

The Merkel Mail

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County group stresses need for new jail

Taylor County Sheriff John Middleton said he would not guarantee Merkel and Tye city prisoners could be housed in the proposed \$8.9 million jail, but said, when it comes to the federal courts and the state jail standards commission, no one could make too many guarantees.

Middleton's comments came at a public meeting held here last week that drew a light crowd.

The meeting was held by county and private concerns to explain the proposed new county jail and juvenile detention center.

Middleton told the Mail, "the new facilities will have enough space for the county commission to extend their contract with Merkel and Tye to house prisoners."

According to James Wheeler, project architect, the jail is designed to meet the needs of the county until the year 2000. He also said the jail is designed to make expanding the jail a simple process if it is needed.

Taylor County officials have appeared before the state jail standards commission on three occasions in the past six months to explain what is being done about building a new jail or remodeling the current jail to meet state standards.

Taylor County Commissioner Downing Bolls said plumbing maintenance alone in the old jail is costing the county about \$1,500 per month and Sheriff Middleton said they even have problems getting the bars on some cells opened and closed.

The state objects mostly to overcrowding in the jail according to the sheriff.

The state jail standards commission postponed any actions concerning Taylor County until after the March 20 bond vote.

The sheriff told the audience the standards commission would probably limit the county to housing about 50 inmates if the bond issue fails. Current jail populations are around 90 per day.

Retiring Precinct 2 Commissioner Joe McDuff said he hoped people did not end the meeting because they were ready to vote.

County officials had no better luck in Abilene Wednesday, as the town hall hearing there only drew three voters.



Taylor County Sheriff John Middleton addresses a light crowd here last Tuesday as the county is conducting numerous 'town hall' meetings, trying to gain support for an \$8.9 million bond issue to build a new county jail and juvenile detention center. Taylor County voters will go to the polls on March 20. (Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards)

No late filings in Merkel-Trent races

There were no late filings for Merkel elections. The filing deadline came last Wednesday, after deadline for the Mail.

The final candidates listing is as follows: For City Council (three will be elected at large) incumbents Jerry Byrd and Ted Smith, challenged by Elinor Dagestad, James McKee and Jeff Jones.

For Merkel School Board- Place One, Ronny

Voters, bad bills, water...more

by Cloy A. Richards

Saturday week, Taylor County voters will probably stay away in droves as the county will hold an \$8.9 million bond issue on building a new county jail.

The one question that has been asked most here is, "If we build this new jail, will we be able to keep Merkel-Tye city prisoners in the jail?"

I asked the sheriff that question here Tuesday night and he said he could not guarantee anything because he had no idea if federal courts or the state jail standards commission would change any of their policies that would effect housing of city prisoners.

He did say the chances of the county to continue accepting city prisoners would be enhanced if the new jail was built, because it will hold more prisoners.

March 20th is the date.

The Merkel Ambulance Service's past due bill problem is not getting better, it's getting worse according to Merkel Emergency Medical Service Director Robert Harris.

Robert told me Monday the city now has more than \$10,000 in bad debts and that the problem is not getting any better. He also said people that owed bills were getting a monthly statement.

Pay up or we risk losing a good service to the citizens of the rural area in this part of the county.

Merkel 6th, 7th and 8th graders will play host in a track meet here Friday afternoon.

A local team only softball tournament has been scheduled for April 16, 17, 18. Proceeds from the tournament will benefit the Tri-City baseball league. More information is available from Connie Mack Seymore.

Council opens alley, sets meeting

The Merkel City Council began land acquisition for the new water chlorinator station, paid \$125,078.91 in HUD funds for construction projects, opened an alley and set a special meeting Friday for election-related decisions.

Major expenditures under HUD funds went to Rhodes Pipe-\$68,387, Hawkins Air Conditioning-\$13,000, Dean Jones Construction-\$18,000 and Lone Star Construction-\$15,467.

The city also began the legal proceedings for buying a 20 x 24 foot plot of land for the city water chlorination station and passed a resolution stating their interest to purchase the land.

The city also decided to open an alley in Block E of the Martin Addition. The city wanted the alley opened to allow for easier trash pick-up but a local citizen sponsored the item. A small portable building, not on a foundation, will have to be moved a few feet but the owner has already agreed to the move.

Jr. High meet here Friday

MISD track schedule hectic

The MISD track season is moving along hot and heavy as Merkel will host a Jr. High Track meet Friday with the prelims starting at 2:30 and the finals being held at 6:30 p.m. The meet is open to 6, 7 and 8th grade students.

Last weekend, Jay Campbell and Roy Johnson led the way at the Anson Relays as Campbell jumped 12' to take the pole vault and Johnson's shot put of 46'3" won that event. Michael McCoy was the only other Badger to place in the top 3 as he placed second in the long jump and 2nd in the

Council also decided to open Scott Street, which runs East-West from Rose on Merkel's Southside.

