

The Merkel Mail

Thursday, April 19, 1984...Merkel, Texas

Our 95th Year

Chamber of Commerce honors DuBose, Riney Monday night

The Merkel Chamber of Commerce held its first banquet in four years at Heritage Hall Monday night as they honored Bobby DuBose as Citizen of the Year and Syble Riney as Woman of the Year, presented by the three local chapters of Beta Sigma Phi.

Kirk Woodward, a former Abilene radio and tv personality was the guest speaker and MISD superintendent Bill Everett was

master of ceremonies.

The Chamber also honored longtime President and member of the Board of Directors Don Hensley for his years of service to the Chamber. Hensley, and board members Bob Hammond, Bill Everett and Bobby DuBose also retired from their positions as directors. Taking their spots on the board are Virgil Jones, Ann Payne and Larry Curry.

Plaques were presented to the retiring directors, as well as DuBose for his being named Citizen of the Year.

Chamber of Commerce co-managers Chris Young and Melanie Richards were in charge of the banquet and said they wanted to thank all of the people that helped make the banquet possible. The Chamber sold 150 tickets for the event.



Bobby DuBose was named Merkel's Citizen of The Year by the Merkel Chamber of Commerce

at their banquet Monday night. DuBose was also honored for

being a retiring director of the Chamber. [Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards.]



Syble Riney [far right] was named as the three local chapters of Beta Sigma Phi as their Woman

of The Year. Syble was honored at the Merkel Chamber of Commerce banquet Monday night. Presenting her the honor were [from left]

Chera Hohhertz, Vonne Dena Tumlinson and Mamie Steck. [Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards]

Melissa Davis is Miss Merkel

The winners of the Miss Merkel 1984 and Little Mr. Merkel were presented Saturday night at the school auditorium in a beauty pageant sponsored by Lambda beta.

"Keep the Dream Big" was the theme of the pageant. Colorful air balloons and stuffed animals decorated the stage for the contestants

to be presented by Ray Pack, master of ceremonies.

The 1984 Miss Merkel is Melissa Davis, daughter of Barbara Davis. She is a junior at Merkel High. She was sponsored by Taylor Telephone. The runner up was Pam Wheeler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Wheeler of Merkel, a senior at Merkel High.

The other contestants, along with their sponsors and their placement, are as follows:

Girl's Pre-School
Bandi Kilpatrick- Hohhertz Dairy, 1st place; Nichole Giesler- Merkel Lumber-2nd place; Tara
(Please see Page 2)

Snafus, Chamber, golf, more...

by Cloy A. Richards

Last week we made a couple of mistakes that I have to get off of my chest, wherever it is these days.

Those planning to attend that annual Taylor Electric annual meeting already knew that is today, not April 16 as we mis-reported last week and we made a mistake on the headline of an engagement story for Hugh and Gayle Baker's daughter.

I apologize for those errors.

I was jumped about a few things not getting in last week's paper, and I tried to explain we ran out of room. My standard excuse was "Say, I didn't even have room for my column" and the standard reply was "I didn't know you wrote a column."

Very funny, very funny.

The Chamber of Commerce Banquet came off well Monday night, although you wouldn't have believed it if you had seen the last minute goings-on.

Seriously, it was a good meal and a good event. We need to have one at least once a year, or at least more often than the Olympics.

I believe we will.

The Merkel Golf Association held a successful tournament this weekend and their next scheduled event is a junior tournament set in May.

I don't have the complete results but I do know that Bobby Windnam of Merkel and Danny Doan of Sweetwater were six under for three days, good enough for second in the championship flight.

Not too shabby in all of that wind.

Speaking of golf, my wife and I had a wonderful time Sunday watching Ben Crenshaw with The Masters.

Amid the wonderful greenery of Augusta National, Crenshaw beat the best and brought home another Master's championship to Texas.

The folks that run the Chamber of Commerce here (Chris Young and my wife) asked me to put in a few good words about the retiring directors of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce.

As J. A. Sadler said at the banquet, Don Hensley has been a director and president of the Chamber since Biblical times. Also, Bon Hammond and Bobby

DuBose retired after many years of service to the chamber. Bill Everett, MISD superintendent, also stepped down, he has more important things on his mind for the time being.

These men have done an outstanding job on the Chamber and their support and efforts have, and will be appreciated.

Russell McAnally made an appeal for rain of sorts in his column this week and if that doesn't work, we may have to resort to some of Dale Hammond's standard rainmaker cartoons. It's getting awfully dry here.

You can catch some crappier near the dam at Lake Sweetwater. Joey and I caught 26 Saturday. They weren't all that large, but there were plenty of them.

The Merkel Chamber of Commerce will have an Easter Egg Hunt at the City Park Saturday.

The event is open for all children through the 4th grade and will get started at 10 a.m. Prizes will be awarded in three categories. For more information, see the ad in this week's Mail.

Carrier alert for elderly starts here

The Carrier alert program is being started here with the cooperation of the Merkel Branch of the U. S. Post Office and the Merkel Senior Citizens Center.

Carrier alert, a program where

letter carriers notify officials of a program when someone over the age of 60 has not picked up their mail regularly. An official either will make a call or visit to the

home to see if things are alright. All persons over the age of 60 that have a mailbox at their home are eligible to enroll. For more information, call 829-5501 on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

First Baptist names Keller as pastor

The First Baptist Church of Merkel has called Brother Wayne Keller to be its new pastor.

Brother Keller is a native of

Louisiana and a graduate of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth.

He and his wife Linda and daughter Debra, will be moving to Merkel in the near future. A son

David is a student at Baylor. Brother Keller has recently completed a four year assignment with the Foreign Mission board in Alavador, Brazil.

Easter Sunrise service set at Butman

There will be a 6 a.m. Sunrise Easter Service Sunday at Butman Camp.

This will be a joint service of the Methodist churches of Merkel, Trent, Nolan and Pioneer Memorial. It is hoped that other

churches and denominations will join in the annual sunrise service.

Coffee, doughnuts and other refreshments will be served following the service. An offering will be taken to cover these expenses.

There will be special music and scripture reading, a devotional and a sharing time. The service, regardless of the weather, will be held inside. All are invited to become part of this growing and enriching experience.

Sign-ups set for nutrition program

The Taylor County Nutritional Assistance Program will be holding a registration April 24 and 26 at 1 p.m. at Heritage Hall.

Taylor County citizens are eligible to enroll in the program,

providing they meet certain age or income guidelines.

Eight different types or surplus commodities will be distributed May 26th.

Persons signing up for the program must bring some type of identification such as a driver's license or a social security card. More information is available by calling City Hall.

Medic Alert information is here

by Vernon Wade EMT-Paramedic; President of the Merkel Emergency Medical Service

Medic Alert could save your life or the life of someone you love.

