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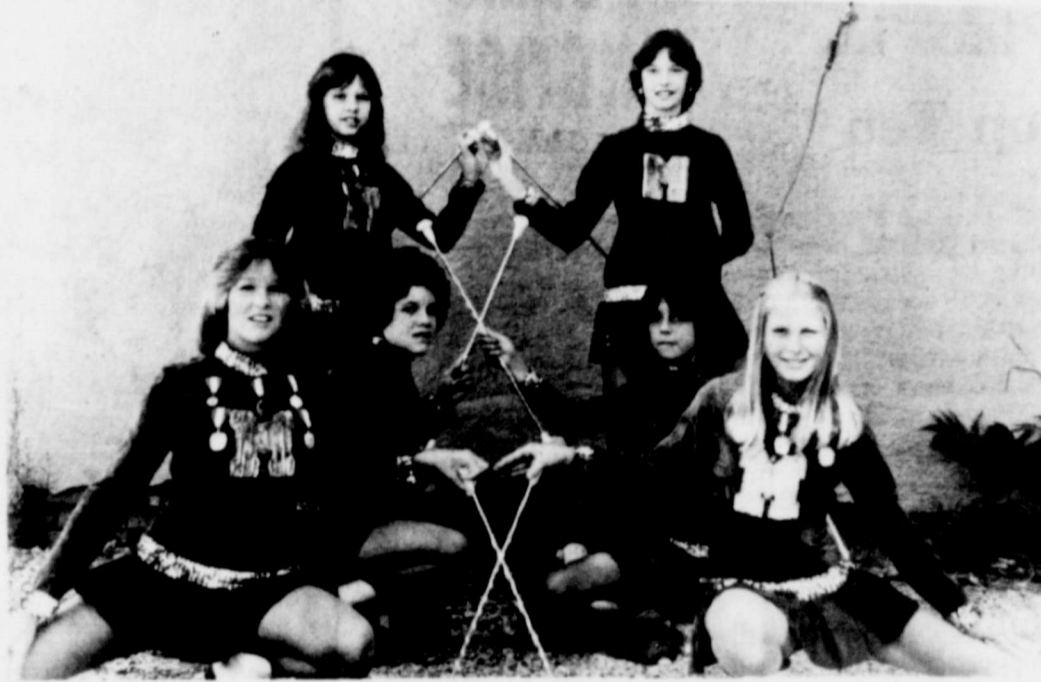
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## Pony All-Stars Announced

Last week the Pony League all Stars were announced. They are as follows: Rudy Biera, Bart Pursley, Brad Pursley, Rusty Watts, from the Hicks Auto Cardinals; Mike Brady, Ted Holmes, Billy Nichols, Mike Crouse, from the Catholic Church Padres; Herbert Beaver, Gilbert Beaver, from the Dubose Texaco Lions at Trent; Dee Dee McLaughlin, Victor Herra, from the Strain Construction Company Tigers of Tye; Mike Sims, Jay Boyd, from the Baptist Ambassadors.

Winning line up is as follows: 1. Padres with coaches Gaston Thomas and John Brady. 2. Tigers with coach Garland Childers. 3. Ambassadors with coach Freddy Toombs. 4. Cardinals with coaches Gary Hicks and Greg Henderson. 5. Lions with coaches Lucus Ramos and James Freeman.

Tuesday and Thursday they will play Abilene Pony League and Monday they will play Clyde.



NEW MERKEL MIDDLE SCHOOL TWIRLERS FOR 77-78 SEASON-pictured from left to right, back to front are: Windi Whisenhunt, Stacy Seymore, Kim Gurganus, Amye Amerine, Rene Aiken, and Mary Fariello.

## Redlegs Beat Tejanitos

The Snyder Redlegs hit on three trips to the plate. Rudy Biera produced Merkel's lone run in the 5th inning by hitting a single and allowing Raymond Moreno to score. Tony Biera and Richard Hernandez were the pitchers for Merkel.

The Tejanitos will host the Fort Worth Braves Sunday, July 17.

## Masonic Installation July 28th

On Thursday evening, July 28, 1977, at 8:00, there will be an open installation for the new officers of Merkel Masconic Lodge number 710 A.M. and F. M. at the Masonic Hall.

The installing officers for this ceremony are as follows: J. A. Sadler, Colorado City Masonic Lodge number 563; Installing Marshall John

Morgan, Colorado City Masonic Lodge number 563; Installing Secretary Charles Godwin, Colorado City Masonic Lodge number 563.

The officers to be installed for 1977-78 are Ted Pargament-worshipful master, Bob Rodgers-senior warden, R. O. Payne-junior warden, Charles Eager-treasurer.

Refreshments will be served following the installation ceremony.

## Trent Students on Honor Roll

Students from Trent are listed on spring quarter honor rolls on the Rolling Plains Campus of Texas State Technical Institute in Sweetwater.

Named to the Vice President's Honor Roll were Tina A. Hamner, a student in Technical Office Training, and Kenneth R. Kraatz, a student in Radio and Television Servicing.

## Bratcher promoted to Airman First Class

Royce H. Bratcher, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Bratcher of Route 1, Merkel, Texas, has been promoted to airman first class in the U.S. Air Force.

Airman Bratcher, a power production specialist, is assigned at Luke AFB, Arizona, with a unit of the Aerospace Defense Command.

The airman is a 1976 graduate of Merkel High School.

## Herbert W. Reeves Promoted

An official at Dyess AFB, Tex., has announced the promotion of Herbert W. Reeves to senior airman in the U.S. Air Force.

Airman Reeves, son of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Reeves of 1506 Blue Acres Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas, is a fuel specialist with a unit of the Strategic Air Command.

The airman is a 1974 graduate of White Hall High School. His wife, Billie Jane, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas W. Jowers of 1516 South Second, Merkel, Texas.