Council paid monthly accounts including a \$13,177.03 bill to Treanor Equipment for major repairs on the crawler-loader used at the landfill.

A committee will be formed to recommend names for Merkel's Community Center, which is near completion. The city is contracting HUD officials to see if there are any restrictions on naming the building and council wanted a committee to recommend names for the center. The final decision will be made by council.

Under the HUD report, Merkel City Manager J.A. Sadler told the council the Merkel Lion's Club will be purchasing almost \$7,000 worth of tables-chairs and kitchen equipment for the community center. The Lions are currently selling activity tickets and will also sell their property and building to fund the equipment purchases.

330 Intermediate hurdles.

Others scoring for Merkel included the 440 Relay team of Michael Tutt, Jimmy Mendez, Michael McCoy and Russell Lucas, who placed 4th, Sammy Tumlinson placed 6th in the 120 high hurdles, McCoy placed 5th in the 100, Lucas 5th in the 440, Donnie Brady fifth in the 2 mile, Greg Arnwine 4th in shot put and the Mile relay of Ken Rich, Jimmy Mendez, David Schultz and Lucas was fourth.

This weekend, the Badger boys and girls will compete in Winters.

MISD tennis coach optimistic

Merkel ISD Tennis Coach Andy Cummings is pretty excited about the prospects of his tennis team, and maybe the coach should be after some early dual matches this year.

His High School and Junior High doubles teams have beaten the best doubles teams from Sweetwater and the high school doubles of Danny Riggan and Royce Fowler were third in district last year.

Cummings told the Mail Tuesday he has a good team and that interest in tennis here surprises him. He also said he could not get by without the generosity of the Merkel Country Club in allowing students to play free.

The number one seeded boy in 7th grade is Brit Pursley and Michelle Woodard is seeded best 7th grade girl. Amy Irvin grabs that distinction for 8th grade girls.

Maria Moreno and Melinda Riney are the top

seeded high school girls.

The high school will play matches against Abilene Christian High, Baird (who won the state championship last year), Albany and Snyder, before playing in the district championships in C-City April 7-8.

The Junior High will face Franklin Junior High, Baird and ACHS.

Members of the Junior High team include Alfred Flores, Tim Kellogg, Mike Monohan, Milo Harris, Kevin Mitchell, Danny Santee, Brit Pursley, Kelly Riney, Sheri Riney, Anne Everett, Amy Irvin, Michelle Woodard, Tim Jaramalo and Gina Stuckey.

The High School team includes Danny Riggan, Royce Fowler, Sean Woodard, Trung Tran, Jerry Davis, Tim Brady, Loyce Baker, Maria Moreno and Melinda Riney.

Cotton reduction?

Experts agree Texas, U.S. farmers must comply with 15% acreage reductions to control surplus

Most Texas cotton farmers will likely participate in the 15 percent acreage reduction program recently announced by the Secretary of Agriculture.

While participation is voluntary, farmers must comply if they wish to be eligible for farm price protection and Commodity Credit Corporation loans on their 1982 cotton crop. And that's incentive enough.

"Cotton farmers in Texas as well as in other states really have little choice but to participate in the program," believes Dr. Carl Anderson, cotton marketing economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System.

"Farmers are faced with a poor price outlook for this year's crop due to surplus cotton supplies," he says. "So they really need the price protection offered by the program, especially with current prices hovering near the loan rate."

Cotton farmers are getting their first deficiency payments in history on their 1981 crop because the average market price fell below the target price of 70.87 cents a pound. The target price for the '82 crop will be 71 cents a pound, and farmers will likely get another deficiency payment unless something happens to strengthen the market, notes the economist. The '82 loan rate will be 57.08 cents for Base Grade 41-Staple 34, Mike 35-49 Upland cotton.

To illustrate the bleak price situation that cotton farmers face, Anderson points out that the price of Upland cotton averaged 50 cents a pound

in mid-January compared to 76.60 cents in January of 1981.

"This was brought on mainly by a bumper U.S. crop last year that was the largest since 1953," he says. "At the same time, domestic use of cotton has slackened so that carryover on August 1 is expected to be around six million bales—more than double last year's level."

As far as the acreage reduction program is concerned, Anderson says that farmers must reduce their plantings by at least 15 percent of their established cotton acreage base—the higher of their '81 acreage or the average of the '80-'81 acreages. However, where farms have been following a definite rotation pattern, the base will reflect such rotations.

Land taken out of production must be eligible cropland and must be devoted to conservation uses. It may be grazed except during the six principal growing months.

"Neither off-setting compliance or cross-compliance is a requirement in the program," adds the economist. "This means that farmers owning or operating more than one farm will not be required to participate on all farms to obtain program benefits on participating farms. Also, farmers need not participate in the Upland cotton program to qualify for program benefits on other crops. Of course, the \$50,000 limitation on program benefits remains in effect."

