

BIBLE VERSE
Therefore do not be anxious
about tomorrow, for tomor-
row will be anxious for itself.
Let the day's own trouble be
sufficient for the day.
Matthew 6:34

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By Carl Dingler

How sweet it was!
The rain Monday was really welcomed by everyone. It was sorely needed and when it moved in from the west, it really turned into a beneficial downpour. Think everyone quit work and just watched with smiles on their faces. Some even forgot to have their daily coffee break, they were so busy enjoying the rain.

Guess I should have started this column with a howdy and say that I am truly happy to be here and am looking forward to becoming a part of this very progressive community.

My wife Karen and I have had nothing but happy greetings and welcome words since moving to Merkel last week. With this sort of friendly welcome, it is easy to understand why Merkel is on the move and prospering.

And, it started from the first day we came to Merkel, with neighbors Mr. and Mrs. Edwards providing some of the most scrumptious cake that we have ever tasted. That was one of the most thoughtful acts of friendship we have ever received and made us sure we had made the right move in choosing Merkel.

From there things have gotten even better with every one in Merkel being more than willing to assist us in getting settled.

Of course having spent most of my life in West Texas--Odessa and Abilene--already knew how great West Texas folks are.

Too, Karen was raised just down the road at Ovalo and she was especially happy to be returning to West Texas.

We have spent the last three years in Dallas and the last six months at Atlanta, Texas which is 20 miles south of Texarkana in deep East Texas.

People there are friendly too, but they just don't compare to the type of open friendliness of West Texans. So, a big thank you for helping us to become a part of your community.

Mrs. Earl Hughes reported the letter praising her husband could have come at no better time. He was taken to the hospital in Abilene for examination last week and, of course, the letter to the editor was read to him.

She pointed out that you could see his face light up with joy as the letter was being read to him by his pastor. "It really perked him up," she said.

Of course there was much speculation as to who wrote the letter and it was pointed out that it couldn't have been a Methodist as the Methodist Church, of which Earl is a member, does not have deacons.

It is too bad the letter was not signed, for certainly such a letter of praise deserved a signature.

Still, it was gratifying to note that the words of praise came at the right time to help Earl and his family over their crisis.

Don't forget this is Cleanup Month in Merkel. We are walking down the street the other day and being new I look in everything in sight.

It dawned that the city was exceptionally free of debris and clutter that usually go with some small cities.

You can usually tell the type of town by the way it is kept and Merkel residents are doing their part to improve the image and attract new businesses and people. Keep up the good work.

Now, if there was just some way to provide more housing. There would be no limit to the growth if available and new housing woes could be solved.

As a parting thought taken from here and there: Honorable, upright folk have nothing to hide. They know their work and do it. They pay for what they get. They perform what they promise. The greatness of a nation depends not so much on the number of its square miles as on the number of its square people.

Smith family receives first award

The Taylor County Farmers Union annual banquet held special meaning for the Ford Smith Jr. family. The annual barbecue Friday in the High School cafeteria was attended by more than 250 members. Ford Smith Jr. and wife

Frankie were surprised when they were presented the first Family Service award by District Director Billy Bob Toombs.

Smith is a past Farmers Union president and operates farming and ranching interests around Merkel. A Taylor County native,

Smith is a past member of the Merkel School Board.

Featured speaker was Charles Jacobs, representative from the district on the State Taxation Board.

He said the ad valorem tax on property is an inequitable method of financing schools,

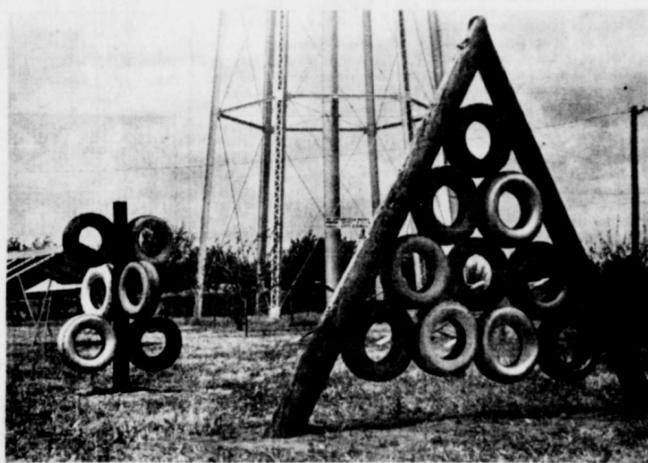
county and city governments.