## Merkel Tax Collections Higher This Year

State Comptroller Bob Bullock said Friday that city sales tax rebates to date for 1977 are running a healthy 20.3 percent ahead of last year.

Bullock said his office mailed rebate checks Friday totaling \$23.6 million to 868 Texas cities for their July share of the one percent city sales tax.

The July checks boost to

\$190.7 million the total that has been rebated to Texas cities for the first seven months of this year. This compares to \$158.6 million for the same period last year.

"These rebates are just another sign of the strength of the Texas economy," Bullock said.

He also noted that state sales tax collections in

Texas are registering a bigger percentage increase than any other state.

Bullock said the City of Houston will get a July sales tax rebate check for \$4.7 million and Dallas and San Antonio will receive \$3.2 million and \$1.3 million respectively.

Merkel net payment this period \$918.54, net payment same period prior year \$0.00, 1977 payments to date \$15,482.90, 1976 payments to date \$13,306.64.

## Weather Perfect for Guys and Dolls Tournament

The weather was perfect for the guys and dolls golf tournament.

There were 27 teams entered from Merkel and area towns. Teams were flighted after Sunday's play.

Winners announced Sunday were: Championship Flight-1. Tish and Charlie Reeves, Baird, 191 points. 2. Letha and J. L. Strafford, Cisco, 189 points. 3. Ruby and Jack Medford, Haskell, 185 points.

First Flight-1. Faye and Lloyd Robertson, Merkel, 147 points. 2. Royce and Tommie Heller, Abilene, 145 points. 3. Mont and Marion Frierson, Haskell, 144 points.

Second Flight-1. Fay and Jim Wyatt, Abilene, 120 points. A 3 way tie of 118 points resulted in a playoff for second and

third places. Dixie and Ken Welch, 118, Ida and Mac Seymore, 118, Clinton and Clinton, 118, 2. Dixie and Ken Welch, 3. Clinton and Clinton.

Special Prizes- Men's closest to pin-Royce Heller. Ladies closest to pin-Sybil McClean. Men's longest drive-Charlie Reeves. Ladies longest drive-Ruby Medford. Draw for one dozen balls-Fonnelle Boney.

We want to thank everyone for his help during the tournament. A special thanks to the Country Club staff for their co-operation and support.

## Merkel Bass Club Has Tournament in Sweetwater

The Merkel Bass Club had their monthly fishing tournament at Sweetwater Lake Saturday, July 16th. They had nine fishing with a total of 26 pounds of Bass weighed in.

Jimmy Tindell had the largest Bass weighing 5 pounds 3 ounces. He also won 1st with the heaviest stringer. Virgil Jones had the 2nd largest stringer and A. L. Moore had the 3rd largest stringer.

## News and Thoughts

By Martha Sue Justice



The Taylor County Farmers Union will meet, Tuesday, July 26th, 7 p.m., at Wyatts Cafeteria in Abilene. The guest speaker will be Eddie Glen Sandusky, who is chairman of the Beef Commodity Commission. Sandusky has testified to the House and Agriculture Sub-Committee on Beef Exports. Sandusky will relate the happenings of this session to the Farmers Union.

This past week, the Don Carrolls (Linda and Don) from San Antonio with their children, Bradley, Missy, and baby Derek, came to visit the Justice Bunch. Linda, is my sister and of course acts accordingly-CRAZY! I tried desperately to get her to help me shell peas Saturday morning. By dark Saturday night she had done approximately 1/2 cup. I will have to say this---I love her, she's sweet, I could't do without her---(even though she is strictly a city girl) but--- she's just too slow when it comes to garden work, shelling peas, canning etc. As you might guess my husband, Larry, recruited Don to help him put up some lights in the den. In the midst of the drill going, dust flying---the usual language started. They made my sister and I so nervous we retired to another room---however, our problem was soon solved when our preacher showed up for a visit. The atmosphere changed abruptly and thank goodness we had peace and quite for a while. Later that afternoon, all the children (excluding Derek) and Linda were down in the floor playing jacks. I was feeling rather left out--- so after convincing the kids that I was in the Worlds Semi-Finals Jacks Play-offs, while I was in high school--- they agreed to let me play too. Well--- I made it past one-zies real well, however, once I started on two-zies, I hollered out, "Watch out--- there's a snake coming in under the back door," and with everyone's attention toward the back door, I made it to my three-zies. I was really going along good there for a while until the little brats accused me of cheating and kicked me out of the game. Children are just too smart these days!

ENERGY SHORTAGE?--Paul Harvey reported on the American Broadcasting Network, July 6, 1977, that in Denver, Colorado, school busing for racial mixing in one year costs: 242 buses; 4 million miles; 162 times around the world; 1.5 million gallons of gasoline costing \$6,713,309.

This note comes from the National Enquirer-A four-year study of cows reveals they give up to 50 percent more milk when the farmer talks to them, sings to them-- or even swears at them. They generally like human company and become

contented when someone routinely talks or sings to them. When they are contented, they relax and produce more milk. This note relates to a story I once heard about singing, talking, and giving love to your indoors plants and also to garden plants. Usually I have a pretty good garden every year and do talk to them and give them plenty of attention. However, I tried singing to the little devils one day and they were all dead the next! I try to treat my tomatoes extra special and end up with a pretty fair crop every year---but yet I have heard of other people beating their tomatoes with sticks and having an excellent crop. Who Knows What To Believe These Days!

CONGRATULATION to Fred and Leta Heady on the birth of their baby boy!