Cotton farmers can obtain additional information about specific provisions of the acreage reduction program from their local ASCS offices, says Anderson.

Newsbriefs

MISD menu

The Merkel School menu is as follows:

Thursday March 11: Tin can casserole, carrots, potatoes, onions, tossed salad with dressing, batter bread, and orange wedge.

Friday March 12: Bar-B-Q on bun, pinto beans, pickle, onion, and sliced peaches.

Monday March 15: Burritos, Spanish rice, lettuce wedge with choice of dressing and plum cobbler.

Tuesday March 16: Tin can casserole, vegetable salad with choice of dressing, corn bread, and jell-o squares.

Wednes. March 17: Turkey roast with gravy, green beans, carrot sticks, hot rolls, and rice krispie bars.

Thursday March 18: Beef and cheese tacos with taco sauce, pinto beans, shredded lettuce, and peaches with whip topping.

Friday March 19: Hamburgers, lettuce, tomato, pickle, onion, tator tots, and cowboy cookies.

Scramble, work day set by MLGA

The Merkel Ladies Golf Association will sponsor a "Bring in Spring" 18 hole four person scramble, Saturday, March 20.

The ladies will meet Monday to finalize details, but are planning a hamburger supper following the scramble.

Entry fee will be \$10 per person and a shotgun start will be held at 1 p.m.

The Ladies Golf Association is also planning a work day Monday, March 15 and a meeting following.

More details are available from Brenda Jackson.

Bus-truck

did not collide

Dear Editor: The old saying is a picture is worth a thousand words. In last weeks Merkel Mail, the picture of the

bus-truck wreck does not hold true. The bus skidded on ice and turned over. Very little damage and the children had very few bumps and bruises. One girl was x-rayed because she had had a serious back operation and her parents wanted to be sure she was okay. The truck ran into the back of the highway gravel spreader, not related.

Leon Harris Editor's Note: We were told at the scene of the accident that the pick-up and bus collided. We did say there were no major injuries reported and also that icy roads were blamed in the accident.

Local slo-pitch

tourney set

There will be a Slow Pitch Softball Tournament April 15, 16, 17 for teams from Merkel, Trent and Tye areas. It is for both men and women teams. The entry fee is \$70.00 with double elimination. The tournament is to benefit the Tri-City Baseball League. Entry fees should be paid at Seymore Insurance.

Slo-pitch leagues

organizing

There will be a meeting to organize spring slow pitch leagues for both men and women at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, March 11 at the R.E.A. Building.

Waites-Russell

engagement told

Mr. and Mrs. James L. Waites of Port Arthur have announced the engagement of their daughter, Robin Jan, to Doyl Wayne Russell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Wayne Russell of Merkel.

Miss Waites is a graduate of Port Neches-Groves High School and attended Abilene Christian University. She is employed by Energy Development Corporation.

A graduate of Mer-

kel High School, the prospective groom is studying Secondary Education at Abilene Christian University. He is employed by Andrews Furniture.

The couple plans a May 15 wedding at Procter Street Church of Christ in Port Arthur.

Townsend, Hart

on dean's list

Two Merkel area students attending Angelo State University in San Angelo are listed on the Dean's Honor Roll for the Fall Semester at the University.

Those listed on the 3.00 to 3.49 honor roll include John S. Townsend IV, a pre-medicine major.

Those listed on the 3.50 to 4.00 honor roll include Lesa Ann Hart a business major.

Stained glass

course offered

Classes are being offered in Merkel for those who are interested in learning the basics of cutting and leading stained glass. A brief meeting will be held Monday night at 7:00 in Patsy Cannedy's shop behind the house at 1604 S. 3rd. For more information call 928-4365.

Reynolds' trip

Mrs. O.J. Reynolds and Bob went to Hobbs New Mexico last Friday and attended the wedding of her grandson Royce Watkins and Susan Creech of Hobbs on Saturday afternoon.

From Hobbs, they went home with Mrs. Reynolds daughter, Bonnie Sisk of Odessa and spent Saturday night. On Sunday morning they all went to a nursing home in Odessa and visited Mr. and Mrs. H.W. Robertson, who were their neighbors at Amity in Comanche County for many years.

The Reynolds returned home Sunday af-

ternoon and reported an enjoyable trip.

Public notice

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION DE REGENTES)

The Trent Independent School District Board of Trustees hereby gives notice of an election to be held on April 3, 1982, for the purpose of electing (2) trustees for a full (3) year term.

(Por la presente la junta de regentes del distrito escolar independiente da aviso que se llevara a cabo una eleccion el dia April 3 de 1982 con el proposito de electing (2) trustees for a full (3) year term.