One in every five Americans has a medical condition that should be immediately known in an emergency. The Medic Alert emblem speaks for you when you cannot.

Tragic of fatal mistakes can be made during emergency medical treatment if hidden medical conditions are not recognized. Of the more than 200 common conditions, several allergies, diabetes, heart trouble, high blood pressure, and epilepsy are just a few. If you or someone you know has such a condition, then Medic Alert can help.

The Medic Alert emblem, worn as a bracelet or necklace, is engraved on the back with your special medical condition. It identifies you immediately in an emergency and speaks for you, if

you should happen to be unconscious. Emergency and health care personnel are trained to look for this emblem.

The Medic Alert emblem is a special "call collect" number that provides instant access to your emergency medical records and the names of the physicians or relatives to be contacted. This 24 hour emergency answering service is on call every day of the year.

Medic Alert members also carry a wallet identification card that contains additional personal medical information. This card is re-issued annually.

Many people wear a Medic Alert emblem and carry the Medic Alert wallet card if they are organ donors. People in hazardous jobs, live alone or have any special condition that should be known in an emergency are the types of

people in need of the program. Medical conditions, no matter how common, still remain a personal and very private matter between you and your physician. That is why information in your Medic Alert file is kept strictly confidential and is released only in an emergency when your membership number is given.

For your Medic Alert information pamphlet, contact Merkel Drug, City Hall or The Merkel Mail. You may also write Medic Alert Foundation International P. O. Box 1009 Trulock, California 95381-1009.

Danny and Jan at Merkel Drug have agreed to help with this very necessary community project.

Please feel free to contact either myself or the folks at Merkel Drug for more information or to get signed up in the program.

Results, contestants from beauty pageant

(Continues from Page One)

Lynn Hinshaw-Perry Ann's Beauty Nook- 3rd place. Contestants included Brandi Asencio- Snappy Photo, Shayla Boone- Stith Gin, Mandy Brenem- Gail's Barber and Style Shop, Brittany Burton-Wilson Jewelry, Alexandria Butler-Cody's Western Wear, Candice Carson- Carson's Super Market, Kacy Casady- Moore's Welding, Anna Rae Dutton-Taylor Electric Co-Op, Jamie Hellums- H. W. Lemens, Inc., Jodi Hellums- Modern Beauty Shop, Jeanne Jordan-Billy E. Clark CPA, Jessie Jordan-Watts Dirt Construction, Mindy Ray-F & W Tire, Chastity Michelle Savage-Shannonside Apartments, Tamara Tarpley- Whisenhunt Grain.

Boys Pre-School

T. J. Roberts- Kid's Korner- 1st Place, Ashley Don Shugart- Palmer Motor Co.- 2nd Place, Randy Dudley- Mid-Tex Resources- 3rd place. Contestants included Matthew Boswell- T J & T Tire, Cody Cox- Merkel Locker Plant, Rusty Holmes- Hi Val, Monty Moore-Watts Dirt Construction, Danie Erin Nugent- Hammond Insurance, Casey Roberson- Germania Farm Mutual, Jeremy Sanders- J & J Garage and Michael Peyton Stanley- Billy E. Clark CPA.

Girls K - 2nd Grade

Heather Henderson-McAninch Transport- 1st place, tied for second were Trinity Hollis- Hicks Auto, Brandi Tarpley- Jack South Grain Elevator, Angela Worley- The Merkel Mail; tied for 3rd were Amanda Sanders- H & B Plumbing & Heating and Brandy Casper- Home State Bank. Contestants were Cheree Denese Armstrong- Elmo Moore Trucking Co., Misty Butler- Ann's Flowers, Tiffany Butman- Electrolux Vacuum Cleaners, Karyl Robyn Byers- Circle A Western Wear, Rikki Casady- Merkel Fina, Wendy Cummings- Merkel Upholstery, Jennifer Lea Davis- Tran Clinic, Justice Ford- Cyrus Pee Real Estate, Mandy Gregory- VFW, Shera Hammond- Ben Franklin Store, Laurie Hellums- T T & B Contractors, Tiffany Hill- Big Country Inn, Shelli Leamon- Pleasantville Apartments, Heather-Liggins-Skeet's Restaurant, Mandy Liggins- Dunagin Transport, Hope Maxwell- Raymon Milligan Texaco, Anita Joann

Penny- Sonja's Beauty Shop, Jaime Ray- Trent Gin, Jacklyn Louise Rogers- Barnett Barber Shop, Lana Rogers- Allison Plumbing, Crystal Smith- El Tye O Mobil Homes, Cara Staples- Snappy Photo, Candice Williamson- D & T Auto.

Boys k-3

Bryan Denman- Boney-Young Insurance 1st place, Michael Warren-Mike's Place- 2nd place, Joe Sandusky- Warren Dozier Veterinary Clinic- 3rd place. Contestants included Jimmy Galbraith- Max Murrell Chevrolet, Ryan Holmes- Consolidated Plumbing, Terry Howell-Circle A Western House, Jon Jordan- Warren Clinic, Joe Ben Roberts- Joe's Boot Barn, David Stuckey- Merkel Upholstery, and Ricky Ybrara- F & M National Bank.

Girls 3rd - 5th

Christy Diana Hull- Stanford's Electronics- 1st place, Michele L. Ingram- Starbuck Company- 2nd place and Shelley Nicole Seymore- Seymore Insurance and Rebecca Dunagin- Bragg's Department Store tied for 3rd. Contestants included Jamie Beasley- WTU, Mariette Duran- Dodie's Beauty Shop, Betsy Jo Hellums- Ed's Feed & Seed, Dee Dee Jackson- Hammond Insurance, Lillian Del'Ann Leach- P & L Au to, Melissa Maxwell-Hohertz Dairy, Chrissy Minze- Ann's Flowers, Delayne Pack- The Merkel Mail, Andrea Richardson- Bragg's Department Store, Michelle Smith-DuBose Texaco, Amy Sparks-Country Etc., Tina Kay Stovall- Amerine Heating & Air Conditioning, Brandi Watts- Unites Savings and Michelle Woodruff-Leach Farms.

Girls 6th - 8th

Misti Doan- Higginbotham-Bar-tlett- 1st place, Julie Carol Stanley- Ben Franklin Store- 2nd place, Gay Lynn Robertson- Watts Dirt Construction- 3rd place. Contestants included Elizabeth Britton- Roger Beard CPA, Nancy Frazier- Pleasantville Apartments and Lori Willborn- Merkel Drug Co.

Girls High School

Miss Merkel for 1984 is Melissa Davis-Taylor Telephone and runner-up is Pam Wheeler- H & B Plumbing. Contestants included Angie Kelly- United Savings and

Cindy Williams- Shannonside Apartments.