The Red Cross Learn-To-Swim Program is off to a good start. Spokesman, Don Hart said that as of noon Tuesday, 39 have registered for the first week and 18 have registered for the second week. The program will take place at the Merkel Country Club swimming pool, Monday through Saturday, July 25-30 and August 1-6. The aides for the program are: Terry Owen, Brad Wade, Scott Cain, Candy Ascensio, and Gayle Teaff. The sponsors for the program are: The American Red Cross, Country Club of Merkel, Farmers and Merchants National Bank, and Taylor Electric Coop. Registration forms for the swim program are available in the Chamber of Commerce office in Merkel.

The Merkel Middle School Twirlers would like to say a big thank you to Fred and Leta Heady for sponsoring the very successful spaghetti supper in their behalf. Also congratulations on Frederick Joseph Heady III.

Be sure and read the Baby Identification Contest on Page 6.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY-If we sow and cultivate good,- God will give the harvest.

QUESTION FOR THE DAY- Are you willing to live and to die for others?

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.-John 15:13.



ISN'T HE A CUTE LITTLE FELLOW? If you heard a terrible, shrill scream this time last week, it was because David Booth insisted on all of the Merkel Mail gang seeing his new found pet, a rat snake. Most of the employees took the snakes appearance real well excluding one, (L.P.) who ran down the street screaming and brought many merchants and customers out of their stores to see what the problem was.

## Take a Close Look When Paying the Tab

State Comptroller Bob Bullock urged Texans recently to take a close look when paying the tab at their favorite restaurant or club.

If the establishment has automatically added a tip to the check and then charged the sales tax on the tip, the customer has been overcharged, Bullock said.

"Send that check back and tell them to figure it again," Bullock urged.

The Comptroller said a bill recently passed by the Legislature exempts mandatory gratuities from the sales tax. He urged restaurant and club owners—and their customers—to familiarize themselves with the new law.

Bullock said the law will eliminate the past confusion over the taxability of tips.

In the past, a tip was subject to the sales tax if it

was automatically added to the bill by the management. Voluntary tips or gratuities, however, were exempt from the tax.

The new law, which became effective April 25, excludes from the sales tax "reasonable" mandatory gratuities which do not exceed 20 percent of the price of the meal or drinks.

The law requires, however, that the gratuity be identified as such on the

check and the full amount be distributed to the employees who provide the service, such as waiters, waitresses and bartenders.

None of the gratuity can be kept by the employer or shared with the janitors, chefs, cashiers and dishwashers.

Bullock warned restaurant and club owners that they must maintain accurate records of how mandatory gratui-

The Russell reunion was held at Lake Sweetwater at the cabin of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Harris, July 15, 16, and 17. Everyone enjoyed golfing, boating, swimming, and fishing. A fish fry was held Monday night at the S. G.

### Doan Reunion

The Doan Reunion will be August 14, 1977 in the West Texas Utilities building at Lytle Shores. Bring a covered dish and everyone's invited.

## Russell Reunion

Russel home. Around 63 fish were caught. The biggest weighing over 4 pounds.

Those present were as follows: Mr. Ralph Russell-Bossier City, La., Mrs. Mabel Dunn, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Dunn, Kenny, Timmy, Heidi-Phoenix; Sam T. Redvine of Abilene; Sammie and Doris Redwine - San Angelo. Mr. and Mrs. Chester Price and Nancy - Brownwood; Mr.

and Mrs. Bill Shine - Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. John Wailick of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Wailick of Ft. Worth; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Warlick, Tami, Todd, of Hawley.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Gordon Russell, Charles and D'ann of Neosho, MO; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Russell Shelly and Crystal Richardson, TX; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Russell, John and Kelly - Sweetwater; Mr.

and Mrs. R.M. Ferguson; Mr. and Mrs. James Russell, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Harris, Mr. and Mrs. S.G. Russell, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Russell, Doyle, Danna, and Rodney; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harris, Melissa and Kris, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Lucas, Teresa and Russell; Mike and Ike Dunn were presented the honored Russel trophies; John Warlick the golf trophy.

## Which Dog For You?

### Golden Retriever

In 1868, near the mouth of the Tweed River in southeast Scotland, four golden-haired puppies were born in the home of an English aristocrat. Their names were Ada, Crocus, Cowslip, and Primrose. Their mother was a liver-colored Spaniel and their father a rare yellow Flat-Coated Retriever. Destined for a spot in history, the female puppies became the founding mothers of a beautiful new breed, the Golden Retriever.



Today, Golden Retrievers are loved because they are so even-tempered and trainable. They're ideal pets, valued guide dogs for the blind, and like their Labrador cousins, they have been called upon to perform a hundred and one different chores. They have

an excellent nose and are top-notch hunters. In retriever circles, a dog with a "soft mouth" — one that brings in birds without ruffling a feather — is much prized. And Golden Retrievers are generally considered to be the softest-mouthed of all breeds.

The spaniel heritage is obvious in the Golden Retriever — not only in the silky coat and feathered legs, but also in the Golden's affectionate, happy nature. Golden Retrievers have an immense desire to please and take readily to training. They are sensitive spirits who respond best to gentle correction.

Standing 21½ - 24 inches high and weighing 60-75 pounds, Golden Retrievers are good-sized animals. They are built for country living, though they can tolerate confinement if exercised daily. Their thick, water-repellent coats require only moderate care, but they do shed. Unaggressive by nature, they have calm nerves and rugged constitutions. Golden Retrievers are wonderful pets for families with active youngsters.

For more information on America's top purebred dogs, send \$1.25 to Box 270, Pico Rivera, CA 90660 for the illustrated paperback book, *The Dog For You*, by Bob Bartos. Bob Bartos is a recognized dog authority and Director of Friskies Research Kennels.

## Taylor County Producers Place in the Top Ten

Taylor County producers place in the top ten in the state in the total number of cattle and calves on hand, with latest statistics numbering the county figure at some 157,000 head, Agriculture Commissioner Reagan V. Brown has announced.

