

Chamber egg hunt is Saturday

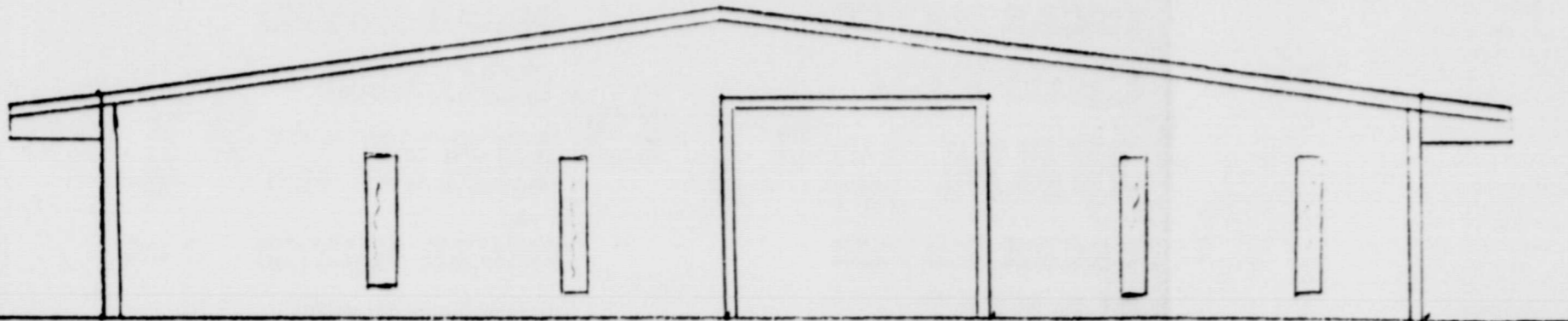
The Chamber of Commerce's Easter Egg hunt is Sunday at 2 p.m. at South Park. Different ages will hunt at different times and prize eggs will also be hidden.

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City looks at new City Hall plans

The Merkel City Council held a planning session for the proposed new City Hall at the Merkel Emergency Medical Service Building Monday night.

Council heard from city manager J. A. Sadler and James Boyd concerning costs and design.

Boyd told the council it would cost about \$38,000 to complete the building "in the dry" which means most of the inside work could be completed at a later date.

Inside floor space of the new building would be about 3,688 square feet and the structure

would house all the city department as well as provide space for a new library.

The structure will be located on the corner of Kent and Old Highway 80. The building will be metal and will have decorative rock at the corners and along the mid-sections of the longer walls.

Tax rebates from Bingo games will pay for the structure and that fund will have around \$45,000 by the 10th of April.

Council members went over the floor plans for the building at Monday meeting and will further discuss the plans at their next session.

Chief Adcock retires from fire department

Merkel Volunteer Fire Department Chief Waymon Adcock has retired after serving in that position for 34 years.

He will be honored at Saturday's Fireman's Banquet. He will be honored at Saturday's Fireman's Banquet and will be honored with a reception at the Church of Christ Family Center Sunday from 2 until 4 p.m.

He joined the fire department in 1939. He told The Mail Tuesday "I had a friend that was a fireman and I went to a couple of fires with him, it just seemed like the thing to do."

Over the years, Adcock has attended many training schools at Texas A & M, in Abilene and sessions held here. He completed courses to become a certified fire marshal.

He said he had seen a lot of changes in firefighting equipment and tactics over the years. When he joined the department in 1939, the city had two trucks and they were used mainly to haul hoses.

He said firefighters used to be smoke eaters and now with breathing devices they are more able to actually fight fires.

He had a couple of close calls while on the job, as would be expected after 48 years of firefighting.

The most known incident happened May 3, 1967 when he and Chester McWilliams answered a call to put out a fire on a trailer that was hauling dynamite on I-20.

After getting the fire under control, Adcock got in his station wagon to return to the station when the truck blew up. His vehicle was 35 feet from the truck when it blew and Adcock saw it happen. He said "It was just a ball of flames and I don't remember anything else. His facial wounds required 110 stitches to close and he spent 11 days in the hospital. McWilliams nearly had an arm blown off by the blast and he spent 51 days in the hospital. He was never able to work following the accident."

Adcock also remembered a house fire in Trent where he was saved by a fellow fireman from falling through the roof. He said they were fighting a house fire at Mont Stowe's in Trent and he and another



later operated a western clothing store here before retiring.

Waymon said he did not plan on leaving the Merkel Volunteer Fire Department. He said he decided to retire when he got to close to a portion of the roof that had been burned and was saved from falling there as his partner yanked on the hose Adcock was carrying.

He said the most destructive fire he has seen here was the blaze that destroyed Merkel High in 1978. He also remembered a cotton warehouse fire here that was hard to put out.

Waymon and his wife Johnnie of Merkel have been in business here since 1939 when Waymon took over his dad's laundry business. They

retire when his health kept him from actively fighting fires and he knew there were qualified people in the fire department to do the chief's job.

He said one of his proudest moments came when they saved a house six miles out in the country from burning down, limiting damage to one room.

When asked what caused most house fires, Adcock replied "Kids still play with matches, leaky gas connections, burning trash, faulty appliances."

