



Florence Berry
Woman of the Year



J.A. Sadler
Citizen of the Year



Mrs. Earl Hughes
Recipient of the Almeda Bullock Humanitarian Award



Don Hensley
Outstanding Community Leader

Four Honored At Merkel Chamber of Commerce Banquet

Each year the general opinion is, this year's banquet couldn't possibly be as enjoyable as last year. However, true to form, this year was highly entertaining, with a big attendance, and was the most successful yet. Many candidates now running for public office and or their spouses were in attendance along with many Merkel citizens.

Don Hensley, president of Farmers and Merchants National Bank was named the outstanding community leader of Merkel and presented with a plaque by J.A. Sadler.

Subsequently, J.A. Sadler, city manager, was named the Citizen of the Year and presented a plaque by Merkel Chamber Manager, Benny Melton.

Sadler, had an extra special surprise besides receiving his award. His mother, Mrs. J.A. Sadler Sr., had been carefully hiding until her son's award was announced. Mrs. Sadler made a special trip to Merkel from her home in Colorado City, Texas, to be on hand for the banquet.

The Woman of the Year and Almeda Bullock Humanitarian Awards were presented by Ginny Yaddow, Lambda Beta, and Jocille Brady, Xi Nu Chi, both chapters of Beta Sigma Phi.

The Woman of the Year for 1978 was introduced by Ginny Yaddow as follows: The Lady of the year for 1978 selected by the Beta Sigma Phi is one of the busiest people around anywhere. She would put to shame younger people by the amount of work she can do. Much of the work is not for herself, but she is always thinking of something she can do for others.

She moved with her parents to a farm near Merkel soon after the turn of the century, later moving into town where she attended Merkel Public

Schools. She married and moved away from Merkel, but after a few years returned to make Merkel her home again.

In all of her work in public places she always served her customers with a pleasant smile and always courteous, patient and friendly. Her devotion to little children is great. She works diligently with them in Sunday School. Then it is not uncommon for some of the children to visit her in her home where she lets them enjoy making their own cookies and kool-aid. Her hands are always busy and she had done some beautiful work in china painting. She has an unusual wit about her and contributes her share of fun with any group. Once she purposely attended a party late and came dressed in black bonnet and black dress, carrying a cane. She announced she had just got word she was a great-grandmother.

On another occasion she won the prize at a kid party, dressed in a kid costume, barefooted with a sore toe tied up in a big white cloth, soaked in kerosene.

Her greatest desire in life has been to have all the white paint she wanted. This is evidence by the neat appearance of her white house and fence.

She is a member of the First Baptist Church, Order of the Eastern Star, and the Past Matrons Club.

She has served the people over the years in the Taylor County Tax Assessors office, Dennis Dry Goods, and Bragg Dry Goods. She moved to Merkel from Fulbright, Texas with parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Joe Holmes. She has a daughter, Mrs. Jessie Margaret Miller, of Tucson, Arizona, and she has two grandchildren and three great grandchildren. SHE IS MRS. FLORENCE BERRY!

Mrs. Berry was totally surprised and thrilled with her award and recognition.

Jocille Brady introduced the new Almeda Bullock Humanitarian Award, and also this years recipient as follows: For several years the Merkel Chapters of Beta Sigma Phi have had the privilege of presenting outstanding women of our community with the Beta Sigma Phi International Lady of the Year Award. Guide lines set for this award by international include the requirements that the award be presented to a woman who has not been associated with Beta Sigma Phi.

Since the Lambda Beta Chapter received its charter in 1950 and the organizing of Xi Nu Chi Exemplar chapter in 1972, there have been almost 150 women associated with Beta Sigma Phi in Merkel, either as a member, sponsor or director.

One of our most beloved associates has been Almeda Bullock. She served Lambda Beta as director for 13 years and has been an honorary member of Xi Nu Chi since its beginning. Mrs. Bullock is now inactive because of ill health, but her influence will remain with us forever. She has been an inspiration to all of us who have had the privilege to be associated with her. Because of her love and devotion to Beta Sigma Phi and to Merkel, Lambda Beta and Xi Nu Chi have established a special award to honor Mr. Bullock.

This award will be given to a woman who has been associated with Beta Sigma and has performed outstanding service to both the organization and the community. The award will be given in the years when the active membership of Merkel's Beta Sigma Phi chapters feel there is a worthy candidate.

The award will be called

THE ALMEDA BULLOCK HUMANITARIAN AWARD.

This years selection is a lovely lady who has been a citizen of Merkel for over 30 years. She has been of great service to Beta Sigma Phi, having served as sponsor to Lambda Beta for 3 years. She has also served our community well in such capacities as president of the Fortnightly Study Club, officer of the Garden Club, Worthy Matron of the Eastern Star and member of that organization for 58 years. However outstanding

BAKE SALE
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Demonstration Club

Trent Band
Receives Number
One Rating In
Sight Reading

The Trent Band traveled to Hamlin High School Wednesday, March 15, 1978 for UIL Contest the Band was under the Direction of Mrs. Cherry Curry. In concert the Band played Blue Water Bridge, Song of Victory, and The Water is Wide. They received a 4 on these. Then they went into Sight Reading and played a song. The director was given 7 minutes to tell how to play this song then they were to play this for the first time. When the ratings were called there was a happy band director and a whole lot of Happy Gorillas.