"Producers in the county are major contributors in making Texas the leading cattle and calf-producing state in the nation, with a total of 15,800,000 head reported in the state as of the first of the year," Brown explained.

"The hard work and dedication of the county's producers, despite marketing problems and production cost increases, go a long way toward helping us reach our goal as Number One in agricultural productivity and profitability," Brown explained.

Statistics recently released by the Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service show that the total of 165,000 cattle operations in the state remained steady in 1976 in comparison to a year earlier.

At the same time, the total number of cattle feedlots in Texas decreased by 11 to 1,089 between 1975 and 1976. Texas is the top cattle feeding state in the nation with latest estimates showing some 1,480,000 head on feed for slaughter market in the state June 1.

June 1 estimates of cattle feeding in Texas are six per cent below a year ago but three per cent above the first of May.

Texas cattle feeders placed 380,000 head into their lots during May, 24 per cent above May, 1976, and ten per cent above a month earlier. There were 324,000 head of fat cattle marketed in Texas during May, one per cent above a year ago but 12 per cent below April's marketings.

Effects Of Higher Milk Support Price—An increase in the government support price of manufacturing milk will help dairymen cope with rising production costs but will also bring some increase in consumer prices, says an economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station. As of April 1, the support price for manufacturing milk is \$9 per 100 pounds, up 74 cents from the price that prevailed for the past six months. The price increase is expected to boost the price of butter by 10 cents a pound and the price of nonfat dry milk and cheese by 5-1/2 cents per pound. Fresh milk prices will likely increase about 1-1/2 cents per quart.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF ERIC MATTHEWS, JR., DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of ERIC MATTHEWS, JR., Deceased, were issued on July 6, 1977, in Cause No. 13,028, pending in the County (Probate) Court of Taylor County, Texas, to: JAMES HERMAN MATTHEWS.

The residence of such Administrator is Abilene, Taylor County, Texas. The post office address is: DON R. WILSON, ATTORNEY AT LAW, P.O. Box 2875, Abilene, Texas, 79604.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 13 day of July, 1977.

DON R. WILSON, P.O. Box 2875, Abilene, Texas, 79604, ATTORNEY FOR THE ESTATE. 22-11c

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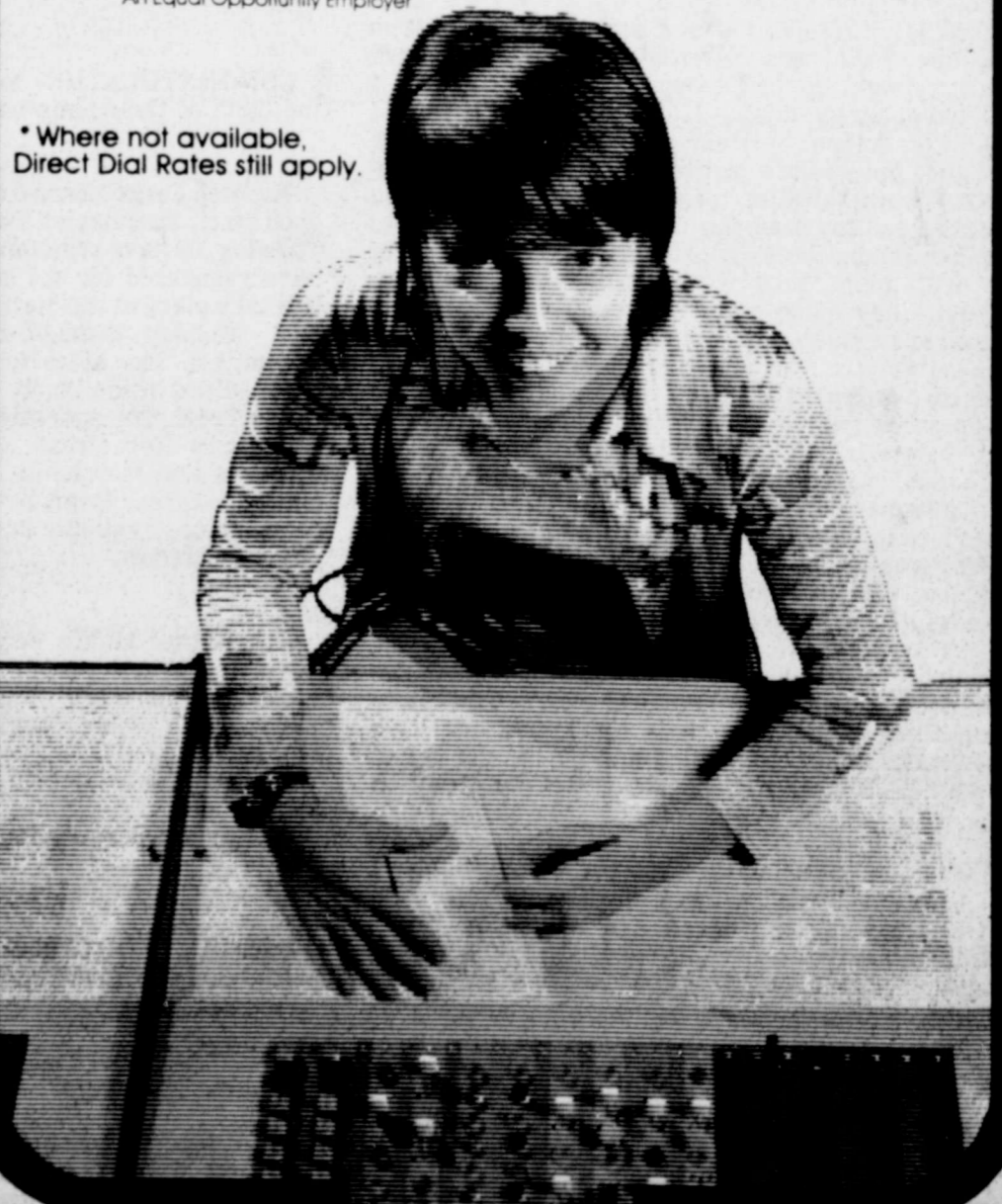
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Stated meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 718 on 2nd Saturday and 4th Thursday of each month at 8:00 p.m. Visitors welcome. Members urged to attend.  
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22-3tp