Lambda beta wanted to thank the following groups, individuals and businesses for their help: The Merkel Schools, Ray Pack, The Merkel Mail, Cody's Western Wear, Snappy Photo, George Bryan, Our Judges, Ben Franklin Store, Ann's Flowers, Circle A Western House, Brenda Hohertz- Miss Merkel 1983 and Pleasantville.

The members of Lambda Beta

include Chera Hohertz, Mychele Hammond, Peggy Chick, Ann Leach, Debbie Sandusky, Pat Schuknecht, Kay Bishop, Annette Clark, Debbie Roberson, Rita Moore and Martha Sue Justice.

The pictures that were made may be picked up at Pleasantville April 23 from 9:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Extra prints may be ordered at that time. Those who cannot pick them up between those hours may pick them up at the home of Kay Bishop at 411 Yucca



Miss Merkel for 1984 is Melissa Davis



Winners of the Lambda Beta Beauty Pageant were (bottom row from left) Bryan Denman, T. J. Roberts, Brandi Kilpatrick, Heather Henderson, Christy Hull, Misti Doan and Melissa Davis.

Preceptor Eta Omega holds recent meeting

Preceptor Eta Omega chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met on Tuesday, April 2nd in the home of Betty Conley with Mamie Steck as co-hostess.

Committee reports were given and a committee was appointed to select Merkel's Beta Sigma Phi women of the year, with committees from the other Beta Sigma Phi sorority's in Merkel.

The program was given by the Rev. John Waggoner, First United Methodist Church on religion. Rev. Waggoner gave a most

interesting program on the Aspects of Religion.

The Circle of Love of the United Methodist Church were guests for the meeting.

Members and guests present were as follows; Janie Rich, Ruth Tipton, Pat Dudley, Minyon Seymore, Betty Lou Satterwhite, Opal Garner, Val Patterson, Ida Mae Seymore, Anita Allen, Connie Ybarra, Louise Dubose, Kathy Leverich, Jane Carson, Connie Harris, Blanche Hewitt, Rev. John Waggoner, and the hostess Betty Conley and Mamie Steck.



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The following girls are part of the 7th grade track team that won the district track championship recently. Shown are [bottom row from left] Lorena Pack, Estelle O'Con, Bridgett Vaughn, Mary Dillon, Michelle Dudley. [Middle row from left] Kateva Windham.

Amber Whisenhunt, Diem Tran, Stefanie Ashorn, Glyn Ann Rutledge, Pam Neff. [Top row from left] Krista Jounson, Melinda Baker, Anissa Jones, Kim Richards, Bena White and Michele Williams. [Staff photo by Melanie Richards]

Beta Sigma Phi holds ritual

Beta Sigma Phi Chapters from Abilene, Merkel and Clyde held their annual Spring Ritual April 14 at the Petroleum Club in Abilene. Xi Nu Eta members honored included Cathy Pack of Merkel and Exemplar Dee McColium of Abilene. Both honorees were presented with sorority pins for their degree and a yellow, silk rose, the flower of Beta Sigma Phi. Assisting in Pledge Rituals were Xi Nu Eta members Kathy Dacy, Marilyn Tittle, Dee McColium and Maxine Cockrell.

nored with a welcome to the Petroleum Club by Mr. Jack Grimm. All members taking the rituals were introduced to the other members by each respective coordinator. City Council president Joyce Homan extended her appreciation to the City Council officers with a gift and

thanked each chapter for their support during the sorority year. She announced the Founder's Day Dance and Girl of the Year Presentation to be held at the Civic Center May 5. The 1984-85 theme of BSP International is "Paint a Living Masterpiece."

Easter Mass set here

Easter Mass at Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church will be held at 8 p.m., one hour later than regularly scheduled masses. The mass will fulfill your Sunday obligation.

Holy Thursday will begin at 7 p.m. Thursday night.

Wood places 3rd in regionals

Ted Wood, a junior at Trent High, placed third in the Region II UIL meet held April 10 at McMurry. Ted, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Wood, had a 100 per cent accuracy for a score of 153.72.



Ted Wood



Jeff Jones & Linda Holmes

Jones-Holmes plans told

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Holmes of Merkel are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter Linda Ann to Jeffrey Lee Jones son of Mr. and Mrs. Edd Jones of Merkel.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Merkel High and is employed by the U. S. Insurance group in Abilene. The bridegroom is also a graduate of Merkel High School. He is employed as an oilfield worker.

The couple are planning an August 25th wedding at the home of the groom.

Stith, Goodman, Compere clubs

The Stith, Goodman and Compere TEHA clubs met for a joint meeting March 28th at the Community Center in Stith. Vada Hudson, president of the Stith Club presided. The opening prayer was provided by Annie Lee Sledge. Bill Chaney, weatherman at KTAB presented the program on tornadoes. Compere has two new members Ginger Hoog and Julia Tanner. Mem-

bers present included Louise Chancey, Ailene Terry, Ginger Hoog, Jessie Williams, Julia Tanner, Bertha Hunter, Deloris Adair, Wanda Waldon, Grace Lee Brown, Bernice Smith, Margaret Dickerson,

Hazel Spurgin, Annie Taylor, Sue Rister, Hazel Bell Lay, Louise Hudson, Elizabeth Higgins, Belvie Butler, Annie Lee Sledge, Genoa Shaw, Vada Hudson, Annie Price and Daisy Mashburn.

Starr Nursing Home news

by Mary Wimberly

We have three new employees at Starr Nursing Home. They are Wanda Taylor, Vicky Freewick and Melissa Swindle.

There will be an Easter egg hunt at Nelda Masonheimer's home in Trent April 19 for the residents.

Our sympathy goes to the family of Amzy Dickerson, who passed away last Sunday. She was 98 years old and had been a resident of the nursing home in the past.

We would like to express our thanks to the Garden and Fortnightly Study Clubs for the trees they recently planted at the home.

I would like to pass along some compliments that were recently given me. Mr. Fry, who has operated a funeral home in Tuscola for 45 years and said he feels the care residents receive at Starr is excellent. We have also had some recent kind words for our care from personnel at Hendrick Medical Center.

We appreciate the comments and would like to give the staff a little pat on the back. After all, they really work hard hours. If you don't believe it, come in

and do some volunteer nursing and see if you don't come up with an aching back and feet.