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those contributions are this lady's love for young people and her work with them is of great significance. In the late 1940's and early '50's she worked diligently to help create a youth center for the youth

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News and Thoughts

By Martha Sue Justice

You'll never believe this--but the "Ding-A-Ling" was present at the Merkel Chamber of Commerce Banquet, Thursday night. I didn't spot her in the crowd too often and later found out why--She was peeping around the corner in the very back of the cafeteria. I said, "What in the world are you doing back there in the corner,--hiding?" Her answer, "No, I just remembered that I forgot to take a bath!"

People throughout the country are deeply worried about the economy and how they are going to make ends meet if the current trend keeps up. Many middle class citizens and especially small businesses are headed for trouble if the government doesn't find a solution for the burdens these people are carrying. Recently I noticed an opinion expressed in *Viewpoint*, published by the National Federation of Independent Business. I believe it's an opinion that many of our small businesses have today.--"I just wanted to say for what it's worth, that it is getting harder and harder for a small business to keep going. The wage increase for employees, cost of supplies, etc. are really getting out of hand. In small towns such as ours, the farmers and people working are not getting more money to compete with the rising costs of the merchants' products. I have been in business for 21 years and the last few years, especially 1977, have been harder for me to make it than the years before that. Something will have to be done soon or the small businesses will be out of business."

DON'T BE FORGETFUL- A forgetful patient went to the doctor for a checkup. The doctor wrote out a prescription for him in his usual illegible writing. The patient put it in his card-case and forgot to get it filled. Every morning for two years, he showed it to the conductor as a railroad pass. Twice it got him into a theater, once into a baseball park, and once into a symphony concert. He got a raise from the cashier by showing it as a note from the boss. One day, he mislaid it at home. His daughter picked it up, played it on the piano, and won a scholarship to conservatory of music.

CORRECTION - Vicki Spurr was misquoted in last week's addition. The question asked was,--What improvements would you make in our schools? Her answer should have read,-- I would like to see an

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improvement in the relationship between Merkel and Tye.--a more helpful atmosphere. Once accomplished, facility improvement would follow.

Lillian Pack, our advertising manager here at the Merkel Mail, was working in the kitchen one night last week when her husband Lewis pointed out that she was doing something all wrong. She said, "I wish you would sometimes give me credit for something." His answer, "Honey, I gave you credit for something once and ended up having to repossess it."

HOURS AND EARNINGS - During January, the average production worker in manufacturing was earning \$5.75 an hour for a 40.2 hour week. The January average wage is 10 cents an hour over December's, but the average weekly earnings are down due to the decrease in hours from \$237.87 a month ago to \$231.15 for January. Compared to a year ago, however, average weekly earnings are up \$25.09.

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I can say I know Goldia Malone. Goldia is one of the hardest and most hardest working and most active people I know. She is always on the go and words very hard for and with 4-H Club members. She loves all of those children and makes every effort to be in on all activities. **OUR HATS ARE OFF TO YOU - Goldia Malone!** Keep it up.--Merkel is indeed fortunate to have you in this community.

Please, please, please, excuse Blanche Hewitt if she seems to be acting strangely these days. She has been suffering a great deal lately from migraine headaches. It seems that one of her bosses gave her a book to read titled, *How To Work Harder With Improved Efficiency*.

COST OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS - "How much does federal regulation cost the American public? A study compiled by the Center for the Study of American Business at Washington University, St. Louis, says that it costs \$68.5 billion a year to administer and meet federal regulatory requirements. That comes out to \$307 per person, or \$1,228 for a family of four." (*Human Events*, March 11, 1978)

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY - My Faith Looks Up To Thee: May the light of your faith so shine that it will illuminate the heart of another.

The Lord loves those who hate evil; he protects the lives of his people, and rescues them from the wicked. Light is sown for the godly and joy for the good. May all who are godly be happy in the Lord and crown him, our holy God. -Psalms 97:10-12

JUST KEEP ON SMILIN!

Chamber Banquet Continued



Jocille Brady

Introduced the winner of the Almeda Bullock Hummanitarian Award



Ginny Yaddow

Introduced the Woman of the Year for 1978

of Merkel in the newly located Lion's Club Building. She has been active in church work especially with the youth and many of us will remember the warm smile and friendly words which greeted us for 10 years as we came to lunch in this cafeteria, which she managed for the Merkel ISD. The honoree is a mother of three, grandmother of nine and great-grandmother of seven. The first recipient of

the Almeda Bullock Hummanitarian Award is Mrs. Earl Hughes!

Mrs. Hughes happily accepted her award and had a great deal of praise for the Merkel community. All four honorees were given a standing ovation.