He and his wife are in the process of either selling or leasing their western store on I-20. Once that is completed, they hope to do some camping.

School board goes over accreditation report

The Merkel school board met Thursday night at the Merkel High School conference room and heard reports from campus principals as well as received the report from last fall's accreditation visit.

Board members also met Monday for a walk-through of school facilities to get ideas on building needs.

MISD business manager Peggy Gibson told board members tax collections were off about 6 percent.

The board approved a request from Merkel High Seniors to hold a fund-raising dance on April 2nd in the high school gym. They also approved recommendations from the textbook committee.

Reports were then given by campus principals, mostly dealing with activities from Texas Public School Week.

MISD superintendent James Logan went over the report on the accreditation visit. The district was asked to make a couple of changes to the science labs at the high school for safety reasons and were asked to submit a plan concerning curriculum documents. Logan said the report "was much better than I expected" and he added the report had a lot of good things to say about the district.

Logan said the district was also looking in to starting a adult computer literacy course as well as classes for preparing for the GED tests.

He also announced students would be dismissed early Good Friday at 12:55 p.m.

Logan also went over funding estimates for the 1988-89 school year and that report said state funding would stay the same, or increase slightly next year. The board also re-hired all teachers for the next school year with the exception of four that either resigned or requested a leave of absence.

Girls softball sets organizational meeting

An organizational meeting for the 1988 season of Merkel's Girls Softball will be held March 31st.

The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. at the Taylor Electric meeting room.

UGSA is open to all girls ages 7 to 19. All parents who have girls wanting to play are encouraged to attend the meeting. New officers will also be elected.

Lally, Toombs, Lucas are all-district

The Merkel High girls basketball team had three members named to the all-district team.

Carolyn Lally, Krista Toombs and Teresa Lucas were named to the elite squad.

Lally and Toombs are seniors and Lucas will return next year.

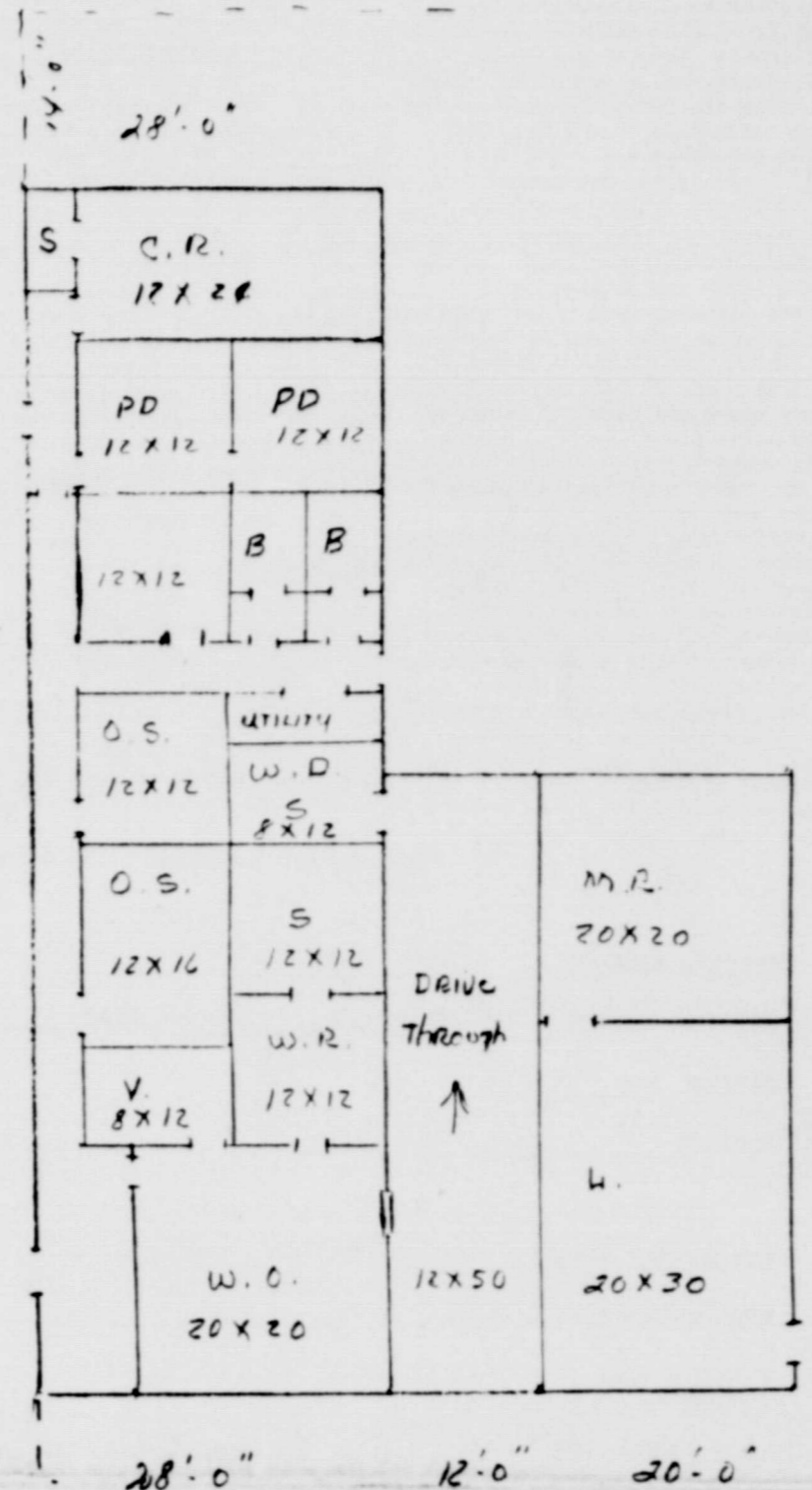
The Badger girls ended up third in the district race this season.