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P & L Auto Parts
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928-5671
50-tfc

Refrigerator for sale: \$200. See at 511 Yucca or call 928-4407.
59-1tp

Piano for Sale
Wanted; responsible party to assume small monthly payments on spinet-console piano. Can be seen locally. Write: (include phone number) Credit manager, P. O. Box 478, Lockhart, TX 78644-0478.
58-3tc

Baby quilt for sale. Reasonably priced. Call 846-3231.
59-1tc

Storm shelters precast concrete 7 X 10 X 6. Call in Clyde 1-893-5496.
58-8tp

Misc.

Special Automatic transmission oil and filter change for most cars and pickups, was \$79.40 now \$64.50. 711 Rose, Merkel.
59-1tp

Does someone you love have a drinking problem? Is it affecting your life? If so, AI-ANNON FAMILY groups can help. A Merkel group is now meeting weekly in the mornings. Call 928-4844 or 928-5067.
49-TFC

NOTICE

On Friday, April 13th, someone broke into my farmhouse, 1 and a half mile southwest of Merkel and stole several items. One item was a bronze colored metal file box with some very important papers. These papers are valuable only to me. If you should find the file box, please call Mickey Winter at 928-5928 or 928-5889.
59-1tp

I ask for your vote and support to continue to make Precinct 2 a good place to live. Sincerely, Vernon L. Wade, Constable, Precinct 2 Taylor County. (Political advertisement paid for by Vernon Wade, 901 Ash, Merkel.
53-9TP

Watch for a spring surprise coming soon.
58-3tp

Need part time LVN and full time aides. Please apply in person at Starr Nursing Home 22-tfc

KID'S KORNER DAY CARE CENTER 2nd and Oak open Mon through Friday 8:30 a.m. through 6 p.m. Call 928-4381.
12TFC

Granny's Playhouse Child Care open from 6:30 a.m. till 6 p.m. Call 928-4904 or come by 207 Orange.
33-tfc

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183 acres south of Merkel, very scenic, includes fences, rodeo arena, 5 stock tanks, some minerals plus mobile home with in ground pool.
2.1,1 stucco, good starter home in nice area.
2.1,1 with shop and cellar, fenced on corner lot, home on 2 lots.

Trent
3 bedroom home on 2 lots, garden area has 1 bedroom house, could be

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rental, needs work. Owner will carry.

4 bedroom, 2 baths, central heat and air, work for expenses.

2 bedroom on corner lot low equity.
2 bedroom House for rent.

3 acres and a double-wide mobile home on 1-20.
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Nice, brick 2 story, 4 bedroom, 3 bath fireplace, patio, equity and assume. Call Betty.

After 5 call Betty Stautzenberger 862-6329
Mike Wheeler 676-1320
52-TFC

Real Estate

401 West Street, 6 room and bath house with double lot \$16,000 owner will carry with down payment. Needs work but can be very nice. Call 928-5462 after 5.
59-2tc

House to be moved. Living room, dining room, two bedroom, kitchen, bath and utility room, less than \$5 per square foot. Call 928-5576
51TFC

For sale: House at 1522 Heath, 3 bedroom, 1 bath, new carpet, brick, large back yard. Call for details, Ray Scott & Associates, Teri Kent, 677-2246.
56-4tc

Reduced, House for sale, 3 bedroom, 1 and three quarter bath, pecan trees, water well, cellar and storage houses. Low 40s. Call 928-5717.
56-TFC

House for sale: 2 bedroom, living room, dining room, kitchen, baths; interior has been remodeled. Deep freeze will stay, sits on a lot and a half, good location has storm windows. Call Cyrus Pee, agent 928-5613.
58-TFC

House for sale by owner at 818 Rose. Call 928-5930.
58-2tc

For rent

House for rent: 3 bedroom. One half mile out of town. \$250 per month. Call 928-5164.
59-1tp

For rent: Nice 2 bedroom trailer, call 928-5635.
59-4tc

For rent: 2 bedroom partially furnished or unfurnished house. City water. Call 928-5189.
59-1tc

2 buildings for rent 1 on North 2nd is shop building on 2 lots and the Old Feed Store (Formerly Hi-Val). Contact 928-4144 or 928-5321 at night.
59-2tc

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33-tfc

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58-TFC

For rent: 405 Manchester 2 bedroom rock house \$150 deposit \$250 per month. Has stove, washer-dryer. Call 928-5194.
58-TFC

58TFC
Apartments for rent: 2 bedroom, refrigerator & stove Upstairs \$250 per month with \$150 deposit downstairs with dishwasher: \$275 per month with \$150 deposit. 6 month lease required. Call 928-5194.
58-TFC

1,2 or 3 bedroom mobile home for rent in Merkel. 928-4973.
27-tfc

Garage Sales

Yard Sale at 8th and Cherry Friday and Saturday only. Furniture, clothes and misc.
59-1tc

4 Family garage sale Thursday & Friday; King size bedspreads and curtains, furniture, baby clothes and furniture, clothes of all sizes and lots more. Herman Aiken's Rt 3 Old Noodle Road. 928-5020.
59-1tp

Easter center-pieces and other items at No. 12 Pioneer Court, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.
59-1tc

Garage Sale: Cordless phone, clock radio, Hollywood bed frame, antique sewing machine, cabinet, dolls, small deep freeze, 1975 Plymouth Station Wagon, Thursday at 814 Rose.
59-1tp

4 Family garage sale; dishwasher, air conditioner at 307 Thornton Saturday morning.
59-1tp

Yard Sale 1112 South 9th Friday. Tools and misc. Lawn mowers, lawn chairs, fans, 15 foot boat.
59-1tp

Garage sale: 817 Rose Friday and Saturday until noon. Children's clothes and misc.
59-1tp

Thank You

A very special thank you to Box Murphree, a local rancher-farmer & to Taylor County Constable Vernon Wade for their recovery of almost \$200 worth of stolen merchandise.

Thanks Ray Pack Chief of Police Merkel, Texas
59-1tp

With humbled gratitude, we wish to try to express our thanks to all the wonderful people for their prayers, visits, kind words of love and sympathy in our time of need.

The cards, food, flowers, and the beautiful singing and to Dr. Tran and his staff for their understanding and dedication, we are eternally grateful.

To Billie Patton and Brother Carl Rea for their spiritual service, which meant so much to us, we also give thanks. It made a fitting goodbye for our darling mother and grandmother-Amy Dickerson, Edith & Wiley Noah Linnie & Embry Hatfield
R. V. Carey
Elsie & Arthur Booe
Mattie Dickerson
O. W. & Margerite Odell & Winnie
Troy & Bill

We wish to thank all of our dear friends of Merkel for their many acts of kindness shown during the illness and loss of our dear Cindy. So much love was shown in prayers, flowers, food and kindness. This makes our love for you so much richer to each of you. Thank you again. The Cindy McDonald Scheining Family

to all our friends, neighbors, and loved ones, we express our thanks. For your prayers, food, flowers and comforting support in our time of sorrow, they all meant so much. Special thanks to Brother Jones and the choir for a beautiful service. To the Baptist Women and Church of Christ

Women for the lunch, we thank you.