He pointed out meetings are scheduled in the near future on the taxing methods and urged participation by everyone.

The program consisted of the Pat Cypert family who presented an excellent program of gospel singing.

Farmers Union officials thanked all the businesses in Merkel and Abilene who contributed food and door prizes "which made our evening a successful one."

The Smiths have a son, Gary, and a daughter, Mrs. Ronny Doan, both of Merkel.



NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT--With much cooperation from individuals and businesses in Merkel, the City Park now has inexpensive playground equipment for the youngsters to enjoy themselves. The shelters also are near completion and already funds have been donated to add concrete slabs, tables and barbecue grills.

School Board declares Whisenhunt's seat vacant

In a 2-hour called meeting of the School Board Tuesday night, two of the three recently elected members took the oath of office while a third failed to make an appearance.

James Boyd and Jack Reynolds took the oath of office and got down to action on the agenda.

However, Dink Whisenhunt did not show for the ceremony and his seat on the Board was declared vacant.

Whisenhunt had failed to complete his voter registration form 30 days prior to

the April 3 election and the law states a candidate must be an eligible voter.

Whisenhunt filed for his voter registration form March 26, making him ineligible to vote April 3.

The old School Board, headed by outgoing president Bobby DuBose canvassed the votes and accepted the results.

Thus Whisenhunt, in fact, was accepted. However, according to legal rulings of the code a candidate must be present for the swearing in ceremony.

Whisenhunt was not. The newly formed Board then declared the vacancy.

Later in the meeting they considered the appointment of a replacement for a one-year term. There was discussion of waiting until after April 26 when Whisenhunt would be eligible and appointing him.

However, there was opposition to this and it was brought to a vote to name DuBose to the term. Don Hart made the motion and Jerry Gibson gave the second, bringing it to a vote.

But the vote failed as the rest of the members voted against it, deciding to table the issue until the next regular meeting Monday night at 7:30 p.m.

They also asked Superintendent Mack Fisher to check the legality as to whether Whisenhunt would be eligible for appointment after April 26.

James Boyd was sworn in to a 3-year term while Jack Reynolds was elected for a year.

Charles Jacobs moved up from vice-president to president, Don Hart was voted vice-president and Reynolds was voted secretary as the Board organized for the 1976-77 year.

Then they voted to accept the resignation of Janet

Kinard who has been assigned to Baird as part of the Taylor-Callahan Co-op special education project. She resigned effective March 12. Replacing her for the rest of the school year is Jo Berry.

There also was discussed the re-hiring of coaches David Summers and George Martin who's contracts have not been renewed.

Summers was seeking the coaching job of the Seventh and eighth grade held by Martin. Martin had resigned as a coach and has requested to be reassigned as a teacher.

However, the Board took no action, although discussing the issue thoroughly.

Also, brought up was the possibility of the schools getting bad milk from time to time and Superintendent Fisher said he has requested the Health Department to check the matter more closely.

The milk is tested monthly by the Health Department but there have been reports of bad tasting milk being served from time to time.

Administering the oath of office to Boyd and Reynolds was Joe Lassiter.

Bobby Toliver is the other holdover member, serving as secretary until Reynolds was elected to the position.

DuBose, Jack Moore and Joe Henry were the outgoing members who served 30 minutes longer Tuesday night, just long enough to approve the election results.

Association honors class

The Merkel Art Association Thursday honored the Tuesday night Art Class with a tea in the fellowship hall of the Methodist Church.

Mrs. Ruth Cox registered guests. Spring flowers decorated the room. The tea table was covered with a white cloth and centered with an arrangement of yellow iris and roses to carry out the club colors of yellow and white.

The cake was beautifully decorated in the same colors by Mrs. Stanley Toombs. Mrs. C. E. Tipton and Mrs. Toombs served punch and cake.

President Mrs. Ford Smith Jr. welcomed guests.

The program was presented by Mrs. Billy Bob Neff on "What is Art?"