ABSENTEE VOTING by personal appearance will begin on Monday, March 15, 1982, and continue through Tuesday, March 30, 1982, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on each day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or an official state holiday. (VOTACION POR AUSENCIA en persona comencera el Monday de March 15, de 1982 y continuara hasta el Tuesday de March 30 de 1982 desde las 8 a.m. hasta las 5 p.m. en todos los dias que no sean sabado, domingo, o dia oficial de vacaciones estatales.)

Absentee voting in person shall be conducted at Trent City Hall. Applications for absentee ballots by mail should be mailed to Trent ISD, P.O. Box 105, Trent, TX 79561.

(Votando por ausencia personal va ser condecido acerca de Trent City Hall. Solicitudes para una boleta de ausencia por correo deben dar vuelta por correo al Trent ISD, P.O. Box 105, Trent, TX 79561.

The POLLING PLACES(S) designated below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on the day of the election. (Los sitios de votacion indicados abajo se abriran desde las 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. el dia de la eleccion.)

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Sunday School 10:00, Worship 11:00

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Elementary honor students named

The Merkel Elementary School Honor Roll is as follows:

First Grade: A Honor Roll: Shayla Carter, Matt Cravens, Tiffany Gill, Tammy Graham, Jason Heurman, Austin Hill, Russ Holloway, Caleb Kelse, Jennifer McKee, Cliff Owen, Stephanie Painter, Renli Reynolds, Shelly Seymore, Chad Smith, David Stuckey, Trinh Tran, Krystal West. A-B Honor Roll: John Bauer, Amanda Bunch, Denise Cargill, David Casper, Justin Combs, Randy Cubriel, Spencer Duncan, Kris Harris, Alisha Hobbs, Susan Holden, Jon Jordon, Lonnie Liggins, Delayne Pack, Jason Pack, Tommy Tumlinson, James Wade.

Second Grade: A Honor Roll: Mandy Barnett, Tanya Beasley, Missy Bowman, Dayna Doan, Julie Harding, Shayla Hardy, Michelle Ingram, Lillian Leach, Travis Michelli, Shayla Miller, Steven Moreno, Stephen Santee, Kriste A. Smith, Kristi G. Smith, Brandi Watts. A-B Honor Roll: Amanda Biera, Scott Cannon, Rebecca Dunagin, Dana Gann, Elizabeth Hernandez, Marc Jenkins, John Lally, Michelle Lindsey, Josh Mashburn, Robert Pace, Criswell Rutledge, Amy Sparks, Trisha Trevino, Ellswell Whisenant.

Third Grade: A Honor Roll: Cara Kelse, Sean Leamon, Michelle Smith, Phoung Thao Tran, Daniel West. A-B Honor Roll: Dustie Baldree, Melanni Baker, Jamie Beasley, Brandon Boyd, Jenny Boyd, Melissa Cuellar, Brandy Fenton,

Robert Frazier, Jayma Goldsmith, Betsy Hellums, Collin Jacobs, Patrick Lee, Mary Monahan, Brandon Toombs.

Fourth Grade: A Honor Roll: Bridget Acuna, Laura Baker, Stevie Biera, Sabrina Boswell, Lisa Cannon, Misti Doan, Melissa Hallford, Stephen Jacobs, Cassandra Moreno, Laurinda Powell, Jenni Quance, Penny Smith. A-B Honor Roll: Damon Alldredge, Angela Carson, Amy Coleman, Robynn Dudley, Toby Dupont, David Dutton, Chance Ferguson, Chris Gaona, John Garcia, Susan Hammond, Scottie Hudson, Paula Jowers, Dusty McLeod, David Miller, David Mitchell, Denise Moreno, Tricia Newsom, Keith Oden, Kevin Pilgrim, Christy Reynolds, Brandon Rice, Gay Lynn Robertson, Cody Smith, Matt Smith, Eric Teaff, David Thomas, Johnny Thomas, Randy Toombs, Carl Travis, Martin Trevino, Russell Waller.

Fifth Grade: A Honor Roll: Michele Dudley, Richa Hill, Anissa Jones, Julie Koflanovich, Diemtrang Tran. A-B Honor Roll: Angie Aguinaga, Melinda Baker, Michelle Barnett, Walter Best, David Biera, Camilla Bright, Gerald Brower, Mary Dillon, Jennifer Gaona, Ricky Lacey, Shane Lancaster, Maxie Lang, Jon-David Layner, Teresa Lucas, Taylor Michelli, Kim Richards, Glyn Ann Rutledge, Wade Toombs, Max Trevino, Christi Wade.

Bo Larson, Carol Bewley wed in Nevada

Mr. and Mrs. Bo H. Larsson were married Feb. 27 in Reno, Nev., at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Caskell.

Mrs. Larsson is the former Carol Bewley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack T. Bewley of Merkel. Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Henrik Larsson of Vasteras, Sweden.

The bride was given in marriage by her father and the Rev. George Cotton officiated. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Caskell hosted the wedding reception.