Radio producer, Tumbleweed Smith, introduced by Lee Presswood, presented an outstanding program with a dozen or more tapes, demonstrating the idea of what he

does. "Sounds of Texas", which airs on 71 radio stations throughout the country, produced by Tumbleweed, is also presented by KBGG every morning at 8:15 a.m.

Tumbleweed, expressed his love for West Texas by calling the region, "poetry, starkness and reality". Also, "There's promise in every sunrise in West Texas, there's al-

ways a feeling of the frontier." Tumbleweed's humor was felt throughout the audience, while his frankness about the people of Texas was thoroughly enjoyed.

The Chamber Banquet was catered by Pug & Leo's Restaurant, and table decorations were furnished by Ann and Vernon Wade of Ann's Flowers.

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Cindy Stenholm

Special Guest at Chamber Banquet. Cindy is the wife of Charles Stenholm, candidate for the 17th Congressional District.

Harold Hohertz Nominee
For Director

Election of three directors highlights Coleman Production Credit Association's annual meeting of stockholders March 25 (Saturday) in the Coleman High School. The meeting begins with registration at 2p.m., followed by the business session. Refreshments will be served.

According to Charles R. Hickman, the association's president, nominees for Place I (Taylor County) director are incumbent Joseph N. Montgomery and Harold Hohertz, both of Abilene. Place II (Brown County) candidates are incumbent Wil-

lard Perkins of Brownwood and C.O. Ford of Brooksmith. Harold Price, incumbent of Eden, and John Hovorak of Paint Rock are candidates for Position III (Concho County).

Other main business items include the financial report by Hickman, an association activity report by Montgomery and election of nominating committee members.

More than 250 farmer-rancher members and guests from Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Concho, Runnels and Taylor counties are expected to attend.

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Luke 24:1-7

VERSE 3: And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus.

VERSE 6: He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spoke unto you when he was yet in Galilee,

VERSE 7: Saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.

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KRAFT **WRAPPLES** 9 OZ PKG **59c**

HUNTS **CATSUP** 32 OZ **69c**

KRAFT **BARBEQUE SAUCE** 18 OZ **59c**

BEST MAID **DILL PICKLES** 32 OZ **79c**

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5-1TP

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5-1TP

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5-2TP

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46-tfc

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GARAGE SALE: 9 A.M. Friday. Clothes, jewelry, glassware, antiques, and misc. items. First house on left, north of overpass on F.M. 126. Faye Ueckert.

5-1TC

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HELP WANTED: Relief help for laundry and housekeeper. Applications now being taken for experienced nurses aid. Apply in person at the Starr Nursing Home.

1-TFC

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1-TFC

HELP WANTED: Apply at L&W Snack Bar. 928-5484.

5-1TC

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5-TFC

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3-4tc

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1-TFC

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2-TFC

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CARD OF THANKS

I take this method of thanking the members of the Beta Sigma Phi for selecting me as the Woman of the Year. It was a pleasant surprise and I am indeed grateful. Also, I would like to thank the many people of this community for their nice words of congratulations. With humble thanks I thank all of you.

Mrs. Florence Berry

5-1TP

It is difficult to find words to express how much we appreciate the love, kindness and generosity of the wonderful people of Merkel. With the total loss of our home and contents due to a terrible fire, we have found Merkel's love and concern for our family overwhelming. May God bless each of you.

Sincerely,
The Jack Spradling Family

5-1TNC

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to the many friends and loved ones for their expressions of sympathy during our recent sorrow, and for the beautiful floral offerings and food. May God bless each and everyone of you.

Gordon Cross
Mrs. T.J. Bird and Family
5-1TP

I wish to thank all my friends for the prayers, flowers, cards, visits, and phone calls while I was in the hospital. God bless all of you.

Becky Page

5-1TP

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO INCORPORATE

Notice is hereby given that Abilene Marble Company, whose principal business office is at 1458 South Treadaway, Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, intends, on or before March 1, 1978, to become incorporated without a change of firm name.

The entire assets of Abilene Marble Company will be transferred to Abilene Marble Company, Inc., a Texas corporation whose principal place of business is at 1458 South Treadaway, Abilene, Texas, and which will become bound to pay the debts of the said Abilene Marble Company and that said corporation will be solvent upon becoming so bound. Dated: 16 February, 1978. Vincent E. Davis, Owner

3-4tc

Public Notice

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION

Notice is hereby given that the partnership under the firm name of Southwest Respiratory Care, located at 2226 Grand Street, Abilene, Texas, was dissolved by mutual consent on March 2, 1978, and that the business will be continued thereafter under the same name as a Texas corporation. Payment of debts owing to the partnership and presentation of demands for payments of debts due by the partnership should be made to the corporation at 2226 Grand Street, Abilene, Taylor County, Texas. Dated: March 3, 1978

4-2tc

Public Notice

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Report of The FitzGerald Foundation for the fiscal year ended November 30, 1977 by any citizen upon request at its principal office at 1141 Butternut Street, Abilene, Texas, during the regular hours of business from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, for 180 days from this date.