**MISCELLANEOUS**

GIVE A WAY-3 German Shepard dogs- age 9 1/2 months old. call 928-5293.  
22-1tc

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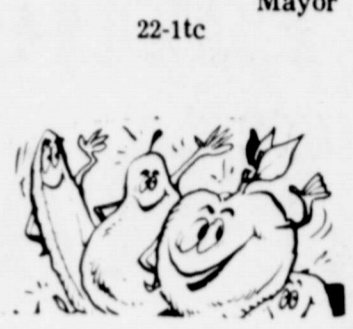
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**NOTICE OF BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING**

In obedience to an order of the Board of Equalization, regularly convened and sitting, notice is hereby given that said Board of Equalization will be in session at its regular meeting place in the Merkel Independent School Administration Building in the City of Merkel, County of Taylor, Texas, at 9 o'clock a.m., on Friday the 29th day of July 1977, for the purpose of determining, fixing and equalizing the value of any and all taxable property situated in Merkel Independent School District, Taylor and Jones, County, Texas, for the year 1977, and any and all persons interested or having business with said Board are hereby notified to be present.  
21-2tc

**NOTICE PUBLIC NOTICE**

The City Council of the city of Merkel, Texas will hold a public hearing at 7:00 a.m., Friday, July 22, 1977. Purpose of said public hearing is to establish a budget for the fiscal 1977-1978 Federal Revenue sharing funds. Any and all interested persons are invited to attend.  
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# Deaths and funerals

## Mildred Crawford Dies

Mrs. Gordon (Mildred Cook) Crawford, 62, of Nolan County, died at 8:20 a.m. Monday at Hendrick Medical Center following a lengthy illness.

Services were at 3 p.m. Tuesday at the Nolan Methodist Church. The Rev. Ruth Cooper, pastor, officiated. Burial was in Slaters Chapel Cemetery, directed by Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born March 14, 1915, at Inkum, she had lived in the Nolan Community most of her life. She married Gordon Crawford

August 6, 1954, at Pioneer Methodist Church. She was a member of the Nolan Methodist Church.

Survivors include her husband; three daughters, Lois Campbell of Lubbock, Ann Hamilton of Lamesa and Charlene Phillips of Pasadena; two brothers, L. G. Cook and J. T. Cook both of Abilene; and four grandchildren.

The family requests remembrances be made in the form of contributions to the West Texas Boys Ranch in San Angelo.

A brother, J. L. Cook, preceded her in death.

## Last Rites Held for Nova Szabo

Nova Gladys Szabo, 61 of Garden Grove, California, died at 7:30 a.m. Sunday at the Garden Grove Hospital. Services were at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Trent Baptist Church. The Rev. Jim Lawless, Pastor officiated and burial was in Trent cemetery, directed by Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born Nov. 13, 1915, at Trent she was graduated from Trent High School

## Funeral Held for Lola Haile

Lola Mae Haile, 71, of Baird, died at 2 a.m. Sunday in Callahan General Hospital.

Services were held Monday at 2 p.m. in the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Wayne Shuffield, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Ross Cemetery, directed by Morgan-Hargrove Funeral Home.

Born June 12, 1906, in May, she married Virgil J. Haile February 27, 1924, in Comanche. She was a member of the Baptist Church and the Quilting Club.

Her husband died in 1967.

and moved from Trent in 1935.

Survivors include her father Lee Rodgers of Trent; a daughter, Carolyn Bartmees of Garden Grove; a son, Les Estes of San Diego, California; two brothers, Ed Rodgers of Sierra Vista, Arizona and Huey Rodgers of San Bernardino, California; a sister, Melma O'Neal of Slaton; and five grandchildren.

## Funeral Held for Lola Haile

Survivors include three sons, Harry of Copperas Cove, Robert of Buffalo Gap and Gary of Carrollton; three daughters, Verdis Monsey of Lubbock, Dorothy Deatherage of Abilene, and Shorty Caperton of Unice, New Mexico; a brother, Jim Cosper of Tye; a sister, Gertrude Reynolds of Merkel; 23 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Pinky Black, Jerry Loper, Earl Hughes, M. L. Hughes, Jim Roy Hatchett and Roger Corn.

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1. Talk to all your relatives, and let them talk about their earliest recollections and family activities.
2. Examine all old letters and postcards, checking for names, facts and places. Keep a log of all findings.
3. After you have checked back a few generations, look for family names in the 1880 Federal Census, which listed every person.
4. From the Office of Vital Records, get all family birth and death records, as far back as available. Check graveyards for further names and dates. Search out pertinent obituaries in old newspapers, which provide much information.

5. Courthouse records, state archives and genealogical collections are goldmines of family information. Examine wills, veterans records, tax records, manuscript collections - they tell fascinating stories.

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So have fun tracing your roots enroute home this summer.

## Visits & Visitors

### Pack visitors

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Pack are Mr. and Mrs. David Parker, Audra, Misty, and Jana from Borger, Texas. David is the brother of Lillian (Hawley) Him Pack.

### Cordor Visitors

Recently, Mrs. Lewis Cordor returned from a month long trip to Europe. Countries she visited were England, Belgium, Germany, Italy, Greece, and France.

Mrs. Cordor was accompanied by two of her daughters, Mrs. Carol Ann Winter from Arlington and Mrs. Deborah Clark from Austin and several teachers and students from Arlington High School.