Fireman's banquet is Saturday at Heritage Hall

The annual Merkel Volunteer Fireman's banquet will be held March 26 at 7 p.m. at Heritage Hall.

Retiring chief Waymon Adcock will be honored. The Chief served the department for 48 years.

Chief Adcock will also be honored with a community-wide reception from 2:30 until 4 p.m. March 27th at the Merkel Church of Christ Family Center.



Youth tour winners named by co-op

Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc. held their government in action youth tour contest March 17 at the Cooperative office here. Winners of the contest were Cassie Townsend, daughter of Dr. & Mrs. John Townsend of Merkel and Stacy Haves daughter of Mrs. Monica Haves of Baird. They were awarded the all-expense paid trip to Washington, D. C. for their 5-8 minute speeches on "Energy and Electricity". Runner-up was Shawn Schlueter of Sweetwater.

Cassie and Stacy will meet with

other winners from all over the state at Lewisville on June 9th for a "get acquainted" party. The group will leave for Washington on June 10th and return home on June 21st. They will tour sites along the way and while in Washington they will visit many of the national shrines.

Cassie is a senior at Merkel High school. Her teacher/sponsor is J. T. Naron. Stacy is a junior at Baird High School and Mrs. Johnnie Allen is her teacher/sponsor.



Taylor Electric Youth Tour Contest winners

Final Little League registration set

The final registration for the Merkel Little League will be held Saturday from 9 a.m. until Noon in front of the local WU office.

You may also register by mail by completing a form in this week's paper.

The league is open to boys ages

6 through 12.

All boys age 10 or who have not previously played on a major league team will be required to try out.

Tryouts will be held March 29th at 7 p.m. at the Merkel Little League field.

Knapp is named best actor

Trent junior Lewis Knapp was named best actor in the district 10 East Zone One Act Play competition held March 15th in the Merkel School Auditorium. Knapp, who played the title role, Dino, in the play of the same name, was joined in the all-star cast by Doc Carriker and Jon Evans while B. J. Poindexter was named honorable mention all-star cast.

Trent joined the other district 10 East schools Roby, Jayton and Rotan in competition to decide the East Zone Champions that will advance to the district level of competition. Winning plays this year were "The Wizard of Oz" by Rotan, directed by Floyd Garcia, Jr. and

"Assyrum" by Jayton, directed by Mrs. Eleanora Hawn, as judged by Eleanor Byrnes of Stephenville.

Special thanks go to the Merkel ISD for use of their auditorium and to Brenda Kraatz for designing the costumes.

The cast and crew for Trent's production of "Dino" included Kelly Denman (director), cast members Lewis Knapp, Chris Jones, Doc Carriker, B. J. Poindexter, Tina Holstine, Julie Clay, Lee Hunt, Jon Evans, Denise Gibson, Renee Gibson, Brenda Galvin, Keith Oden, and crew of Scott O'Kelly, Mike Payne and Mike Wallis.

by W. E. Dilaney

Badger Boosters will discuss sports banquet

The Badger Booster Club will meet March 28th at Pug & Leo's Restaurant.

The meeting will be held at 7 p.m.

The emphasis of the meeting will be the planning of the all-sports banquet.

Building, Waymon, candidates . . . more

by Cloy A. Richards

It looks like the city can start on its new City Hall anytime they wish after a planning meeting Monday night.

The city has enough money in the bingo tax rebate account to complete the structure "in the dry" and will decide next month whether or not to get started.

I think it will be a building we can all be proud of and it will not end up looking like a barn, like some people had worried. It will be a metal building but it will be "rocked" in some areas to break the monotony of some of the longer walls.

The new facility will house all city departments, as well as have room for a new library.

Not only will we be getting a new City Hall, but that block along Old 80 and Kent Street will be cleaned up and have a very nice look to it as well.

All in all, the whole deal looks pretty good to me, especially when you consider that Merkel is getting a new city hall that is being paid for by non-Merkel residents. Sure, there are a few locals who play Bingo, but most are

from out of town and the taxes generated by the games are going to pay for the new City Hall.

Also, both school board races are contested. Connie Ybarra is challenging Bill Sloan for his seat while Ronny Doan is challenging Lee Yaddock for his seat.

That beats a bond issue, doesn't it?

The Merkel Volunteer Fire Department will be honoring retiring fire chief Waymon Adcock at their annual banquet Saturday night at Heritage Hall.

The Chief served in the Merkel Volunteer Fire Department for 48 years and that's quite a contribution to this town and the surrounding area.