The FitzGerald Foundation
1141 Butternut Street
Abilene, Taylor County
Texas
Norman D. FitzGerald,
Manager

5-1TC

Political Announcement

The following have authorized The Merkel Mail to announce their candidacy for office, subject to action of Democratic Primaries on May 6, 1978.

For U.S. House of Representatives, 17th Congressional District:

CHARLES STENHOLM

FIKE GODFREY

JIM SNOWDEN

JIM BAUM

For Jones County Commissioner

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GREETINGS:
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said County in Abilene, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of Carolyn Sue Harrison, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 15th day of March, 1978, against Bruce George Harrison, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 746-C on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Matter of The Marriage of Carolyn Sue Harrison and Bruce George Harrison," the nature of which suit is a request to Petitioner prays that Court grant Petitioner a Divorce from Respondent.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree dissolving the marriage and providing for the division of property which will be binding upon you.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the children interest which will be binding upon you.

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

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Abilene Texas, this the 15th day of March, 1978.

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NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

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To All Interested Agencies, Groups and Persons:

On or about April 3, 1978 the above named City of Merkel will request the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development of release Federal Funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (L-93-383) for the following project:

Name-City of Merkel Neighborhood Street Paving Program

Purpose-Paving of Some 15 Blocks of City Streets
Location-City of Merkel, Taylor County, Texas
Cost Estimation \$66,000.00

An Environmental Review Record respecting the with-in project has been made by the above named City of Merkel which documents the environmental review of the project. This Envi r o n-

mental Review Record is on file at the above address and is available for public examination and copying, upon request.

The City of Merkel will undertake the project described above with Block Brant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The City of Merkel is certifying to HUD that the City of Merkel and Lou David Allen in his official capacity as Mayor, consent to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decisionmaking, and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval, the City of Merkel may use the Brock Grant Funds, and HUD will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. HUD will accept and objection to its approval of

the release of funds and acceptance of the certification only if it is on one of the following basis: (a) that the certification was not in fact executed by the Chief Executive Officer or other Officer of applicant approved by HUD; or (b) that applicants environmental review record for the project indicates omission of a required decision, finding, or step applicable to the project in the environmental process. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedure (24 CFR Part 58) and may be addressed to HUD at Department of Housing and Urban Development, Area Office, 2001 Bryan Tower, Dallas, Texas 75-201.

Objection to the release of funds on basis other than those stated above will not be considered by HUD. No objection received after April 25, 1978 will be considered by HUD.

Lou David Allen, Mayor
City of Merkel
107 Lamar Street

Pioneer Memorial United Methodist Church Will Host Celebration

Pioneer Memorial United Methodist Church of near Merkel, Abilene District, will be host for a Centennial Celebration of the Mulberry Canyon Methodist Churches on May 7, 1978. Pioneer Memorial

United Methodist Church is the successor to all of the churches which once prospered in the Mulberry Canyon area. As early as 1878 in the west end of Mulberry Canyon a small church was organized in the dug-out home of the Rev. M.M. Norris. Some of his neighbors were: W.H. Brown, C.L. Brown, P.R. Demere, J.T. and J.C. Tucker. Within the next year a log cabin was erected to be used as both school and church. A few years later the men hauled lumber from Abilene in wagons to construct a building to be used strictly for religious purposes. They donated the labor to build and paint it - it was painted white and named "White Church" and from 1888 until it was ultimately abandoned when the people moved out it was called "White Church."

In 1906 Nubia Methodist Church was organized by Rev. T.H. Davis and was located about seven miles southeast of White Church. Nubia grew to be an early day village with country store, cotton gin, doctor, post office.

About 1924 Blair Methodist Church was organized by Rev. Robert Stuts in the Northeast part of Mulberry Canyon. These early day churches were served by many circuit riders who came and went and pastored the great congregations of the early days of large and numerous families. And the descendants of these pioneer families in keeping pace with the improved tools for farming and automobiles for transportation began by-passing the small rural churches and stores and soon schools and churches and compelled to consolidate with nearby schools in Merkel and Trent. The Methodist families who chose to remain on the land selected to consolidate their churches and Pioneer Memorial came into being and remains as the sole survivor of the several Methodist Churches of Mulberry Canyon.

Centennial Celebration of Mulberry Canyon Methodist Churches, May 7, 1978, will be a Homecoming event for all former pastors, members and friends of the canyon. Following the Sunday morning worship, a basket lunch will be served in the Community Center.

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School News

By Milly Bright, Media Coordinator

TYE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

Mrs. Mitchell's first graders are excited about sight word contests going on among the different Reading groups. The first winner was Angela McCartney.

All the boys and girls enjoyed participating in a program for Open House and Texas Education Week.

Homeroom mothers are planning an exciting Easter party.

Students in Mrs. Winter's fourth grade class are enjoying a new math game called "Let's Go Shopping". There are large colored posters of various kinds of stores showing the prices of items. Each student chooses a problem, he then exchanges cards with other students to solve more problems.