Highlights of the trip included visits to the Vatican, the Acropolis, the several old castles in France, and the Louvre Museum in Paris.



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### Hewitt Visitors

Visitors in the home of the Lawrence Hewitts over the week-end were Larry and Patty Hewitt from Orange.

### Pack Visitors

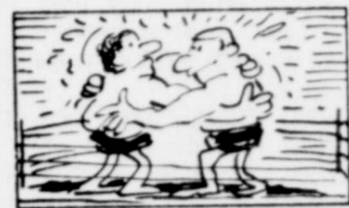
Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Beene is Sammi Smith from Lovington, New Mexico.

Also visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Pack is John Carter from Lovington. John is the brother of Cathy Pack and of James Beene.

### Quinton Visitors

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Mr. and Mrs. Don Swafford

Word has been received from L. W. Graham, Ind. Executor of the Executor of the Estate of the late Mrs. E. O. Warren of Knox City, that Mrs. Warren had provided in her will that a Certificate of Deposit in the amount of \$1,000.00, being held with the Farmers Merchants Ntl. Bank of Merkel, plus the accrued interest, be given to the Merkel Cemetery Assoc. Mrs. Warren was formerly Evelyn Williams of Merkel and had lived in the area until moving to Knox City.

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Our young people will be leaving the church at 5:45 Friday night to go to Cisco to see the Religious Pageant of 66 live scenes. This is presented by the Kindrick family. We would like to invite anyone who would like to go with us to be here at 5:45. The admission will be \$3.00 per person.

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grandmother of the bride and Mrs. Jewell Lipham of Abilene, grandmother of the groom.

The refreshment table was covered with a ecru cloth and decorated with yellow daisies in a white and brown compote. Appointments were in crystal and gold. Mrs. Robert Wheeler, Merkel and Mrs. Skip Youngblood, Lefors served refreshments and Mrs. Larry Gill, Merkel registered guests.

Hostesses for the tea were Mmes. Leon Kilslo,

Baker, Harold Sloan, Billy Dunagin, Wyman Wilkerson, M. A. Noster, R. E. Clemmer, Jr., Dean Smith, Charles Jacobs, J. W. Hammond, Billy Bob Toombs, Carol Best, David Allen, Mark Seymour, E. L. Tucker, Wheeler, Vess Justice, J. H. Clark, Jr., Troy Sloan, Frank Breanx, Benny Hobbs, Eulan Hatfield, Bobby Toliver, Louis Corder, Alvin Wozencraft, Glen Becknell, Jim Jacobs, and Grady Knight.

## The Past Matrons' Club Meets

The Past Matrons' Club met in the home of Mrs. Mildred Cypert July 12, at 7:00 p.m. Mrs. Estelle Humphreys was the co-hostess with Mrs. Cypert. Mrs. Anna Belle Shouse gave a very interesting resume of her recent trip. This trip was sponsored by the Traveling Texans out of Dallas from the Greyhound Bus Lines. The group toured 21 states and Canada. They were en route 21 days. One of the interesting places she visited was the home of Henry Clay of Lexington, Kentucky. The route took them to Niagara Falls,

provinces of Ontario, and Quebec in Canada. They came back into the United States by way of Maine. A tour of Broadway in New York was an interesting drive. They also toured the city of Philadelphia, Pa. She had a display table of items collected in her travels and brought many pictures for the guests to enjoy.

Mrs. Mildred Cypert recently made a Fall Foliage Tour sponsored by Continental Trailways Bus. Her trip covered 17 states including more than 5,000 miles. The tour was also into Canada, visiting Saulte Ste. Marie, where

they stayed two nights and made a train trip up Agaua Canyon. They saw all five of the Great Lakes. Crossing Mackinaw Straits to Mackinaw Island they saw a most unique resort island there an auto is not allowed, except for fire, police, and doctors. Transportation was by buggy, bicycle and one closed coach, horse drawn. Mrs. Cypert showed slides of the trip which showed some of the places Mrs. Shouse had visited also.

Delicious ice cream and cake were served to: Mesdames Thelma Griffin, Mae Seago, Jewell Dunagin, Sharon Alves, Viola Ensminger, Ouida Reid, Anna Belle Shouse, Estelle Humphreys, Mildred Cypert, and Miss Mary Collins, Cristy Alves, Scott Alves, and Rev. and Mrs. Allen Forbis.

## Stith Home Demonstration Club

Stith Home Demonstration ladies met July 13 in the home of Mrs. Lenora Wilburn. There were 9 presents including 2 visitors. Vada Hudson called the meeting to order. Our program was on arts and crafts given by members. We discussed the booth which we will have at the

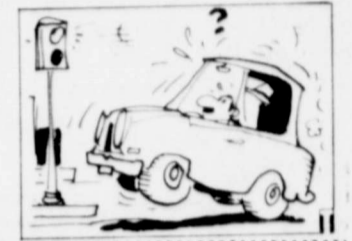
fair in Anson, August 11, 12, 13. We will have a called meeting on it later to get all plans worked out. Our next meeting will be July 27. Our County Agent will meet with us. We invite all ladies who are interested in Club work to meet with us.

## CONSUMER CORNER



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## WTU Customers

## Using Record Amounts of Electricity

West Texas Utilities Company customers are using record amounts of electricity this summer, but generation engineers say the system is capable of supplying any demands.

Three new record peaks have been set and daily consumption is running above average. But in response to questions prompted by the recent New York blackout, WTU officials said that even though usage likely will continue increasing if the weather stays hot, the projected peak will be within the system's generation and transmission capacity.

Carl Yancy, WTU systems operation manager, said it is "highly unlikely" that a blackout similar to the one in New York could occur here.

"Of course no one can be absolutely certain, but there is no doubt in my mind that our system is reliable," Yancy said.