If you would like to say thanks, a Community-wide reception is being held Sunday from 2 until 4 p.m. at the Church of Christ Family Center.

There will be a contested race for the Merkel city council as all three incumbents have filed for re-election and a challenger has also filed.

Ted Smith, Phillip Doan and James McKee filed for spots on the ballot, as well as Rodney McClintock.

We will have a story next week on who's running or what in Merkel, Trent and Tye as the filing deadline was Wednesday.

The local elections will be held May 7th.

Goldia Malone was by the office Tuesday and she told me she was turning down an invitation to appear on the Late Night With David Letterman Show. They wanted to talk to her about her days in the traveling rodeos.

I couldn't talk her into going. She may be the only one in town that could handle Mr. Letterman's antics and the interview would be something worth taping and saving.

Goldia says she doesn't like that part of the country and besides, after you have been inducted in the National Cowgirl Hall of Fame and had your picture in Texas Monthly, who needs Letterman?

Merkel High senior Lee Leverich is now in stable condition at Hendrick Medical center in Abilene, but he remains in the intensive care unit.

Leverich was injured in an automobile accident March 5th.

Local BCSA soccer results

Merkel soccer teams were in their fourth week of action Saturday traveling to Abilene for Big Country Soccer Association battles.

The 5 Pints ran their unbeaten string to 11 games with an 11-1 blackout of the Pink Panthers. The Pints saw five girls get into the scoring act with Jennifer Hewitt, Cortnee Hamer and Shelly Vaughn scoring three goals each while Michelle Andrews and Miranda Riggan scored a goal each to run the Pints record to 3-0-1 on the year.

The Rowdies lost a heart-breaker when the Sidekicks scored with two minutes to play to pin a 1-0 loss on the under 8 squad. Despite the loss, the Rowdies received good play from Heath Henderson, Kyle Whisenant, Trey Naron, Alan Tarpoley, Rusty Holmes and Aaron Dilaney. With the loss, the Rowdies record falls to 1-3 on the season.

The Defectors saw their record fall to 1-2-1 losing another 1-0 heartbreaker to the Lady Buns.

Despite the loss, McKinsey Laird, Valerie Littrel and Shera Hammond all played outstanding games.

The Sidekicks won their third consecutive game Saturday pinning a 2-0 shutout on the Thunderbirds behind goals by Matthew Brown and Tony Young and received heads up defensive play from Adam Vinson and Jared Oliver.

The Badgers played two games this weekend.

On Saturday, the Badgers went up against Phoenix in a non-conference game and lost 3-1. The lone goal was scored by Jason Clinton while Randall necessary contributed outstanding efforts at his goalkeeper position.

On Sunday, the Badgers returned to Abilene to face the Albany Lions in a make-up game from last weekend and lost a tough one by the score of 2-1. Strong efforts were turned in by Joey Richards,

who scored the lone goal for the Badgers along with Randall Necessary, Joe Ben Roberts and Cole Manahan. With the two losses over the weekend, the Badgers' record falls to 0-3-1 on the season.

Sr. Citizens

The Senior Citizens Club of 122 Edwards will meet Thursday at 5 P.M.

A covered dish supper will be served at 5:30, Bob Brandon, minister of Merkel's Church of Christ will show films of his tours.

Anyone over age 50 is welcome to join and everyone is welcomed to attend the dinner Thursday.

Trent cheerleaders

Trent High School students elected their cheerleaders and mascot for the 1988-89 school year in a special assembly held March 15th in the Trent Gym.

Leading cheerers for the 'Rilla faithful next season will be Renee, Denise and Janet Gibson, all daughters of Mr. & Mrs. Don Gibson, Billie Jean Poindexter, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. James Poindexter and Julie Clay, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Dale Simpson. Wearing the Gorilla uniform for THS will be Ginger Massey, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. W. L. Massey.

by W. E. Dilaney

Malone travels

Goldia Malone of Merkel and Marie Tate of Odessa drove to El Paso March 10th for a visit with the Varnells. Mrs. Rebecca Varnell and Marie Tate are sisters and they are the daughters of the late Rev. John and Sarah Walker.

John was the pastor of the Blair

Little League registration form

CHILD'S NAME _____ DATE _____

BIRTHDAY MONTH _____ DAY _____ YEAR _____

PRESENT AGE _____

ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

LEAGUE AGE T-BALL _____ T-SHIRT _____ LITTLE LEAGUE _____

TEAM CHILD PLAYED ON LAST YEAR _____

T-SHIRT SIZE (FOR T-SHIRT AND T-BALL TEAMS) S(8-10) _____ M(10-12) _____ L(12-14) _____

Mail with check for \$25 or \$35 per family to Box 368 Merkel 79536

PARENT OR GUARDIAN SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

Baptist Church in the 1930s & 40's and the girls spent some time in the Malone home while they were small children. Goldia reports she had a very enjoyable visit and she hoped to return soon.

Services held here


for Linnie Fisher

Linnie Opal Fisher, 84 of Merkel, died at her home March 17. Funeral services were held March 19 at Merkel's First Baptist Church with former pastor Kenneth Jones and pastor Wayne Keller performing the service. Burial followed at Elmwood Memorial Park in Abilene under the direction of the Star-buck Funeral Home.