We love all of you and pray God's blessings for you.

Donnie Casady James, Ann, Len & Mike Casady Also, the brothers & Sisters of Lenard Casady

We want the people of Merkel to know our deep gratitude for the overwhelming kindness shown us during our time of grief and sorrow, when our loved one, Billie Jo South, passed away. All the food, flowers, prayers, cards, and comforting words will be cherished by us. May God bless you.

Jack, Judy & Ray Tommy & Linda Janice & Mike Grandchildren & Great-grandchildren

THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Dorothy Herpeche, whereabouts unknown Defendant, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being Monday the 14th day of May 1984, at or before ten o'clock A. M. before the Honorable 104th District Court of Taylor County, Texas, at the Court House of said County in Abilene, Texas.

Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court, on the 16th day of December, A. D. 1983, in this cause, numbered 15,878-B on the docket of said court, and styled Hilton Hackney and Helen Hackney Plaintiffs, vs. Dorothy Herpeche d-b-a Mop Slinger Janitorial Service Defendant.

The names of the parties to the cause are as follows: Hilton Hackney and Helen Hackney are Plaintiffs and Dorothy Herpeche d-b-a Mop Slinger Janitorial Service are Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: Plaintiffs ask that they have judgement for all sums owed them hereunder, that Defendant be ordered to render in full and true accounting, that they recover attorney's fees as prayed for herein and that they have such other and further relief in law or

in equity, to which they may show themselves entitled; 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 process shall promptly execute the same according to law, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 29th day of March A. D. 1984.

Attest
Rilla Mahoney Clerk
104th Court, Taylor County, Texas
by Connie Calvin, Deputy
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pear 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 WILLIAM ARTHUR JOSEPH MUSSMANN, SR., Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 15th day of February, 1984, against DIANA DECIE MUSSMANN, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 10,121-C on the docket of said Court, an entitled "In The Matter of Marriage of WILLIAM ARTHUR JOSEPH MUSSMANN JR. and DIANA DECIE MUSSMANN", the nature of which suit is a request to the Court to grant a divorce between the Petitioner and Respondent, and decree such other relief as requested in the petition.

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

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That gutter job means no rain

by Russell McAnally

There is a job that I have been putting off for a long time, but I intended to get onto it Monday morning, April 16. Kent Saerwhite talked to me about putting up some gutter pipe on his house to keep the rain water from running down his collar when he entered or left his house. It has been about two months since I told him I would do the job. I have put it off because Kent has had very little trouble with rain water running down his collar for the past several weeks.

It had not seemed like a rush job because I figured if it got real bad Kent could do the job himself. I did feel sorry for Betty and promised three times I would get onto it next week. I have not broken the promise about doing the job next week because, you see, next week is never here. About the time it gets ready to become next week, it becomes this week. It is really disturbing that with all of the promises, noone has ever done a job tomorrow or next week.

There is the possibility I have been waiting for a rain before I do the gutter job. Another thought troubled me which made me decide to do the job today, Monday. What if it has been waiting for me to put up the gutter pipe before it rains. That would make me responsible for all of this dry weather. I apologize to all of you for keeping the rain away. I promise all of you that if it is not raining I will put up the gutter pipe this Monday. Then, by the time you read the paper Wednesday or Thursday, it will have already rained or be raining. This theory may not work but I am counting on it.

If it has not rained as I have predicted, it will only mean that I have missed correct weather prediction one time while the professional reporters have missed the correct prediction dozens or more times in that same period. When one prediction fails, we will give another, when one method fails, we will try something else.

One of the reasons it has not rained is all of this negative thinking. With everyone thinking it is not going to rain-- it won't rain.

We need to, all together, start thinking **rain, rain rain!**

Now, if as a result of getting the gutter fixed it starts raining, or if from positive thinking it rains and rains, we will have to stop thinking rain and start thinking dry weather, or it will just keep on raining. I have heard this negative thinking by farmers all of my life. A farmer said "It will probably not rain again this summer and it

is so dry we will not make a crop this year. It will come a good rain that night and end the dry spell and the farmer will say, it will probably rain the rest of the summer and we will not be able to plant our crops.

On the other hand, surely rain has not been held up all of this time for a gutter pipe to be installed on the mayor's house.

Fortnightly meeting

Alice Deavers was hostess to members of the Fortnightly Study Club when they met at the Big Country Inn April 10. Club president Alwyne Sanducky called the meeting to order and read a letter from Juan, Connie and John Ybarra, thanking the club for the scholarship awarded to John. She also mentioned that several families had lost loved ones in recent days and asked that we remember the families in a moment of silent prayer, led by Mary Collins.

In her Federation Counselor's report, Ruby Hammond told some of the highlights of the Mesquite District Convention held at the Kiva Inn March 29 and 30. The amount of the scholarship give to \$400.

She also reported several awards won by committee mem-

bers from our club. She added that the special entertainment, music on the harp by Kathryn Rister was very good.

Program chairman Alice King announced the program on public affairs, to be presented by Louise Sudderth and Kathryn Rister, substituting for Edra Hill. They presented a brief skit on safety and checking your car for safety.

Refreshments were served to Mary Collins, Avis Deavers, Bess Dixon, Linnie Fisher, Mildred Hamm, Ruby Hammond, Lucy Haynes, Madelon Horton, Nina Belle Hughes, Alice King, Aileen Knight, Pat Neff, Kathryn Rister, Becky Rodgers, Alwyne Sandusky, Anna Belle Shouse, Louise Sudderth, Clara B. Wallace, Maurine White and a guest Mrs. Don Robinson of Odessa.

FHA at conference

Representatives of the Merkel "Key" Chapter of Future Homemakers of America Chapter will be attending the 1984 State Meeting of the Texas Association of FHA-HERO, along with the 7,000 members and advisors from Texas. "FHA-HERO: A Step into the Future" is the theme of the 1984 meeting, which will be held in the San Antonio Convention Center in San Antonio, April 11th-13th. Attending from the Merkel "Key" Chapter will be Lisa Williamson, Teresa King, Anelle Carver, Mrs.

Pam Rosenbaum (student teacher), and Mrs. Candy Martin FHA Advisor. This is a special privilege for these students and quite a honor to be selected to attend this meeting.

Keynote speakers and presentations by Future Homemakers will highlight the three day conference. Interest sessions on family crisis, leadership skills, nutrition, and employability will be held.

The Merkel FHA members that have completed their encounter projects will also be recognized at this meeting.