The students are also making a March collage. They choose a March symbol such as a kite, daffodil, robin or shamrock to draw and color, then scatters them over a bulletin board to create a spring collage.

tomato, green bean, squash and potatoes.

This Friday the children of Merkel Elementary will be going on their annual field trip and Easter egg hunt. The room mothers and parents of the students have been very cooperative in allowing them to come to respective homes and farms for these hunts. In most instances the room mothers are furnishing the drinks and prizes for the hunt.

There are 15 young ladies from Merkel Elementary who have signed up for the Miss Merkel Beauty Pageant to be held on April 8.

Mrs. Peel's 1st Grade students are exhibiting some of their abstract art work in the hall outside their classroom. Many of the students show artistic ability.

Winners in the Taylor County District Soil and Water Conservation Poster Contest are Misty Doan from Mrs. Greer's Kindergarten class; Ted Seymour, second grade, Mrs. Wade's class; and Amy Irvin, fourth grade, Mrs. Seymour's class. They attended a banquet in Abilene, Tuesday, March 21st.

Merkel School Board Meeting

Tye PTO News

The Merkel School held its regular meeting Monday, March 20 at the Merkel Middle School Library. All members were present.

Charles Jacobs, president, called the meeting to order and welcomed guests. The approval of the minutes of the last three minutes, Feb. 20, 27, and March 6 were then voted on by board members.

The financial reports were given by Jim what. The financial reports were presented by Jim Lawless and approved by board members. Also, the payment of bills were approved.

Irene Cantu was appointed to help with the Tye election. Joe Lassiter is in charge of the Merkel election, and will be on hand to help with any Spanish-speaking people.

Dale Adams, president of the Tye P.T.O., then presented the request by Tye P.T.O. members for the relocation of the Tye sixth grade. They are

presently located in Merkel, and it is the wish of the P.T.O. members to move the sixth grade to Tye. Vicki Spurr presented information concerning a telephone survey taken in Tye, and all but one party wishes to have the Tye sixth grade moved back to Tye.

Travis Davis then brought before the board the request from a party to buy the surplus steam radiators the school has in storage. The item was tabled until further information is gathered concerning the damage to the radiators in the high school radiators.

Travis Davis then brought the request to purchase three electric typewriters in time for the U.I.L. contest. This is to enable the typing contestants to participate in the district meet. The board approved a motion to buy four electric typewriters and any other office equipment needed to finish the year.

Mrs. Wilson then

brought before the board the new state law which makes breakfast in all schools mandatory. She requested a two-week trial period to be used to assess and predict any problems that may be brought by this action. She asked that the two weeks be the last two weeks of the school year.

The item of an increase in tuition of transfer students was then discussed by the board. Travis Davis was put in charge of drawing up a sliding scale on which tuition charges can be enforced according to the area the students live in.

The school board then went into an executive session to discuss the resignations and employment of teachers and other personnel. All contracts were renewed except for the resignations of Russell Gee and Tony McGowan.

The next item of business was the expulsion of a junior high student. The board voted to adhere to the request of expelling

the student for the rest of the quarter.

Charles Jacobs then gave a report from a Dallas construction engineer and stated that the high school building was structurally sound. The board then called Bill Fowler, an engineer from Abilene, to survey and report to the board about his findings. He also agreed that the building is structurally sound. Further discussion of school facilities will be held at a later meeting.

The board then appointed Mark Malone, Pat Neff, Ken Law, Jackie Reynolds, and Annette Clark as members of the board of equalization.

The board then consented to having a storage closet built in the old gym by the shop class. It will hold football, basketball, track and other sports equipment.

The meeting was then adjourned.

The Tye P.T.O. met in regular session on Thursday, March 9th with approximately 150 adults in attendance.

Items of business discussed during the meeting were: Purchase of equipment for the classrooms of the Tye Elementary School and moving the sixth grade students from the Merkel Middle School back to the Elementary School campuses.

Following some discussion in regard to the purchase of classroom equipment, President Bill Adams appointed a committee of five to discuss this matter at the next regular scheduled meeting of the Merkel Independent School District Board of Trustees.

Following the meeting students sang songs about Texas and held open house in observation of Texas Public School Week.

meeting.

Following some discussion led by President Bill Adams and Vice-President Vicki Spurr in regard to moving the sixth grade students from the Merkel Middle School back to the Elementary School Campuses, the P.T.O. voted unanimously in favor of the motion. President Bill Adams appointed a committee of five to discuss this matter at the next regular scheduled meeting of the Merkel Independent School District Board of Trustees.

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Play to be Presented Friday

Twelve Angry Men, the U.I.L. play to be presented at contest April 4 by high school students will have a public performance March

24 at 7:00 P.M. Admission is fifty cents, pre-school will be admitted free. Everyone is urged to attend.

Merkel Elementary

Mrs. Pursley's 2nd Grade classroom is becoming a living garden. As part of a science project the students have planted seeds in coffee cans. There are many varieties of seeds planted including

School will be dismissed Friday March 24th at 1:30 for the Spring Break. School will resume April 3rd.