Present were Mrs. Ronny Doan, Mrs. Jack Hogan, Mrs. Jack Bagby, Mrs. Ruth Cox, Mrs. Ben Hicks, Mrs. Billy Bob Neff, Mrs. Ford Smith Jr., Mrs. C. E. Tipton, Mrs. Stanley Toombs, Mrs. Cyrus Pee and Mrs. Glenn Teaff.

City Council considers pay increases

The Merkel City Council had a productive meeting at its regular meeting Monday at City Hall.

The budget and a possible formula for raises for certain city employees was discussed. A specific plan is to be worked out by City Coordinator J. A. Sadler and presented to the Council at its next scheduled meeting April 26.

The meeting began with canvassing of the recent City Election and acceptance of the results. The 300-vote turnout was praised as excellent.

Then, Pete Morgan, Jerry Byrd and Jimmy Atkinson were sworn in to new terms by Mayor Lou David Allen while members Kent Satterwhite and Derrell Farmer witnessed the ceremony. All three incumbents were re-elected at the April 3 election.

With the ceremonies out of the way the Council settled down to opening bids.

They accepted the one bid from C. H. Hobbs to purchase a lot next to his property on North 2nd, for \$125.

Four bids were then opened for the sale of a tractor with Jackie Douglass of Sylvester getting the tractor for the high bid of \$225.

Next came a resolution naming Annette Melton as the official authority to sign payments of the \$30,000 funds, meeting HUD requirements on release of the funds.

The Council then approved a resolution to purchase additional land for future landfill at \$200 per acre.

The site is part of the Patterson farm. It is estimated to be 20 or 30 acres but Sadler said it could be as little as 10 acres.

"We won't know for sure until the survey is completed," he said. Sadler said it is hoped the survey can be completed by Thursday.

He told council members that this would be enough land to last the city 15 to 20 years, "providing it is properly prepared before we start using it."

In this regard he recommended that the present site be used for at least a year. There is a year's rental paid on the present site.

Sadler said this opportunity is an excellent one for the city and comes at a good time.

A bid for paving of parts of Oak Street was postponed. Billy Newman Paving

Merkel gets RAIN

Merkel recorded 1.10 inches of rain during the welcome relief from the drought conditions Monday afternoon.

While other area cities reported some hail none was reported in Merkel and although the area was under a tonado watch, no sightings were reported.

Taylor Electric Cooperative meets Thursday

The 35th meeting of Taylor Electric Cooperative will be Thursday at the Taylor

County Coliseum in Abilene. Activity begins at 9 a.m. with registration and draw-

ing for attendance prizes. Entertainment is set for 10:30 a.m. with Vicki and the Royalhers, a gospel music group from Amarillo.

A barbecue lunch will be served at noon by Mack Eplens of Abilene and the business session starts at 1:30 p.m.

This year the annual meeting is being dedicated to O. S. Moore, who was a member of the Steering Committee which organized Taylor Electric Cooperative and has thirty years service as a board member, the last ten years as Chairman of the Board. Mr. Moore is asking to retire this year.

Included in the business session will be reports to the membership by the administration and management.

A report of the Nominating Committee and election of three directors will be during the business session. Directors whose terms ex-

pire in the three zones this year are Zone I, Taylor, County, the Nominating Committee has nominated Mr. Sandusky for another term and has nominated Frank Brnovak as his opponent.

In Zone II, composed of Callahan, portions of Eastland, Jones, Shackelford Counties Jack Morrow's term expires, he has been nominated and Jack Ball will oppose him.

Zone III, Coke, Fisher, and Nolan Counties, Mr. O. S. Moore's term expires and the Nominating Committee has selected Johnny Usery, Richard Gesin, and C. W. Moore, all new nominees to run for the position.

Additional nominations may be made from the floor.

Beauty pageant seeking entries

There is still time to enter the beauty pageant sponsored by Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi.

Deadline for any girl wanting to enter the pageant is April 22.

To enter contact Mignon Seymore at 928-5505, Betty Coker at 928-5494 or Milly Bright at 928-5680.

The annual beauty pageant is set for April 24 at the

Merkel High School auditorium.

The divisions for the beauty pageant are: 3 years old-Kindergarten; First-Fourth, primary; Fifth-Sixth, elementary; Seventh-Eighth, junior high; and Ninth-Twelfth, high school.