Born Jan. 12, 1904 in Santo, she was the daughter of the late William Henry and Tina (Morris) Bell. She was a graduate of Southwest Texas State Teachers College in 1934 and received her master's degree from the University of Texas in 1939. She started teaching school in Lee County. She also taught in Itan and Judson before moving to Merkel with her husband Mack, who served a superintendent of schools for MISD from 1949-1976. She taught here for 22 years. She was a member of the First Baptist Church, Delta Kappa Gamma, the Fortnightly Study Club and the Merkel Garden Club.

Her husband preceded her in death. She is survived by her step-mother, Mrs. W. L. Herron of Taft; two sisters, Alta Mae Owen of Sinton and Clara Jo Tidwell of Taft; a brother William Henry Bell, Jr. of Taft, as well as several nieces and nephews.

Serving as pallbearers were Donald Nance, Wesley Fisher, Dean Fisher, Danny Fisher, Jody Glenn Barker and L. C. Fisher.



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Local CPA goes over changes concerning entertainment & meal expense deductions

by Andy Hart, CPA
This week's topic is travel and entertainment expenses. The Tax Reform Act made several changes to

the law relating to the deduction of expenses for business meals and entertainment. Beginning in 1987, a taxpayer may deduct only 80% of

business-related meal and entertainment expenses, including meals incurred while traveling away from home on business. However, the 80% limit does not apply to an employee for any business-related meal and entertainment expense that were reimbursed by the employer. In this situation, the employer is subject to the 80% limit.

Effective for tax years beginning after 1986, taxpayers will not be allowed to deduct meal and beverage expenses, unless they establish that the expenses were directly related to the active conduct of their trade or business, or, in the case of an expense directly preceding or following a substantial or bona fide business discussion, that the expense was associated with the active conduct of their trade or business.

No deduction for meal and beverage expenses will be allowed unless business is discussed during, directly before, or directly after the meal, except when the taxpayer is traveling away from home on business and claims a deduction for his meal only.

Meal and business expenses, whether or not incurred while the taxpayer is on business travel, are not deductible to the extent they are lavish or extravagant under the circumstances. In addition, no deduction for meal and beverage expenses is allowed unless the taxpayer, or his or her employer, is present at the meal.

As under previous law, taxpayers may be able to deduct ordinary and necessary entertainment expenses if they establish that the expenses were directly related to the active conduct of their trade or business. Starting in 1987, the 80% limit applies to entertainment expenses also.

The new law eliminates the deduction allowed for education travel expenses. It also limits the deduction for charitable travel expenses in certain cases. It eliminates the deduction allowed for travel or other costs of attending conventions or seminars for investment purposes. Under the new rules, beginning in 1987, no deduction is allowed for travel or other costs of attending a convention, seminar or similar meeting unless the activity relates to a trade or business of the taxpayer.

It is very important that you keep detailed accurate records of

your travel and entertainment expenses. You need to be able to sub-

stantiate any deduction you take. Good luck.



Doan, Mayfield will repeat vows Friday

Roger Doan of Merkel and Lorna Mayfield of Abilene will be married Friday at 6 p.m. at Merkel's Calvary Baptist Church. Roger is the son of Mrs. Lesine

Reeves of Merkel and Wallace Doan of Trent. Lorna is the daughter of M. S. and Mary McDole of Hunstville, Ark. and A. A. McDole of Cleburne.

Teen support group begins here

A support group for teens only will begin in Merkel on Thursday at 7 p.m. and will continue each Thursday at 7 p.m. at the New Testament Church at S. 5th & Trandy.

Coordinating the group will be Donna J. McCartney, Mrs. McCartney is a graduate of Cisco Junior College and McHurry College with a Bachelor of Science in Applied Sociology. She is presently pursuing becoming certified with the Texas Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors. The teen talk group is called "Rappin'". The group will be encouraged to open up feelings and problems of concern that should be talked about. According to Mrs. McCartney "teen often feel that grown ups just don't understand; parents feel that teens don't understand. Therefore, communication drops off and even disappears. A compromise then needs to be reached, but how? Neither party wants to make the first move."

Some of the areas that will be discussed are sex, drugs, alcohol. Mrs. McCartney, the mother of 2 teenagers, wants to help teens explore alternative ways to cope with

About 500,000 craters on the Moon can be seen from the Earth through the largest and most powerful telescopes.

life. Regarding suicide, Mrs. McCartney feels that teens aren't afraid of death, they are afraid of life. A typical weekend might be drinking and getting high and riding around instead of perhaps supper out, going to the movies and maybe a game of golf. Other areas for concern for today's teenager are anger, boredom, what about tomorrow and resentment.

The support group will be encouraged to develop their individual autonomy, eventually bonding together as they share and communicate. They will then realize with time that others, just like them, are going through the same things and with all possible help, things will get better and easier to cope with.

For more information, contact Donna J. McCartney at 698-1528.