He explained that WTU's eight major power stations are strategically located near the load centers and that the transmission network is designed to eliminate too much dependence on one

plant. Total generating capacity is 1,055,500 kilowatts, Yancy said, and the all-time consumption peak so far was 747,000 kilowatts, which was recorded at 5 p.m. on Monday, July 11. Last year's record peak was 725,000 kilowatts on August 11.

WTU officials have forecast a summer peak of 785,000 kilowatts, which is 270,000 kilowatts below the company's generating capacity. This reserve of about 26 per cent is considered good by national standards.

And the reserve would more than make up for the loss of the company's largest generating facility, which is the new 200,000 kilowatt unit at the Fort Phantom Power Plant near Abilene.

The system also could receive back-up power from neighboring companies, Yancy pointed out. Heavy consumption occurred this summer in spite of customer efforts at conservation, company officials said. They attribute the increase to the hot weather and to the fact that WTU is serving about

3,000 more residential customers now than at the same time last year.

Though the system is geared up for any emergency, company spokesmen acknowledge there is no sure guarantee against an electrical outage, particularly those caused by acts of nature.

Yancy said the last system-wide blackout occurred in April, 1961, when a phone wire broke and fell into the Paint Creek substation. The outage spread throughout the system, although all service was restored completely within 40 minutes.

Since then, automatic circuit breakers have been installed to prevent a recurrence.

## Merkel Riding Club Play Night Results

The results of the Merkel Riding Club's Saturday night play day are as follows:

Boot Race - 1. Dawn Henslee; 2. Shala Miller.

Barrels (8 and under) - 1. Denise Pursley; 2. Mike Dokey; 3. Candace Henslee; 4. Bridgett Vaughn.

(9-12) - 1. Lisa Dokey; 2. Dayne Pursley; 3. Eddie Sparks; 4. Jay Gibson.

(13-17) - 1. Penny Hatfield; 2. Vicki Campbell;

3. Buddy Stout. (18 and over) - 1. Patti Shatwell; 2. Walter Henslee; 3. Charles Hatfield. delete above

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Flag (8 and under) - 1. Denise Pursley; 2. Candace Henslee; 3. Mike Dokey; 4. Bridgett

Vaughn. (9-12) - 1. Eddie Sparks; 2. Dayne Pursley; 3. Jay Gibson; 4. Jerry Miller.

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Poles (8 and under) - 1. Candace Henslee. (9-12) - 1. Eddie Sparks; 2. Jay Gibson; 3. dayne Pursley; 4. Lisa Dokey; 5.

Jerry Miller. (13-15) - 1. Penny Hatfield; 2. Vicki Campbell; 3. Buddy Stout.

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Ribbon Roping - 1. Alvin Power and Kenny Miller; 2. Patti Shatwell and Mike Dokey; 3. Charles Hatfield and Mike Dokey.

## Hellums Birth

Betsy Jo Hellums would like to announce the new arrival of her baby sister Laurie Helen Hellums. She was born July 17th at 1:40 a.m. and was 19½ inches long weighing 7 pounds and 1½ ounces.

Parents are Mr. and Mrs. Larry Hellums, maternal grand-parents are Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hook.

## Heady Birth

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Heady are proud to announce the birth of a son, Frederick Joseph Heady. He was born Monday, July 11th, 1977 at 11:48 a.m. weighing 4 pounds, 4½ ounces. The grandparents are J. V. and Tessie Hester of Merkel.

## Happy 33rd Birthday



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By 1964, Abilene had grown a bit. And so had Abilene Drug. Now there were three stores. Of course, some other drug stores had opened for business, too. But folks seemed to prefer the convenience and the courteous attitude of their hometown pharmacy.

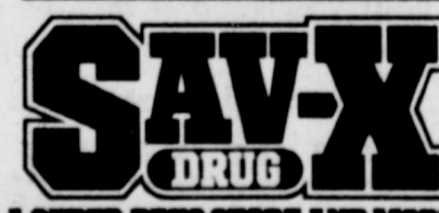
Then in 1968, Don and Abe tried a little experiment. They opened a streamlined version of Abilene Drug, and called it "Sav-X." The



new store was a little smaller than the Abilene Drug stores. But it offered the same fast, friendly service to the neighborhood it served.

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## UT Has a Machine That May Some Day Supply Inexhaustible Supply of Energy

Located in a basement at the University of Texas in Austin is a machine which may some day provide mankind with an almost inexhaustible supply of energy.

Mrs. Elmer Martin, wife of State Representative Martin of Colorado City, accompanied a group of legislative wives who toured the facility which scientists hope will produce the energy of the future.

Today, when fuels are becoming more and more scarce and expensive, the machine, called Tokamak, is receiving lots of attention and large amounts of money, for hopefully, the process it uses will ultimately be the source of all the energy the earth will need.

Tokamak, named in Russia where the first one of its kind was built, uses a process called fusion. Imagine a source of energy which gets its power from ordinary sea water, a virtually limitless supply of fuel. Then note that the process has no radioactive waste products, has no possibility of a runaway nuclear accident, and releases no pollutants into the air.

Scientists at the University in Austin have high hopes this process will eventually become a reality, and they recently passed a milestone in that effort. They have produced a machine which can reach a temperature of more than 200 million degrees. This is the first step needed in the process of fusion, which is the process of combining or fusing of the nuclei of hydrogen to release energy.

The wives of the legislators were given a fascinating lecture in layman's terms on Tokamak, and were shown the inner workings of the machine. When Tokamak is at work, it gives a visitor an eerie sense of being in an outer world. Strange explosive sounds are heard and smoke rings rise upward in one area. The machine itself is about the size of a large boiler, but it is

surrounded by other "Buck Rogers" looking apparatus. One is a thermometer to record those tremendous temperatures. Dr. Bill Drummond, who heads the center, explains that an integral part of the thermometer is a tube made of finest ruby.