Mrs. Logan Cravens of Merkel was matron of honor and Bob Caskell of Reno served as best man.

A graduate of Abilene High School, the bride attended McMurry College and Abilene Christian University. She received a bachelor of science degree from Midwestern University.

Larsson graduated from Djaknebergsskolan and attended Vasteras Allmanna Laroverk in Vasteras, Sweden. He is employed as a corporate pilot for Boomtown Hotel and Casino in Reno, where the couple will live following a wedding trip to the Caribbean.

Carol taught math at Merkel Middle School, swimming and tennis at the Country Club. She coached the high school tennis team to district.



Mr. and Mrs. Bo Larson

PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with rule 052.01.00.043(a) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas' Rules of Practice and Procedure, Continental Telephone Company of Texas announces it has petitioned the Commission for increased rates to offset costs associated with a change in accounting for inside station connection costs.

The increase is the result of an order by the Federal Communications Commission, directing telephone companies to expense certain station connection costs in their accounting procedures. The increase in rates to result from the accounting change will produce an increase of less than one half of one percent in gross intrastate revenues of the Company. The increase will not affect monthly recurring charges but will be reflected as an additional element to nonrecurring service connection charges when a premise visit is required.

In a separate action, Continental Telephone Company has petitioned the Public Utility Commission to amend its tariff by adding a \$7.50 service charge for each check returned to the Company unpaid due to insufficient funds. The new service charge is intended to offset costs of administering unpaid checks and will affect gross revenues by approximately \$35,000 annually.

The effective date of these rate changes will be based upon approval by the Public Utility Commission.

Continental Telephone of Texas

Bike-A-Thon set April 24th

Wheels are turning to help save children's lives...St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is proud to announce that Kathy Figueroa has been named to lead the 1982 Spring Bike-A-Thon in Merkel, Texas.

Clifford Damstrom, St. Jude Director of the Southwest Region, stated that "we are extremely proud to find such dedicated people for this very important job."

"St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is the largest childhood cancer research center in the United States, and it is the first research center dedicated exclusively to the research and conquest of catastrophic diseases of children, such as cancer and other life destroying diseases," Damstrom stated. "When St. Jude accepted its first patient in 1962, the survival rate for children diagnosed with acute lymphocytic leukemia was less than 5 percent. Today, the disease free survival figure for children has grown to over 50 percent. Cancer treatment procedures that originated at St. Jude are now being used to treat children throughout the United States and in other parts of the world. Such progress has brought world-wide acclaim to St. Jude."

"Children come to St. Jude for one purpose: A Chance To Live!," Damstrom stated. With the wheels turning in this Bike-A-Thon, you will be making it possible for these children to have a chance to live! You will make it possible for daily treatments to continue. You will enable basic research into the cause and cure for cancer to

continue. Make Your Wheels Turn In This Bike-A-Thon!

Danny Thomas, who founded St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital because of a vow, stated its purpose clearly: "To wipe catastrophic diseases of children from the face of the Earth."

"Since Thomas opened the research center in 1962, his dream of conquering cancer and other diseases that destroy our children has been brought closer to reality," stated Damstrom. "Thomas is still extremely active in pursuing this goal, and he inspires all of us in this cause."

The Bike-A-Thon in Merkel is scheduled for April 24, 1982 with a rain date of May 1, 1982. Details of the Bike Ride will be announced later.

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7th Grade: A Honor Roll: Danny Santee, Kim Welding, Abby Irvin, Michelle Woodard, Debbie Pack; A-B Honor Roll: Tina Jaramillo, Ron Turner, Fondale Watson, Angela Thomas, Tracy Bicknell, Sheri Riney, Tracy Jordan, Billy Ray Riley, Sandra Kotlik.

8th Grade: A Honor Roll: Richard Powell, Amy Irvin, Kevin Mitchell, Lucretia Wade, Clarissa Brower, Barbara Kinder, Ronna Casey; A-B Honor Roll: Dean Franklin, Chris Horton, Keith Watson, Clay Carey, Kevin Coker, Shain Burks, Kelly Riney, Gina Stuckey.

 
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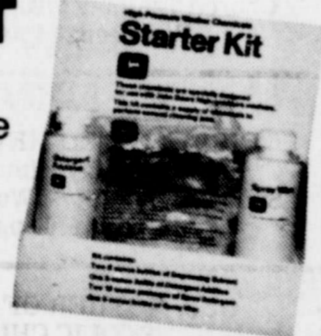
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We wish to express our sincere thanks and gratitude for the love and kindness shown at the loss of our mother. It was most sincerely appreciated. And a special thanks goes out to the V.F.W. for the use of the wheelchair and to Brother Davis and the ladies at the church. 1-1tc

NOTICES
CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Vincent Albarron, Defendant, Greeting:
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 326th District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 23rd day of March A.D. 1982, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 8th day of February A.D. 1982, in this cause, numbered 6820-C on the docket of said court and styled In Re: Arnie Vincent Guierrez, Plaintiff, vs. Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff requests a change of name of a Minor, Arnie Vincent Guierrez to Arnie Lored. The residence of Vincent Albarron, a party to such cause, is unknown to Plaintiff. Plaintiff has exercised due diligence to locate the whereabouts of this party and has been unable to do so. Vincent Albarron is not within the United States and is not in the Armed Forces of the United States, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.
If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be 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 9th day of February A.D. 1982.