Monas Griffith

buried Wednesday

Monas Elbert Griffith, 84, of Trent, died at 3:04 p.m. Monday at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene after a brief illness. Services were held at 3 p.m. Wednesday at the Trent First Baptist Church.

The Rev. Carl Rea, pastor, officiated. Burial followed in Trent Cemetery under the direction of the Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born Dec. 20, 1899 in Cameron, he married Katie Moses Nov. 5, 1931 in Lexington. He had lived in Trent since 1953. He was a member of the Trent First Baptist Church and was preceded in death by two brothers and two sisters.

He is survived by his wife; four sons, Calvin of Roscoe, Ervin of Lexington, John of Sweetwater and James "Alfred" of Abilene; four daughters, Betty Stautzenberger of Trent, Linda McShane of Bakersfield, Ca., and Anna Talent and Glenda Collier of Merkel; a sister Ermice Edwards of Dallas; 19 grandchildren and nine great-great grandchildren.

Grandsons served as pallbearers.

Ladies Auxillary

The ladies Auxillary of WMI met in the home

of Mr. and Mrs. Dee Poland April 17 with a covered dish luncheon at noon.

Colored Easter eggs filled with jelly beans were plate favors.

Those enjoying the luncheon were Dee Poland, Dent Gibson, and members Mary Mosier, Merle Harwell, Jewell Criswell, Billie Hartley, Anna Lou Ferguson, Trula Cox, Lucy Bonneau, Ruth Cox, Mabel McRee. After the meal, president Jewell Criswell presided over a short meeting.

Mary Mosier dismissed with a prayer.

Thank you

We would like to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation for all of the kindnesses shown to us during the recent loss of our mother. Special thanks go to the Ladies of the Merkel Church of Christ for the food prepared, and other acts of kindness shown us. We will be eternally grateful to each and everyone of you.

The family of Nannie Winters

Masonheimer wins

Luci Masonheimer won her division in spelling at a UIL Literary meet held April 13 in Roby.

Also placing from

Trent were Shell Boles 4th and Lisa Penton 6th in 5-6 spelling; Masonheimer 1st and Kim Orr 6th in 7-8 spelling; Steven Lamm 5th and Renea Thomas 6th in 7-8 grade number sense and Ginger Massey, Lisa Penton and T. J. Armstrong 5th in picture memory.

Student council

The Student Council at Merkel High will be having a calendar for the 1984-85 school year. The price of listings on the calendar is 15 cents per event.

If you would like to have any events scheduled on the calendar, please turn in the money and information to Mrs. Baker no later than April 27.

You may mail information to Merkel High School, Box 430, Merkel, Tex. 79536 attn Mrs. Gayle Baker.

TEHA news

The Compere TEHA club met in the home of Fannie Ramsey April 12. Grace Lee Brown presented a book report and the next meeting will be in the home of Stud Busby May 10.

Several members will be attending the state meeting in Rotan April 28.

Lunch was served to Hazel Spurgin, Jessie

Williams, Ailene Terry, Everie Dillard, Louise Chancey, Bertha Hunter, Deloris Adair, Naud Busby, Grace Lee Brown, Ginger Hoog, Annie Taylor and the hostess, Fannie Ramsey.

MISD menu

The following is the MISD school lunch menu:

April 19
Tin can casserole potatoes and carrots, lettuce and tomato salad, lemon bars.

April 20
Char broiled hamburgers and all the trimmings, orange slices.

April 23
No school; Easter Holiday

April 24
Salisbury steak with english peas and creamed potatoes, sliced pears

April 25
Beef and cheese tacos pinto beans and lettuce and tomato, peach macaroons.

April 26
Fried fish with tartar sauce, blackeyed peas and cabbage slaw, pine-apple.

April 27
Sliced turney sandwiches, lettuce and tomato french fries and no bake cookies.

MISD starts new program next year

MISD is making plans to implement gifted and talented classes for the 3rd, 4th & 5th grades next year.

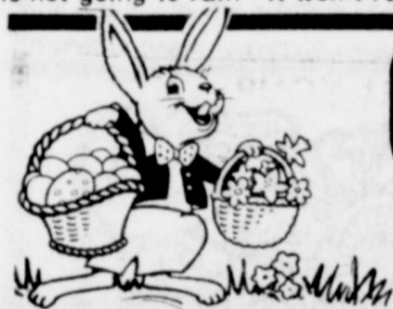
The program is designed for a few students from each of these grades who will be given the opportunity to learn in a setting

different from an ordinary classroom.

Your child or someone you know may qualify for the program. If you know a child you feel may qualify for the program, nomination forms are available from the

elementary school office. From the nominees, members of this program will be chosen by a committee during the fall. Membership will be limited to a few students.

Nominations must be turned into the school by May 1.



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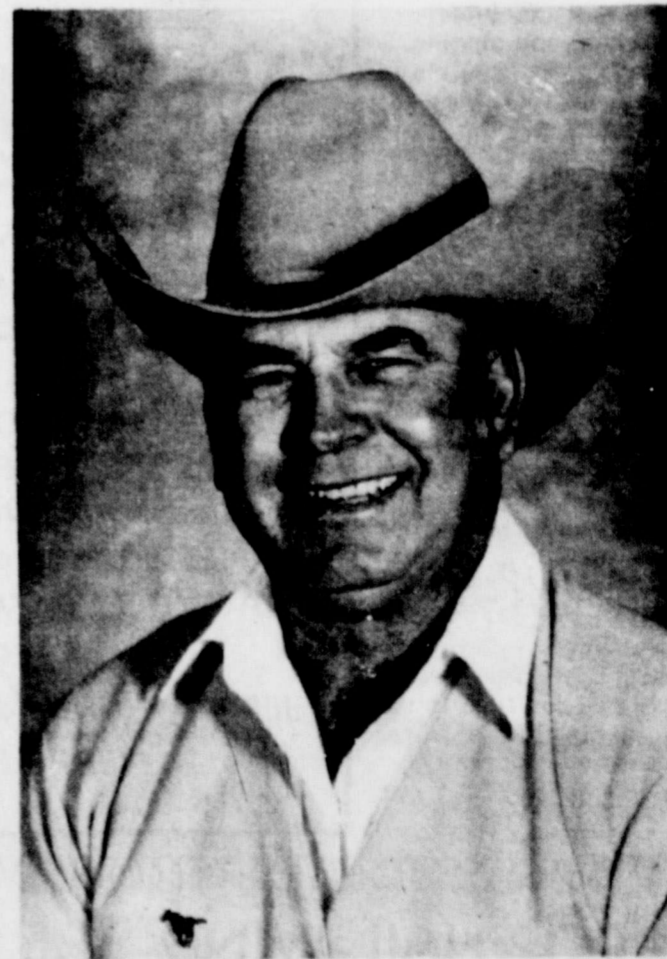
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Second Grade All A
Brian Miller and Sandi Wood.
Second Grade A-B
Jodi Chappell, Robin Bishop, Jennifer Davis, Buster Davis, Chad Fambrough, Jennifer John-

son, Terry Howell, Angel Massey, Josh Perry.