A whole wall of computers can tell the scientists what goes on inside the machine. Thick, lead-insulated coils of wire lead into and out of the machine.

The Fusion Research Center was established at the University in 1966 with funds given by private industry in Texas, the electric utilities. The study of fusion was first begun in Los Alamos, New Mexico in 1952 but it was 1968 before the first Tokamak was built in Russia. Some of the world's leading scientists and engineers designed and constructed their own Tokamak at the University, which is the major center of fusion research in the U. S. at the present time.

Millions of dollars have already been spent on fusion research at UT. Beginning next month a new Tokamak will be started with federal funds financing the project. It will cost \$10 million to build and another \$10 million to run it for the next three years. Forty-five scientists from all over the world are working there, joined by 60 UT graduate students, the engineers and scientists of the future.

They say it may be 75 years before we enjoy the benefits of Tokamak. Dr. Drummond says it will take ten years to build an experiment showing scientific proof that fusion is possible. That it will take 25 more years to build one that will provide power. This will take us to

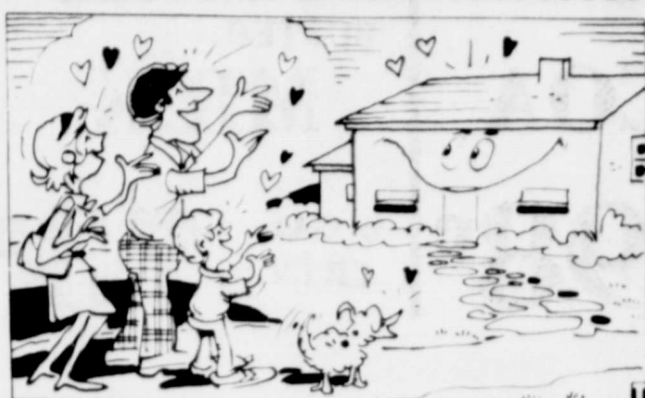
the year 2000. Then it will take another 35 years to build a plant that is economically feasible.

It is a long term project, but Mrs. Martin noted it is good to know that our grandchildren may enjoy safe, non-polluting, inexhaustible energy.

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A worker with an IRA can contribute up to 15 percent of his or her earnings, to a maximum of \$1500 per year, into an individual retirement savings program or account. If the employee's non-working spouse is included in the plan, the maximum is \$1750 per year, again limited to 15 percent. The concept behind an IRA is that the account will grow substantially over the years to provide a measure of retirement security for the individual.

While contributing to the IRA, the employee does not pay income taxes on

the money set aside or on the interest or other income it might earn. The income tax is due when the money is actually withdrawn, at age 59 1/2 or later, or should the individual become disabled. Chances are at that time the effective tax rate will be lower than during the employee's earning years.

While IRAs do offer certain tax advantages, there are also limitations or restrictions to bear in mind. Contributions which exceed the allowable maximum are subject to a non-deductible 6 percent excise tax, each year. To discourage premature withdrawals, taken out before the worker reaches age 59 1/2 or becomes disabled are taxed as ordinary income and are subject to an additional 10 percent penalty.

Finally, distribution of the funds in an IRA must begin by the time the taxpayer reaches 70 1/2 years of age. The withdrawal

rate at that time is up to the owner, but generally must provide for full distribution of the money within the person's expected lifetime, based on actuarial tables.

The IRS has a free booklet, IRS Publication 590, "Tax Information on the Individual Retirement Savings Programs" which can be obtained by writing or calling the IRS Banks, savings and loans, federally insured credit unions, insurance companies and certain brokerage firms can also help interested persons establish their IRA.

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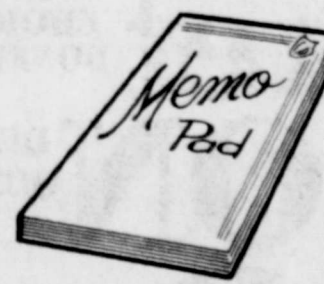
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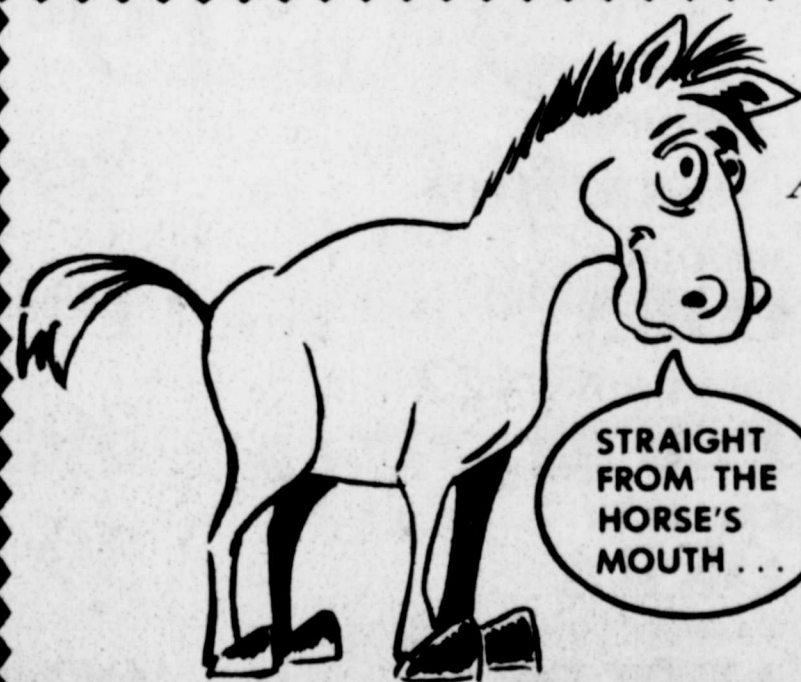
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