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Trent News

Boyd-Gorbett plans horsemanship clinic

A local horsewoman who has been awarded honors on local, state and national levels will be conducting a horsemanship clinic May 16th thru 20th.

Patricia Boyd-Gorbett stated that the clinic will feature instructions on all phases of horsemanship including care, grooming, feeding and the basic fundamentals of horsemanship with emphasis on barrel racing, pole bending and other events of interest for the students.

To insure individual attention, the number of students will be limited.

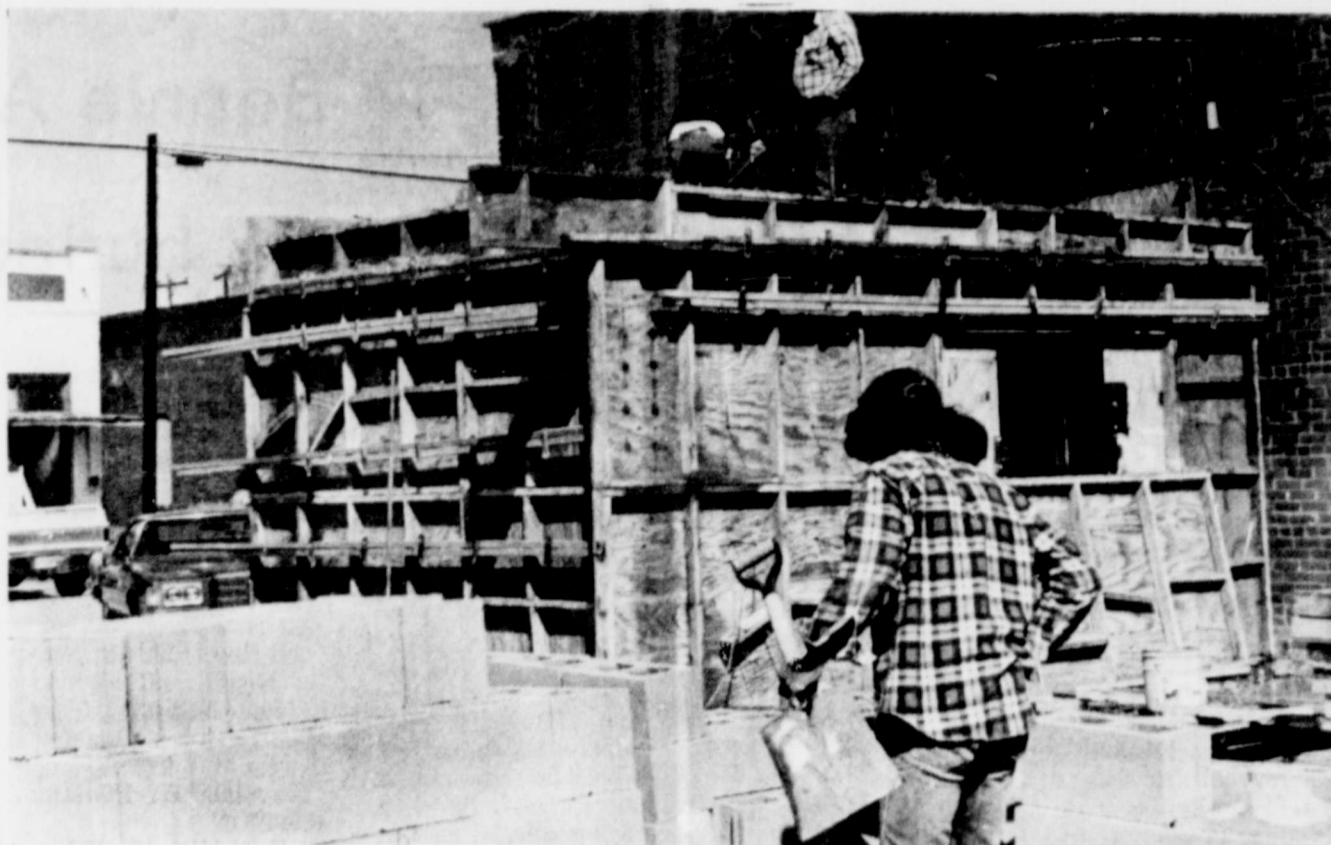
Classes will begin promptly at 1:00 p.m. at the Boyd Ranch Arena in Trent and will continue through 5:00 p.m. Transportation will be available to and from the classes each day. Stalls will also be provided for the students horses.