Third Grade All A
Mendy Law, Lori Snowden, Donnie Windland.
Third Grade A-B
Kenneth Bateman, Kimberly Isreal, Sam Murdock and Danny Williamson.
Third Grade All A
Tami Sams, Mendy Law, Lori Snowden, Donnie Windland.
Third Grade A-B
Kenneth Bateman, Kimberly Isreal, Sam Murdock, Danny Williamson, Jay Beard, Jenifer Hicks, Cody Parker, Michael Stanle

Son Hui Chon, Becky Donaldson, Greg Parker and Cheryl Wood.

Fourth Grade A-B
Yvonne Alexander, Trilena Dortch, Roy Neal, Danny Sheffield, Eugene Smith, Chad Taylor, Kim Tucker, Hope Ward.
Fifth Grade All A
Shawanda Warren.
Fifth Grade A-B
Alicia Helms, Dennis Griffin, Rodney Bunselmeyer, Cristi Moore, Jana Daniell, Chris McCartney, Crystal Arnold, Troy Sims.
Mrs. Wheeler's A-B
Jody Lang, Jamie McClintock and Ricky Williams.

Merkel middle honor students

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Sixth Grade
Steve Leverich, Penny Smith, Dayna Bentley, Sheri Miles, Shawn Miller, Jennifer Hatley, Laurinda Powell, and Jeff Hobbs.
Sixth Grade A-B
Bridgett Vaughn, Richard Lacey, Glyn Ann Rutledge, Stephanie Ashorn, Amy Coleman, Lisa Cannon, Stephen Jacobs, David Miller, Gay L. Robertson, Tammy Caulder, and Susan Hammond.

Seventh Grade A
Walter Best, Julie Koflanovich, Richa Hill, Anissa Jones, and Pam Neff.

Seventh Grade A-B
Melissa Morris, Lorena Pack, Mary Dillon, Christi Wade, Maxie Lang, Michael Adkins, Irene Alvarez, Mendy Bunselmeyer, and Michelle Dudley.

Eighth Grade A
Shelle Doan, Angie Cannon, Clara Herrera, Angie Bogg, Shelly Gray, April Duncan, Ramon Mo-

reno, Kristy Elliott, Amy Stuckey, Krista Toombs, Michelle Goodgion, Stacie Johnson, Misty Vaughan, Angie Cannon, Tami Israel, Todd Smith, and Son Mi Chon.

Eighth Grade A-B
Chad Archa, Janna Pettit, Kim Watson, C.J. White, Keith Munden, Lynn Hays, Shane Newberry, Allan Isom, Ronald Caswell, Brit Pursley, Karrie Rich, Angie Moreno, Staci Ferguson, Kyle Coker, Mark Aldrete, and Michael Wood-

Boosters set April 28 banquet

The Merkel Booster Club met April 9 to make final plans for the All-Sports Banquet, set for April 28 at Heritage Hall. The public is invited to attend the banquet and

tickets are available at F & M National Bank, or from Sandy Laird, Virgil Jones or Connie Mac Seymore. The next booster club meeting will be April 23 at 7 p.m. at the High School.

Revival at First Assembly of God

The First Assembly of God in Merkel is having a pre-Easter revival starting April 18 and running through the 22nd. Our services will be starting at 7:30 p.m. nightly. Our evangelist is Brother Burl Rogers,

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Cystic Fibrosis

names Tye leader

The Lone Star Chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation is delighted to announce the appointment of Patty Miller of Tye as Spring Chairman of it's 1984 campaign.

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Also, Mr. & Mrs. Henry Uecker in memory of Nannie Winter & Louise Boaz, Lloyd & Dorothy Gilmore in memory of Cindy Scheihing & Nannie Winter, Mrs. George T. Moore in memory of Raymond Earthman, Cindy Scheihing & Louise Boaz, Linnie Hatley in memory of Cindy Scheihing & Amzy Dickerson, Jan Basham in memory of Louise Boaz, Jack Boaz Smith in memory of Louise Boaz, Mr. & Mrs. Grif Barnett in memory of Louise Boaz and Inez Purser in memory of Raymond Earthman.

Calvary Baptist Church news

Martin Luther once said "Satan can smirk, but he cannot laugh; he can sneer, but he cannot sing." We are inclined to agree with him. Satan is an angry and sullen character and the people he has in control are the same way.

A good example of that is the Politburo of the Kremlin. We have seen a lot of newscasts, a lot of footage of those Communist executives as they met to select Andropov's successor, and as they all proclaimed Chernenko the new Soviet leader. Wow! The distrust, the fear, the hatred on their faces was evident as the color white in a blizzard! Try to imagine them singing or laughing.

Other good examples are some of the latest groups that are making hit records that so many of our youth are clamoring after. There's no real singing—they snarl, sneer, screech and scream. It's as if Satan realizes beautiful music is a part of God, so he's doing his best to make the music ugly.

When Syble Riney sang her beautiful selections "Because He Lives" and "His Amazing Grace" two weeks ago at the annual ladies dinner, the expression on her face was one of true enjoyment and real happiness. The same was true when all the ladies joined together singing "I'm So Glad I'm a Part of The Family of God." What a difference between that and the stuff the Devil does out!

Rabbit group will meet

The Big Country Rabbit Club is holding a meeting at the Taylor County Electric Co-Op Conference Room at 7 p.m. April 25.

All persons interested in rabbits are encouraged to attend.

Know the signs of a heart attack

by Vernon Wade
President-Director Merkel
Emergency Medical Service

Acute myocardial infarction (Heart Attack) is the leading cause of death in the United States today, accounting for more than half a million deaths per year; of these deaths, more than half occur before medical help arrives. During the first 2 or 3 hours after the onset of symptoms. Ninety per cent of the deaths from a heart attack are due to electricity disruption of the heart. That can be prevented or treated. Most deaths from heart attacks are preventable. The ambulance must be called and called early if we are to help. The following are signs or guidelines to use when deciding to call for an ambulance on a possible heart attack:

1. Any type of chest pain.
2. Pain in chest that radiates to any other part of the body.
3. Indigestion or nausea.
4. Cool skin that feels moist or clammy.
5. A change in the rate or depth of breathing.
6. Feeling faint or dizzy.
7. A sudden awareness of your heart beat.
8. Confusion or stupor.
9. Restlessness or hyper-active; an aggressive personality change.
10. Pain or numbness in the arms or legs.