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Fortnightly group holds recent meeting

The March 8th meeting of the Fortnightly Study Club was in the home of Leota Patterson with Mildred Hamm co-hostess. During the business meeting, Alice King called for reports from officers and committees. The Mesquite District TFWC Convention at the Kiva Inn was discussed. Also, Lucille Wilson reminded us of the bake sale April 2, the day before Easter.

The program was Federation Day. Anna Belle Shouse directed the singing of the Federation Song. Edna Hill gave the counselor's report using "Clubs live by words of Collect" from the Texas Clubwoman. This is a prayer written by Mary Stewart in 1904. The collect is repeated by clubs everywhere which begins "Keep us o God from pettiness; Let us be done with fault finding and leave off self-seeking; Let us be large in thought, word and deed," etc. As Mrs. Hill went through the words, we were reminded of our need for such a petition. Becky Rogers brought our history and purpose. In 1895, the Sorosis Club, one of the oldest women's clubs in the U.S., decided to invite other clubs to a general convention which has grown to be the General Federation of Women's Clubs, now an international organization in 33 countries with headquarters in Washington D. C.. It has a membership of 10 million women including 600,000 in the U. S. who belong to 12,000 clubs.

In 1895, the Wednesday Club in Fort Worth was a leader in organizing the Literary Clubs of Texas

into a state organization which met in Waco in 1897 with Mrs. Edward Rotan, president. It was admitted to the GFWC in 1899 and charter was granted in 1914. Its stated purpose was to be a benevolent, educational and charitable organization; to promote the study of Americanization, home, education, fine arts, public welfare and the for the interchange of ideas and methods through TFWC. The motto reads "In small things liberty, in large things unity, in all things, charity."

TISD breakfast-lunch menu

The following is the TISD breakfast-lunch menu:
 March 28: juice, cereal, milk; steak/fingers, green beans, creamed potatoes/gravy, applesauce.
 March 29: juice, biscuits/sausage, jelly; chili, pinto beans, peaches, yellow cake, corn bread.

March 30: juice, donuts, milk; fish nuggets, macaroni & cheese, cole slaw, banana pudding.
 March 31: juice, cinnamon rolls, milk; cheese sandwich, stew, tater tots, chewy cookies.
 April 1: juice, oatmeal, toast; burgers, fries, fruit, cookies.

MISD lunch menu

The following is the MISD lunch menu:
 March 28: burritos, spanish rice, combination salad with choice of dressing, applesauce cake.
 March 29: tacos with taco sauce, pinto beans, shredded lettuce, grated cheese, pineapple chunks.

March 30: Salisbury steak with brown gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, raspberry whip jello.
 March 31: spaghetti, corn, lettuce wedges with choice of dressing, fig bars.
 April 1: hamburgers, fries and all the trimmings, rosey pears.

Local garden group meets

The Merkel Garden Club met March 17th in the home of Leota Patterson. Bessie Perry was co-hostess. Twelve members were present and answered roll call with their favorite wild flower.
 Marel Thompson, club president, presided over a short business meeting.
 Due to inclement weather, the planting of a fruitless mulberry tree at Heritage Hall was postponed.
 Members brought and exchanged

bedding plants that they had grown. Becky Rogers gave several gardening tips. She said to mark your bulb beds before the foliage dies when you want new bulbs by placing a small tuna can or other similar can by cutting out both ends and placing it where you want the new bulb to be. Sink it into the ground and plant over it for summer annuals. In the fall, you can take your trowel and uncover the can and plant your bulbs.

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LEASE SCHEDULE
 All right, title and interest of Sherman Oil & Gas, Inc. in and to the following described leases:
 Lessor: Citizens National Bank; Lessee Amoruso Petr. Co.; Lease Date 1-30-81; Recording Volume 1198, Page 269. Lessor Texas O. Wagstaff; Lessee Amoruso Petr. Co.; Lease Date 1-30-81 Recording Volume 1198 Page 272. Lessor Olive A. West; Lessee Amoruso Petr. Co.; Lease Date 11-24-80; Recording Volume 1171 Page 185. Lessor: Charles W. Clarke; Lessee Amoruso Petr. Co.; Lease Date 11-13-80 Recording Volume 1169 Page 511. Lessor: Leon Copeland et ux Lessee Amoruso Petr. Co.; Lease Date 11-6-80; Recording Volume 1198, Ex. 1327, Page 305, Page 755. Lessor Blantye Copeland; Lessee Amoruso Petr. Co.; Lease Date 11-6-80 Eff. 12-7-80; Recording Volume 1198, Ex. 1323, Page 302, Page 561. Lessor Lois Tim McNiece et al; Lessee Amoruso Petr. Co.; Lease Date 11-21-80; Recording Volume 1198, Page 294. Lessor Lois Tim McNiece et al; Lessor Amoruso Petr. Co.; Lease Date 11-6-80 Eff. 11-30-80; Recording Volume 1198 Page 280. Lessor George V. Edgar, Jr. et al; Lessee Amoruso Petr. Co.; Lease Date 11-6-80; Recording Volume 1198 Page 291. Lessor Nettie Patterson et al; Lessee Amoruso Petr. Co.; Lease Date 11-14-80; Recording Volume 1198 Page 297. Lessor Charlene Reilly et al; Lessee Amoruso Petr. Co.; Lease Date 11-21-80 Eff. 12-5-80; Recording Volume 1198 Page 284. Lessor Doyle W. Taylor et al; Lessee Amoruso Petr. Co.; Lease Date 11-21-80; Volume Number 1198 Page 276. Lessor Texas O. Westcott; Lessee Asamera Oil (U.S.) Inc.; Lease Date 10-18-83; Recording Volume 1332 Page 388 and levied upon as the property of Sherman Oil & Gas, Inc. and that on the first Tuesday in April 1988, the same being the 5th day of said month at the Court House door, of Taylor County, in the City of Abilene, Texas, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. by virtue of said levy and said Order of Sale, I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for each, to the highest bidder, as the property of said Sherman Oil & Gas, Inc.