Also, any merchant who would like to sponsor a girl may contact Betty Allday, 928-5628.

Methodist plan special services

A special Easter Sunday service is planned at First Methodist Church.

In addition to regular services a 9 a.m. early service is scheduled. Pastor Russell McAnally said the youth will be in charge of the program and it will be a regular worship service.

He said any and all are invited if they had rather come to the early services.

Sunday School will still be scheduled at 9:45 a.m. with regular worship at 11 a.m.

Miss Softball registration

Hey girls! It is that time again. Softball season is almost here. Registration will be April 22, at 7:30 p.m.

The place is the Lion's Club building on South First. "This is the only registration we will have this year, so it is important that you be there," officials said.

Registration fee will be \$6 for the first girl and \$3 for each member of the same family, thereafter. Please

bring your birth certificates. There will be a general meeting at 7:30 p.m. April 22, just before registration begins, this is for the parents.

Girls if you turn 8 years old before September 1, and do not turn 19 before this date then you are eligible to play.

Any questions concerning the program please contact Mrs. Hugh Baker or Dorothy Torrance, 928-5637.

Sanctuary choir performs

The sanctuary choir of First Baptist Church, Merkel, will present an Easter Cantata on Sunday evening, April 18, at 7, pastor Kenneth F. Jones has announced.

The music program, which will be approximately one hour in length, will be under the direction of Mr. Roy Davis, church minister of music.

"We invite all the people of our area to attend this special program of worship," Jones said.

"Easter is a very special occasion in the Christian faith, and the resurrection of Jesus Christ is a Biblical truth that all believers hold in common. The joy of the Easter season

is best expressed in worship and song, so our choir has prepared this very special worship service," Jones concluded.

Featured in the music program will be: Larry White as narrator; Lakue Williams, Syble Riney, Connie Carson, and Roy Davis as soloists; and Sharon Cosper and Marie White as a duet. Mrs. Roy Davis will be organist and Mrs. Comer Haynes will be pianist.

Chamber eyeing fund raising drive

Merkel's Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors plan to start a membership drive and to seek funds to continue the summer program for youngsters.

The board met at the Chamber of Commerce office Monday to review the budget and to discuss future plans.

It was pointed out by Benny Melton that the Chamber has

\$786 in the bank after all the bills have been paid but that \$50 more a month is being spent than is being collected.

Report on the bank showed a \$453.97 loss with \$1,086.47 in expenses and \$632.50 income from ticket sales.

However, it was pointed out the banquet has lost money nearly every year and that

this year's banquet was an "outstanding one." There was a good turnout and the Chamber officials felt the cost was well worth the expense.

Melton pointed out that 27 Merkel businesses do not belong to the Chamber of Commerce and President Don Hensley suggested a committee of three, himself, Benny Melton and George Starbuck, to call on the merchants in

an attempt to recruit new members for the Chamber of Commerce.

Hensley pointed out that another possibility to raise the necessary operating expenses is to seek donations from members in place of increasing dues.

Hensley also took the opportunity to explain the tax situation of the Industrial Foundation.

He explained that 80 percent of the new businesses building at the complex will purchase the land and will pay taxes. Such is the case with Bassett. It was an out-and-out sale Hensley pointed out.

On the other hand, the land for the Wilkerson Manufacturing Company was leased for 15 years and no taxes are charged for this. However, Wilkerson may be taxed on inventory, machinery and other items.

After the 15 years the land reverts to Wilkerson or who ever owns the site and taxes can then be charged on the land.

Hensley pointed out that 80 percent of the park will be developed as an out-and-out sale and will go into the tax rolls.

Attention then turned to the summer program. Melton said that if the Chamber is planning to again sponsor the summer recreation program for youngsters the Chamber will be in trouble.

High School principal Travis Davis said the old gym would have to be used as painting and resurfacing of the new gym floor will take up most of the summer. He pointed out that all of August the gym floor resurfacing will force the gym to be closed.

"It will take two or three weeks out of the heart of the program for painting, also," Davis added. However, he said the old gym probably could be used.

It was estimated that it requires \$1,550 to put the program on each summer and that the only way to again have the program is to have some form of fund raising drive.