Martha Sunday school class

The Martha Class met in the fellowship hall at First Baptist Church for a salad supper. Gerogia Higgins brought the devotional. Syble Riney sang two songs and was accompanied by Gerogia Higgins on the piano.

The occasion was enjoyed by Stella Blackley, Mabel Higgins, Inez Dietrick, Iva Nelle Bockman, Gerogia Higgins, Marguerite Watson, Syble Riney, Polly Fisher, Sarah Edwards, Ethel Mitchell, Maurine White, Annie Lee Sledge, Evelyn Sliger and Evelyn Martin.

Nichols-Evans are married

Billy Nichols and the former Lisa Evans were married April 11 in Soldotna, Alaska.

A wedding shower will be held for them May 11. Selections are available at Bragg's, Ben Franklin, Wilson's & Merkel Drug.

Compere sets Saturday workday

The Compere Cemetery Association will be holding a workday Saturday.

11. Loss of appetite.
12. Weakness.
13. A feeling of dying.

If any of these above signs are felt or noticed, call us, we will respond, let us help you.

The treatment starts on our arrival. We have the equipment, we have the personnel. It may be a false run for us or it may be the real thing. Don't wait, call 928-4766 or 928-4725.

The American Heart Association guidelines for a cardiac arrest of heart stoppage says that CPR must be started in at least 6 minutes and advanced life support must be started in 12 minutes for a patient to have any chance of survival. Why not have the ambulance personnel already on the scene if it should happen? The treatment cannot start until we arrive. Don't wait, call 928-4766 or 928-4725.

Only about five per cent of all ambulance calls are true emergencies. The other 95 per cent of the calls are situations in which the patient is in need of medical attention and needs to go to the hospital and should receive some care en-route.

Sometimes, this care may start with the patient before the ambulance arrives. A calm attitude is almost always best for the patient. Other treatment you might render

to a patient depends on the training, if any, that persons may have from first aid, nursing or CPR. Again, you should not get upset. Getting upset will only worsen the patient's problem. Keep calm, assure the patient what is going on and that help is on the way. Seconds may seem like hours when you are scared and unsure of waiting.

81 Study Club

The meeting of the Eighty One Study Club was called to order by President Grace Holt.

There were seven members present. They were: Vernie Bryan, Mary E. Dillard, Paula Forehand, Grace Holt, Goldia Malone, Betty Stautzenberger and Ann Talent.

The program was given by Paula Forehand who also was the hostess. The theme of the program was on using recycled materials in arts and crafts.

After the program, refreshments were served by the hostess.

The next meeting will be on April 9, 1984 at 4 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Ann Talent. The program will be on "Fire Safety Check", and Mrs. Ann Talent will be the hostess.

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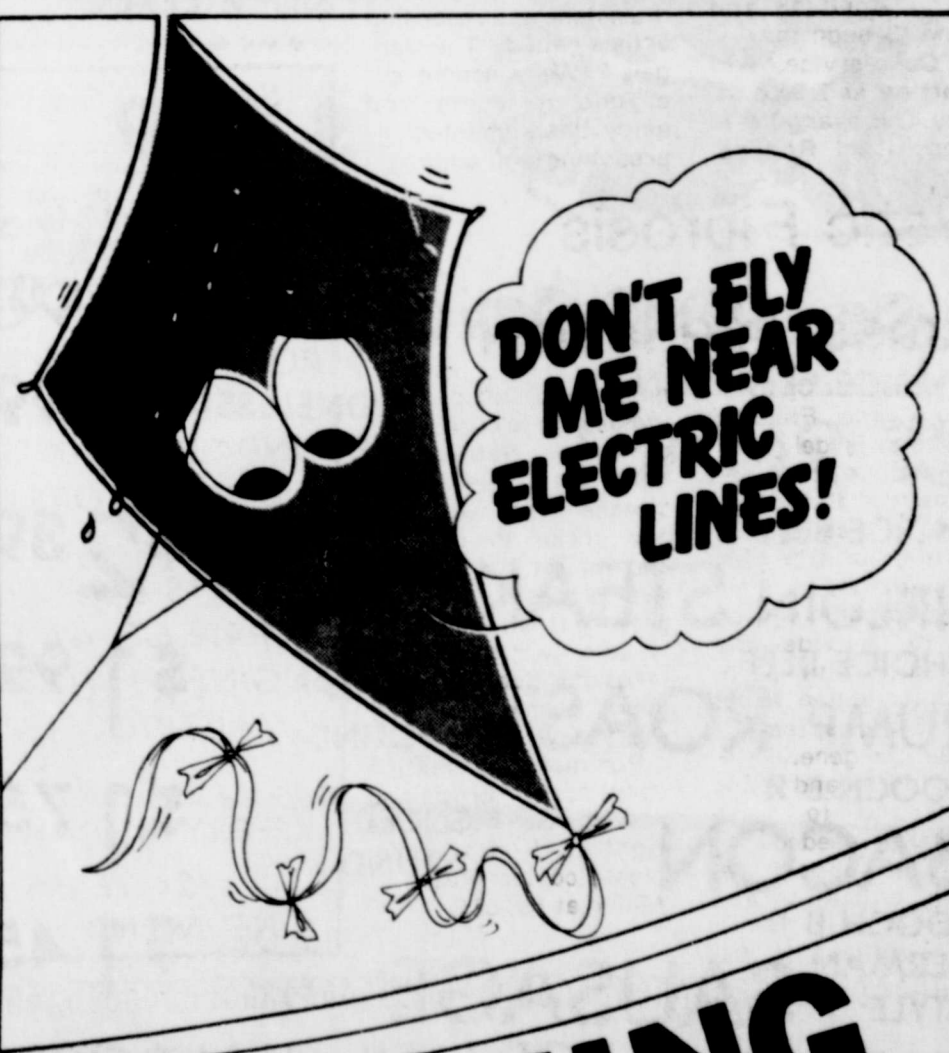
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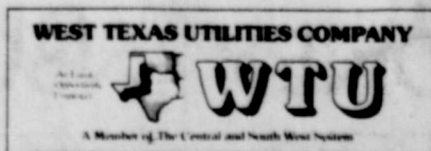
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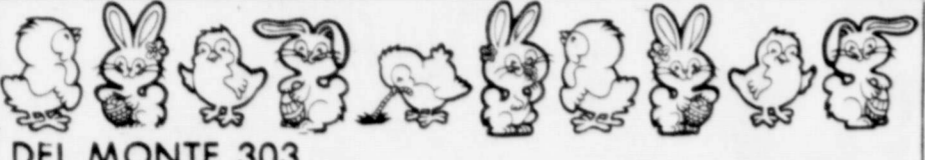
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