This Sale Will Be For Cash Or A Cashier's Check Issued From A Taylor County Bank.
 Sale Will Be Held At 10:15 A.M. And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in The Merkel Mail, a newspaper published in Taylor County, Texas.
 Witness my hand, this the 7th day of March, 1988.

John W. Middleton
 Sheriff, Taylor County, Texas
 By Eddie W. Swanson, Sr. Deputy
 10-3tc

T. M. REID, ATTORNEY
 P. O. BOX 1359
 Abilene, Texas 79604
CITATION BY PUBLICATION
 THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: ALFONSO MORA, ADDRESS UNKNOWN, 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 HERMINA MORA, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 29th day of FEBRUARY, 1988, against ALFONSO MORA, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 16,051-C on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Matter of The Marriage of HERMINA MORA and ALFONSO MORA," the nature of which suit is a request that the court grant a divorce and decree such other relief requested in the petition. The name of Anthony Sigala should be changed to Anthony Mora.
 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.

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.
 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 3rd day of March, 1988.

RILLA MAHONEY, DIST. CLERK
 326th District Court

Taylor County, Texas
 by Patricia Henderson, Deputy
 11-ltc

DISTRICT ATTORNEY
 TAYLOR COUNTY COURTHOUSE
 ABILENE, TEXAS 79602
CITATION BY PUBLICATION
 THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: ALBERT AYALA OR TH UNKNOWN OWNER OR ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING ANY INTEREST IN A 1980 CHEVROLET AUTOMOBILE.
 Parties in the hereinafter styled and numbered cause:
 You (and each of you) are hereby commanded to appear before the 350th District Court of TAYLOR County, Texas, to be held at the Courthouse of said County in the City of ABILENE, TAYLOR County, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 48 days from the date of the issuance hereof; that is to say, at or before, 10 o'clock A.M. on the 18th day of April, 1988, and answer the petition of plaintiff in Cause Number 2182-D, in which THE STATE OF TEXAS (Plaintiff) VS. 1980 CHEVROLET AUTOMOBILE (Defendant), filed in said Court on the 26th day of JAN. 1988, the nature of which said suit is as follows:

The State of Texas is seeking a forfeiture of a 1980 CHEVROLET, VIN#187HAL557858, which vehicle was registered to ALBERTO AYALA, of TIAJAJANA, MEXICO, and which was seized by officers of the TAYLOR County District Attorney's Office on JANUARY 25th, 1988 in TAYLOR County, Texas while it was being used in the transporting for delivery of COCAINE IN TAYLOR COUNTY, TEXAS.

All as more fully appear from Petitioner's Original petition on file in this office, and which reference is here made for all intent and purposes.

WITNESS: RILLA MAHONEY, DISTRICT CLERK of the District Courts of TAYLOR County, Texas.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at office in the City of ABILENE, Texas this the 26th day of February, 1988.

Rilla Mahoney Clerk of the District Courts, Taylor County, Texas by Patricia Henderson, Deputy Clerk's Name and Address
 Rilla Mahoney Clerk
 District Court
 Taylor County Courthouse
 Abilene, Texas 79602

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of twenty days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgement may be taken against you.

LAURA LEE PRICE, ATTORNEY
 P. O. Box 208
 Abilene, Texas 79604

THE STATE OF TEXAS
 TO: RICHARD SIMCO, TRUSTEE AND RICHARD SIMCO, INDIVIDUALLY, Defendant. Greeting:

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. of the Monday next following the expiration of twenty days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgement may be taken against you.

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before ten 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 18th day of April, 1988, 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 last day of March, A.D. 1988, in this cause, numbered 18,138-B on the docket of said court, and styled THE FIRST STATE BANK ABILENE, TEXAS Plaintiff, vs. RICHARD SIMCO, TRUSTEE AND RICHARD SIMCO, INDIVIDUALLY Defendant.

