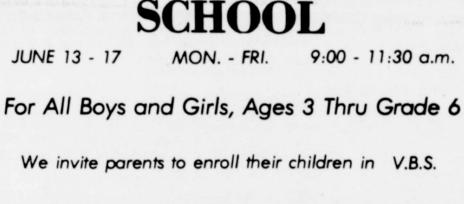
in the Big Country. They Lunch was served under need beef for Camp Tonkthe old remodeled awa this summer. Camp tabernacle, oldest in the Tonkawa has the lowest fee of any Boy Scout Camp

Newman at one time in Texas. Help them keep had two grocery stores, a it that way. Any beef to be four teacher school and a donated will be processed teacherage, 3 organized by Gooch Packing in Abichurches with two modern lene. You can call the Scout Office in Abilene or









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Grand Ole Opry in Nash-

ville, Tennessee, a tour of

The Hermitage, home of

Andrew Jackson, and a

tour of the city which in-

cluded a stop at the Methodist Publish-

ing House and saw the

famous carving of the

Lord's Supper in the Up-

per Room, also saw the



Booth - Frietsch

Mr. and Mrs. William K. is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Frietsch, Sr. of

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spring semester.





of Abilene.

Frazier - Higgins Wed

Mr. and Mrs. Elby Lynward Harrison per-Frazier announce the marriage of their daughter, Anetia Frazier to David Higgins, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. (Sy)

The couple was united in

forming the ceremony.

Maid of honor was Carrol Whisenhunt of Merkel. Thomas Neil of Merkel was best man.

kel was usher.

ELEMENTARY

Angela Cannon, Brad Cochran, April Duncan,

School District.

Hays, Candice Henslee, Jamie Heyen, Carl Law-rence, Pamala Lollar, Cory Metts, Crissy Nalley, Graham Odom, Doug Ramsey and Keith Regan.

FOURTH GRADE "A"-Jerry Davis.

Harkey - Chisholm Engagement Announce

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. omore English teacher. Harkey are announcing George is a 1968 grad-the engagement of their uate of Cooper High daughter, Nancy Kathleen School. He attended

of Abilene, to George . Walton Chisholm also of

E. Chisholm. The wedding is planned

Chapel in Abilene.

Stith Home

The Stith Home Demgames.

Roll call was answered

was part of the program.

Refreshments were served to eight members and one visitor. The hostess gift went to Daisy Mashburn.



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McMurry Comp. He is employed by C S Con-struction C C P I y in