8th Grade Track

In a Trinagular Track Meet, Merkel's 8th grade Boys went up against Colorado City and Anson. Merkel came away with 2 firsts and 5 seconds. The results were:
FIRST PLACE: Gary Tutt-100Yd Dash-11.46.
Gary Tutt-220 Yd Dash-25.39.
SECOND PLACE: 440 Relay-Tutt, Bill Wilham.

Terry Schoggins, David Dela Cruz, Mile Relay D.C. McKeehan, Wilhelm, Schoggins, Dela Cruz, Tutt -Long Jump-15'9 3/4", Danny Rigan-Pole Vault 8'0", Kevin Farmer-High Jump-5'2".
THIRD PLACE: O.C. McKeehan-Shot Put-36'5", McKeehan-880-2:36.2, Bubba Atkinson-Pole Vault-7'6".

7th Grade Track

Last Thursday the 7th grade boys met Colorado City in a dual track meet and come away with 2 first place ribbons and 9 second place finishes. The results were: FIRST PLACES: Sammy Tumlinson-High Jump, 4'-10", Mike Hagar Pole Vault, 7'-0".
SECOND PLACE: 440 Relay; Tumlinson, Jimmy Mendez, Alan Green, Eric Maddox in 59.4. 880 Relay; Tumlinson, Mendez, Green, Chris Mashburn in 1:53.2. Mike Hagar; High Jump-4'-4", Mike Hagar 70 yd Low Hurdles-12.7, Raymond Aeosta-220 yd Dash-31.4, Roy Johnson-Shot Put-30'-10 1/2", Jimmie

Mendez-Long Jump-15' 3 3/4", Chris Mashburn-Pole Vault-6'6", Randy Leverich-100 Yd Dash-13.5
THIRD PLACE: Alan Green-Discus-76'11", Alan Green-Long Jump-14'9".
FOURTH PLACE: Mike Hagar-440-74.0, Acosta-100-13.9, Johnson-Discus-76'8", Mendez-Shot Put-28'7 1/2", Mashburn-660 Yd Run-1:59.3, Turner-120 Yd Low Hurdles-20.31, Lorne Sloan-70 Yd High Hurdles-13.05.
FIFTH PLACE: Tumlinson-Shot Put-26' 11 1/2", Johnson-440-77.0, Leverich 660-2:08, Leverich-High Jump-4'2", Maddox-120 Lows-20.95, Turner-220 31.0.

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American Strike Movement

The American Agricultural Strike movement will have a special meeting at

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Taylor County 4-H

Horse Club Meets

The Taylor County 4-H Horse Club met March 18th. Clyde Carroll and Mike Welch were co-hosts. In the absence of L.J. Gray and his one-eyed Jenny, Mike Welch and Bob Lindley shared trail boss chores in a pasture with steep hills and low valleys and plenty of timber for brush popping if any one wanted to learn the art. There were mesquite and cedar trees and winding trails to ride. There was a handy tank

for watering the horses at the noon hour rest period in a very pretty little spot deep in the pasture with high hills and peaks to the north and west. Nineteen members and guests with five adults enjoyed a picnic lunch of sandwiches, chip cookies, punch, tea and coffee. The next meeting will be April 10th at the Old Abilene Town Arena. Lessa McKee and Tom Morgan will be in charge of the program.

Mulberry Canyon 4-H News

The Mulberry Canyon 4-H Club met March 13 at the T. Talent home, 1201 10th Street, Merkel. The meeting was called to order by president, Dee Dee Masonheimer. The pledge and prayer was led by Jo Ann, and the Talent American pledge by Tammy Elliot. Business was reported on stock shows by Dee Dee Masonheimer and Tommy Swinney. Robby Williams reported on the Rifle Club. A program on snakes was given by two guest, Mr. Mark Whitten and Mr. Terry Lankford of Abilene. They showed how to catch and handle rattlesnakes, where to find them, how to feed and

care for them, and how to milk the venom for research and medical use. They also showed how to butcher skin and tan the hides. It was interesting to know that every part of the snake is used in some way to help people. Some beautiful mounted specimens were on display, such as, paper weights, belts, buckles, wall plaques, large snakes in plastic, small ones in desk sets, necklaces, holding clamps, handling rods, and last but not least live snakes striking balloons to show how they bite. One very large rattler was shown with the clamps then returned to the container they were kept in. Everyone enjoyed the program, and we thank Mr. Whitten and Mr. Lankford.

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EASTER EGG HUNT

The Merkel VFW Auxiliary will sponsor an Easter Egg Hunt for ages twelve and under. It will be held at 3:30 P.M. Saturday afternoon and each child is to bring six wrapped eggs. The remainder of the eggs will be furnished by the VFW. All children are invited to attend.

Badgers Compete In Canyon Reef Relays

Saturday, the Badgers traveled to Snyder and found the competition stiff as they managed on 36½ points in the fifteen team field.