The names of the parties to the cause are as follows: THE FIRST STATE BANK ABILENE, TEXAS are Plaintiffs and RICHARD SIMCO, TRUSTEE AND RICHARD SIMCO, INDIVIDUALLY are Defendants.
 A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Suit on deficiency balance remaining on two Promissory Notes held by Plaintiff First State Bank Abilene, Texas, executed by Defendants Richard Simco, Trustee and Richard Simco, Individually following Foreclosure Sale by First state Bank, Abilene, Texas, on the liens securing said Notes. Plaintiff seeks judgement for unpaid principal and interest, cost of suit and such other and further relief to which Plaintiff may be entitled.
 As is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

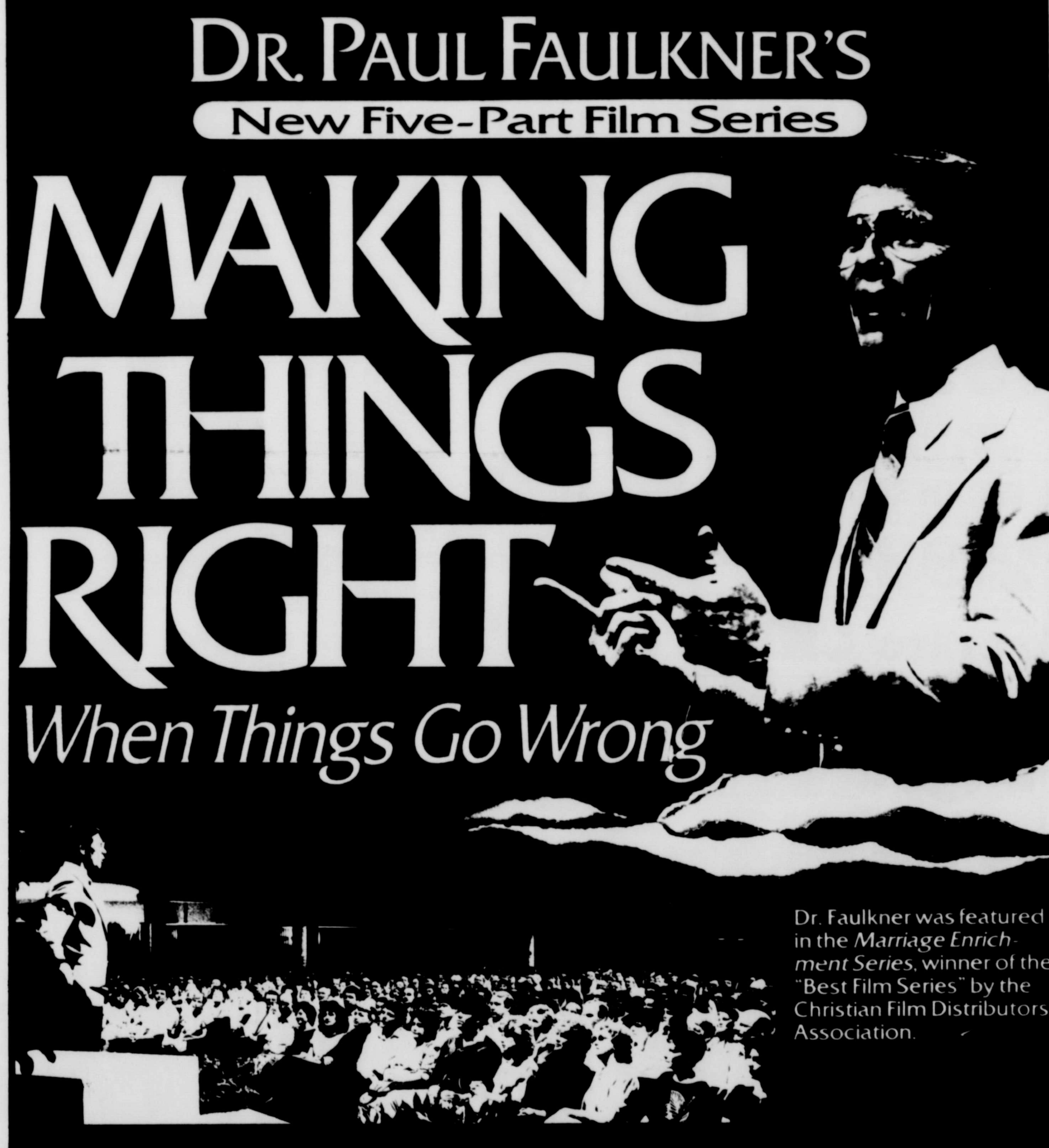
The officer executing this process shall promptly execute the same according to law, and make due return as the law directs.
 Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 3rd day of March, A.D. 1988.
 Attest: Rilla Mahoney, District Clerk, 104th Court, Taylor County, Texas by Patricia Henderson, Deputy Clerk's Name and Address
 Rilla Mahoney, Clerk
 District Court
 Taylor County Courthouse
 Abilene, Texas 79602
 10-4tc

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CHOICE BEEF CHUCK STEAK BONELESS LB LEAN FAMILY PACK **\$1 89**

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DEL MONTE TOMATO SAUCE **3/69¢**

RANCH 300 STYLE BEANS **2/79¢**

POINSETTIA HOMO MILK GAL JUG **\$1 89**

BORDEN COTTAGE CHEESE 24 OZ CRTN **\$1 49**

PARKAY OLEO SOFT TWIN LB **93¢**

PILLSBURY READYBAKE PIECRUST 15 OZ PKG **\$1 49**

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DEL MONTE SQUEEZABLE CATSUP 28 OZ JUG **89¢** LIMIT 2

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