To highlight the clinic, a combination Picnic-Playday will be held on Saturday with awards being presented to the outstanding students. This event will also give the parents an opportunity to view the student's accomplishments.

As the clinic is aimed at strengthening the area youth's ability in the equestrian world, the clinic is not limited to youth and is open to adults as well.

A proven champion in Rodeo and Horse Show events, Mrs. Gorbett is a quite capable instructor. Having won champions in the American Junior Rodeo Association, West Texas Barrel Racing Association, West Texas Junior Rodeo Association, 4-H and the American Quarter Horse Association, Patricia was also chosen as one of the top ten horsemen in the state of Texas.

For further information and enrollment forms, interested horsemen may call 862-6180.



Construction crews are making good progress on major expansions at Home State Bank in Trent. The Trent Bank has shown an excellent

financial picture in the past three years and that growth made expansions possible. (Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards)



Patricia Boyd-Gorbett shows her barrel racing form as her horse sends dirt flying rebounding the barrel.

Mrs. Gorbett will be conducting a riding clinic during spring break. (Complimentary photo)

Stith group meets

The Stith Extension Homemakers Club met at the Community Center February 24, 1982 with Elizabeth Higgins as hostess. The Lord's Prayer was read with a prayer by Mae Jones. The game "nothing but the truth" was played with Louise Hudson as the winner. Roll call was answered with "How often do you go to see your doctor?" Louise Hudson and Veda Hudson led the discussion on "How to get your money's worth from your doctor?" They also gave a little skit on a typical dialogue between a doctor and his patient. Give your doctor a simple description of your illness and let him tell you what is wrong. Good communication is the key to getting your money's worth from your doctor.

Refreshments were served to Grace Lee Brown, Margaret Dickerson, Louise Hudson, Vada Hudson, Mae Jones, Daisy Mashburn, Genoa Shaw, Annie Lee Sledge, Bernice Smith by the hostess Elizabeth Higgins.

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The corporation will assume all the debts of the transferor, and the transferor will receive nothing from the transaction except shares in the corporation which will be subordinate to the claims of creditors of the corporation.

Dated: February 18, 1982.

Albert Joe Roemisch, Partner
Joe's Pumping Units Service and Repair, Inc.
By Albert Joe Roemisch, President.
49-41c

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO INCORPORATE GOING BUSINESS

Notice is hereby given that effective November 1, 1981, Standard Perforators, a sole proprietorship owned by Merle L. Gregg, doing business in Abilene, Texas, was dissolved and that after such date the business will be conducted at Abilene,

Texas, without change of firm name, by Standard Perforators of Abilene, Inc., a Texas corporation. This Notice is given pursuant to Article 1302.2.02 of the Texas Miscellaneous Corporation Laws Act, Section 6.103(7) of the Texas Business and Commerce Code, and Section 35 of Article 6132b of the Texas Civil Statutes.
49-41c

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: The Unknown Father, Respondent:

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 18 day of February, 1982.

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

against Unknown Father, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 6860-C on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Interest of Baby Boy Clemons, a Child", the nature of which suit is a request to the Court to terminate the relationship between the parent-child. Said child was born the 16th day of February, 1982, in Abilene, Taylor County, Texas.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment 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.

ABSENTEE VOTING by personal appearance will begin on Monday, March 15, 1982, and continue through Tuesday March 30, 1982, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on each day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or an official state holiday. (VOTACION POR AUSENCIA en persona comencera el lunes de Marzo 15, de 1982 y continuara has-

the 1st day of March, 1982.

Irene Crawford, Clerk,
326th District Court,
Taylor County, Texas.
By JoAnn Lackey,
Deputy

1-11c NOTICE OF TRUSTEE ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION DE REGENTES)

The Merkel Independent School District Board of Trustees hereby gives notice of an election to be held on April 3, 1982, for the purpose of electing two (2) trustees each for positions designated as Place 1 and Place 2.

(Por la presente la junta de regentes del distrito escolar independiente da aviso que se llevara a cabo una eleccion el dia April 3 de 1982 con el proposito de elegir dos (2) regentes a cada puesto designado para numeros 1 y 2.

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ta el martes de marzo 30 de 1982 desde las 8 a.m. hasta las 4 p.m. en todos los dias que no sean sabado, domingo, o dia oficial de vacaciones estatales.)

Absentee voting in person shall be conducted at Merkel ISD Tax Office, South 3rd and Ash, Merkel, Texas. Applications for absentee ballots by mail should be mailed to Merkel ISD Tax Office P.O. Box 430, Merkel, Texas 79536. (Votando por ausencia personal va ser conducido acerca de Merkel ISD Oficina de Impuestos Calle 3 Sur y Ash, Merkel, Texas. Solicitudes para una boleta de ausencia por correo deben dar vuelta por correo al Merkel ISD, Oficina de Impuestos, Apartado Postal Numero 430, Merkel, Texas 79536.)