Merkel was only able to score in one running event, the sprint relay. They ran a 45.2 to qualify and finished fifth in the finals with a time of 45.45. Although they did not place, milers Mike Brady and Sal Acosta really improved their times. Brady ran a 5:11 while Acosta ran a 5:01.

Even though the running events were tough, the Badgers did very well in the field scoring 32½ points. Brad Pursley won second in the long jump with a leap of 21'5¼" and won the pole vault with a jump of 14'. Brad McCoy

won the long jump with a distance of 21'6½", while Ricky Howes was sixth in the shot with a put of 43'5". Donnie Riggan tied for fifth in the high jump clearing a height of 5'8", while freshman Randy Martin jumped 11' for fifth in the pole vault. The Badgers will be running in the Stamford Reunion Relays on Friday of this week.

Meet Results:
Long Jump: 1. McCoy 21'6½" 2. Pursley 21'5¼" 3. High Jump: 5. Riggan 5'8"
Pole Vault: 1. Pursley 14' 5. Martin 11'
Shotput: 6. Howes 43'5"
400 Meter Relay: 5. Merkel (Hutchings, McCoy, Pursley, Howes) 45.45

Merkel 9th Tramples Wolves

Thursday, the Merkel freshmen ran a dual track meet with the Colorado City freshmen here at Badger Stadium. The young Badgers found the competition to their liking, outscoring C-City 132 to 77. So dominant were the Badgers that the Wolves did not finish first in a single running event. Merkel was first in eleven of the fourteen events.

Sal Acosta, Bart Pursley, and Donnie Tutt, lead the way with two individual wins apiece. The ninth grade will run Hamlin here at 4:00 on Thursday.

Meet Results:
Score: Merkel 132, C-City 77
440 Relay: (1.) Merkel (Allbright, Greer, Martin, Turner) 48.1
880 Yd. Run: (1.) Elmore-2:25.12 (2.) Nelson-2:31.98 (5.) Mathewson-2:54.2
70 IH: (1.) Pursley 10.36 (2.) Martin 11.12 (3.) Franklin 11.44

100 Yd. Dash: (1.) Tutt-11.0 (3.) Greer-11.71 (5.) Vicars-12.3

440 Yd. Dash: (1.) Bland 60.23 (2.) Moore-62.93 (4.) Marsh-76.36

120 LH: (1.) Pursley-15.34 (2.) Allbright-15.58 (4.) Franklin-16.5

220 Yd. Dash: (1.) Tutt-25.14 (3.) Turner-27.04 (5.) Brown-27.51

1 Mile: (1.) Acosta-5:15.9 (3.) Rankin-5:36.9 (5.) Gregory-5:53

1 Mile Relay: (1.) Merkel (Bland, Pursley, Allbright, Greer) 4:01.1 (2.) Merkel (McClure, Turner, Elmore, Moore) 4:07

Shot: (2.) Brown-36'¼" (3.) Greer-35'¼" (4.) Walters-34'½"

Discuss: (2.) Bland-107'¼" (5.) Knight-91'9¼"

High Jump: (2.) Owens-5' (3.) Campbell-5' (4.) Nelson-4'10"

Long Jump: (1.) Acosta-16'4½" (3.) Pursley-15'1¼" (5.) Turner-13'11"

Pole Vault: (1.) Martin-10'2" (2.) Franklin-9'2"

Club News

Stith Home Demonstration Club

The Stith Home Demonstration Club met March 8 at the Community Center.

There were six members and one visitor, Mrs. Nancy Wilburn, our county agent, present. Our president called the meeting to order. Margaret Dickerson opened with a prayer. Daisy Mashburn directed our recreation. Lenora Wilburn brought us a reading on prayer. Roll call was answered with last months heating cost.

We voted to send \$30.00 to Easter Seals at Rehab Center. We will have a Bake Sale March 25 in

front of West Texas Utilities.

Our agent, brought our program, winterizing your home. She showed different methods to strip your windows and doors to keep wind out. She showed several kinds of strippings you could use. She said if you insulate your house, do the ceiling first that helps your heating bill. Then insulate your walls and floor. We reveal pals next meeting March 22.

All club meetings and programs are open to all

Goodman Home Demonstration Club

Goodman H.D. Club met in the home of Mrs. Carl Carey March 10.

The president Mrs. Garland Price called the meeting to order, prayer by Mrs. Dennes Butler, recreation by Mrs. J. Winter, roll call was answered with "last month's heating or cooling cost." by eight members and four visitors. There was no council report. The minutes from the last meeting were read. Business discussed putting up a quilt. Plans were made to go to the District meeting which will be in Vernon the 21 of March. Programs given by

agent Mrs. Nancy Wilburn on weatherizing your home. The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Mae Seago the 23 of March. The program will be on "Dark Shadows fall on the lives of all?" given by George Starbuck. Every one is welcome. Refreshments were served to Mrs. Garland Price, Mrs. Dennis Butler, Mrs. Dan Butler, Mrs. J. Winter, Mrs. Ruth Agnew, Mrs. Frank Carter, Mrs. Ione Adams, Mrs. Florence Hood, Mrs. Carl Carey, Mrs. Nancy Wilburn, Mrs. Robert Butler, Mrs. Alma Middleton, Mrs. Emm' Scott.

FORTNIGHTLY STUDY CLUB

Fortnightly Study Club met in regular meeting Tuesday, March 14th, 1978 at 4:00 P.M. at the Community Room of the United Savings Building, 301 Edwards St. Merkel with Mrs. Buster Horton and Mrs. Edd Sandusky, co-hostesses.

Tasty refreshments of cake, coffee and ice tea were served for few minutes of social chit-chat.

members if you would like to attend, by Friday, March 24, 1978 if you have not all ready done so.

Mrs. S.C. Dixon gave a book review for the program entitled "The Rain Crow" written by Jane Gilmore Rushing, who resides in Lubbock, Texas. We enjoyed this interesting review and for the most part sat spell-bound.

Mrs. Carl Hughes presided for short business meeting, during which time more plans were made for the Hats and History style show to be put on by club members at the Fellowship Hall at the Methodist Church on March 28, 1978 at 4:00 p.m. A number of guests will be present for this fun time. Call one of the club members if you would like

Present were Mrs. Edd Sandusky, Mrs. Carl Hughes, Mrs. Earl Hughes, Mrs. Johnny Hammond, Mrs. Bryan Dunagin, Mrs. Ted Wilson, Mrs. Pinkie Cyper, Mrs. Peck Eager, Mrs. Johnny Cox, Mrs. Allen Forbis, Mrs. Andy Shouse, Mildred Hamm, Mrs. S.C. Dixon, Mrs. Comer Haynes, Mrs. Buster Horton, Mary Collins, Mrs. C.B. Knight

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Factory Worker, Eunice Smith

Walls Outlet was the center of activity early Friday morning in Merkel. Many Merkel business people and their families along with a large number of customers were attracted to Walls by their Grand Opening. After the ribbon cutting ceremony, everyone was given a tour throughout the plant. Many Walls officials were on hand for the occasion and led the tour. Following the tour refreshments were served.



Factory Worker, Sue Davis

Senior Citizen News

Plans are being made for spring events at the Senior Citizens Club. Thursday night, March 23, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Carson, Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Driggers, and Mr. and Mrs. Alton Sanders will present a program. They will show films and speak of their mission trip to Korea. Everyone is invited to be present.

On Sunday afternoon, April 16, from 2 P.M. to 5 P.M. there will be a meeting. Everyone is urged to attend. Watch in this paper for more information.

Thursday, March 30, there will be a pot luck supper. All senior citizens of this area are welcome. We need new members.

PUBLIC NOTICE

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS

Respondent: GREETINGS:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said County in Abilene, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of Christian Homes of Abilene, Inc., Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 15th day of March, 1978, against Carolyn Ann Jones and Dustin Johnson, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 742-C on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Interest of Baby Girl Jones, a child, a Child", the nature of which suit is a request to Terminate Parent-Child Relationship. Said child was born the 13th day of March, 1978, in Abilene, Taylor County, Texas.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgement or decree in the child's interest which will be binding upon you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption.

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

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandate hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under

MEET THE CANDIDATES

Trent Boy Takes Honors At San Angelo

John Stevens a junior at Trent High School was the 8th High Individual at the San Angelo Stock Show Judging Contest. He is the son of Mr. J.E. Stevens Jr. and the Grandson of Mrs. Earl Stevens both of Trent. The contest was held March 11, 1978.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: PROBABLE NATURAL FATHER, Respondent:

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my hand and the seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this 16th day March, 1978.

Irene Crawford Clerk, 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas. By Faye Lyons, Deputy.

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If you have not met the candidates for the school board and heard their views on school policy, you are urged to be at the High School Auditorium tonight, Thursday, March 23, at 7 p.m.

The candidates will be available to answer your questions and comment on school affairs.

Election time is the time for opinions and grievances to be "aired". Too many citizens do not exercise their right to choose qualified people for the job that needs to be done by voting in each election. Yet these non-voters are the ones who complain loud and long each time a decision is made they do not agree with.

The Merkel School system deserves the very

best qualified people to serve on the school board. Please avail yourself of the opportunity to meet the candidates, listen to their opinions, and then vote on April 1st for the three(3) people you think will be able to take care of the business matters of the Merkel Ind. School District.

The candidates for the Merkel School Board are listed below in order as listed on the ballots: George English, Ned Watts, Winona Wolf, Vicki Spurr, Edith Bagby Kennedy, Barbara Fowler, Charles Jacobs, Larry Neil Dudley, Robert V. Roysden.

Write In Candidates are Bill Sloan, and Pat Castille.

Respondent, and said suit being numbered 751-C on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Interest of Victoria Ellen Hill, a child, a Child", the nature of which suit is a request to Terminate Parent-Child Relationship. Said child was born the 14th day of March, 1978, in Abilene, Taylor County, Texas.

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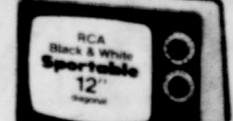
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