The POLLING PLACE(S) designated below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on the day of the election. (Los sitios de votacion indicados abajo se abran desde las 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. el dia de la eleccion.)

Pct. No. (Num. de precincto): 24, 25, 27, 28, & 34, 1, 10, 20, 21, & 22. Jones Co. Pl. of 8, 9 (Smith), 10 (Noodle).

Location (Colocacion) Merkel High School Gymnasium, 3rd and Ash Streets, Tye Elementary School Cafeteria, Tye, Texas.

1-11c



Our forefathers didn't know of shoe polish as we do. Goose grease cleaned and polished their boots.

Bennie Anderson, 78 buried here

Bennie Ward Anderson, 78, of Noodle, died 1:58 p.m. March 4 at Anson General Hospital following a sudden illness. Services were held at 2 p.m. Monday at the Noodle Baptist Church with the Rev. Ed Nowell of Abilene and Rev. Rick Hudson of Noodle, officiating. Burial followed in Rose Hill Cemetery under the direction of the Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born Nov. 14, 1903 in Deport, Texas, he had moved to Noodle in 1947 and had lived in this area since. He retired from Humble Oil Company in 1963. He was a member of

the Masonic Lodge and Noodle Baptist Church. He married Beatrice Ritchie, Jan. 16, 1944 in Abilene. She died Jan. 26th, 1980. He married Hazel Fanchier June 12, 1980 in Kingsville.

Survivors include his wife; three daughters: Fern Barrington of Garlnad, Modene Jones of Livermore, Calif., Marjorie Beddingfield of Kingsville, 4 brothers, Leonard of Kermit, Clyde of Sherman, Aubrey of Ft. Stockton, Max of Lemon Grove, Calif.; one sister, Kate Landreth of Abilene, five grand children and five great grandchildren.

AUSTIN--The Texas Department of Agriculture received a final assessment of "excellent" from the Environmental Protection Agency for its pesticide enforcement and procedures for certifying applicators in fiscal 1981.

"Some groups in the state have criticized the Department on our enforcement and applicator certification, and we are pleased by this report," Agriculture Commissioner

Reagan V. Brown said. "To have safe use of pesticides in the state, we have been very conscientious in enforcing EPA regulations as well as Texas laws through our testing and investigations."

Since 1979, the EPA and the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) have been working under a grant agreement, primarily initiated to eliminate duplication of duties.

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Placing third in the National Southwest Hampshire Judging contests from Merkel High's FFA team included (left to right) Spencer Scott, Shane Smith, Ken Hogan and Jimmy Leonard. (Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards)

Placing 5th in the National Southwest Hampshire Judging contests recently was the team of (left to right) Tim Dillon, Melinda Riney and Tommy Hays. Not pictured is Jan Rackley. Individuals placing included Shane Smith 5th, Melinda Riney 10th and Spencer Scott and Tommy Hays tied for 11th. (Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards)

WTU wholesale rates up

West Texas Utilities Company has been granted an interim rate increase for power sold to its wholesale customers.

The increase was approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, effective February 26, 1982, and will remain in effect until final resolution of a rate application filed last October by WTU.

The interim rates granted will result in an increase of \$3.5 million, or 8.1 per cent, annually from 14 rural electric cooperatives, one municipality, and one investor-owned distribution system.

In its application, WTU had asked for a \$4.3 million increase to become effective December 15, 1981. The FERC initially suspended this increase for five months, which would have delayed the effective date of the new rates until May 16, 1982. Granting the interim rates has the effect of shortening the suspension period and allowing lower rates to go into effect, subject to refund.

The FERC decision follows closely the increase in retail rates granted by the Public Utility Commission of Texas effective February 12. Together, the increases are expected to provide an additional revenue of \$15.3 million on an annual basis, with \$11.8 coming from retail customers and \$3.5 from wholesale customers. The original cases filed by WTU were designed to produce \$32.2 million in additional revenues.

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HUNTER'S SAFETY CLASSES

 Hunter's safety classes will begin March 16 at the Taylor Electric Co-Op building at 6:30 p.m. Nine hours of instruction is necessary for certification. Classes are scheduled for Tues. March 16 from 6:30-9:30 p.m., Thursday, March 18 6:30-9:30 p.m. and Saturday, March 20 from 1 until 4 p.m. Refreshments will be served to each class furnished by the Ladies Auxillary VFW Post 5683. For further information, call J. D. Sandusky, Hunter Safety Instructor at 928-5170. A fee of \$1 will be charged. Classes are open to all who desire instruction in firearm safety. The course is sponsored by Merkel VFW POST 5683

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