Hensley and City Coordinator J. A. Sadler agreed to look into a possible funding program and will report back at the May 3 meeting.

The program would start June 1 and continue for six weeks with \$190 a week required in salaries for four people.

The program would be each day from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. with facilities closed for lunch.

It would cost parents 75 cents per day or \$3 a week for their children to participate. Cost for two children of the same family is \$25, using last year's fee schedule.

Swimming was conducted at the Merkel Restaurant last year.

In another action, the board approved the sponsoring of a girl in the beauty pageant and agreed to look into the possibility of holding an open meeting for members.

The regular monthly meetings are open to anyone but some form of public meeting is being considered in addition to the annual banquet. Melton said he felt this is a good idea and that new ideas might be forthcoming from such a meeting.

Sadler then reported on the park improvements, praising Taylor Electric and other individuals who have added playground equipment and are in the process of building concrete slabs with tables and barbecue grills.

"We got the old tires and telephone poles erected last week and before we could get them painted the youngsters were all over them," Sadler pointed out.

He said the acceptance was even greater Sunday.

Private donations also will help with the tables and barbecue grills, Sadler said.

Easter Services set

First Baptist Church buys land

The First Baptist Church of Merkel burned its note on its building and at its monthly business meeting last week elected to go into debt once again.

This time the church voted to purchase property across the street from the auditorium.

The ultimate, long range purpose for this property will be to develop it into a parking area.

However, more immediate use, pending payment for the property, would be rental and later on, use as educational space when extensive remodeling work is started on the present educational building.

Also, at the business meeting, the church voted to provide air conditioning for the Youth II Sunday School Department and to renovate and beautify the Pre-School III Department.

The church is preparing for an Easter sunrise service Sunday at the church.

These services are set for 5:30 a.m. Following the service there will be a breakfast for all youth.

The church choir will present a Special Easter Program Sunday at the evening service.

Also, the church is making preparations for the Hobo Party May 1 at 7:30 p.m. for all youth.

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Lucas new president

Billy Lucas of Merkel is the new president of the Mid-West Texas Firemen and Fire Marshals Association.

Lucas was elected to head the group Saturday at the 75th, semi-annual meeting in Baird.

More than 200 members and auxiliary members gathered in the Baird High School cafeteria to hold the election.

At 4:30 p.m., 15 fire departments took part in 2-man races, pumper races and 6-man hose hook-up contests.

Lucas takes over leadership from Sonny Reynolds of Haskell, who was given a past president's badge in appreciation of his work.

Officers in addition to Lucas are Henry Scarlett of Throckmorton, first vice-president; Alfred Krole of Snyder, second vice-president; Dale Mathis of Colorado City, third vice-president; Lee Roy Brooker of Baird, fourth vice-president; and Robert Harris of Merkel, secretary-treasurer.

Members voted to meet in Snyder in October and in Throckmorton in April.

Tinker Taylor of McKinney, fourth vice-president

of the state association and Paul Tackett of Imperial, president of the ladies' auxiliary, spoke at the general meeting.

The Rev. Wayne Shuffield, pastor of First Baptist Church in Baird, led a memorial service in honor of firemen Gene Tonn of Haskell, J. M. (Whitt) Whitfill of Roby and Kenneth Kelley of Rotan all of whom died during the past year.

Buchanan, Rex Martin and Ben Cox, door police; Ray King, hose captain No. 1 and Richard Hernandez assistant; Jack Cannon, hose captain No. 2 and Donnie Cloyd assistant; Rex Martin, chaplain and Albert Chaney assistant.

The group said, "We want to take this opportunity to thank each and every one who helped the department in any capacity. We have had a good year."

It also has been reported that of the nine possible awards in the poster contest, Merkel students have won five.

Horton new president

Jerry Horton was named president of the Merkel Voluntary Fire Department at its annual meeting Monday night.

The proposed Easter egg hunt for youngsters was postponed because of the rain.

There are 33 active members with 65 over the last year.

Other officers along with Horton include Ben Cox, vice-president; Henry Brady, secretary and treasurer; Waymon Adcock, fire chief; Billy Lucas, first assistant chief; Robert Harris, second assistant chief; Albert Chavira, sergeant-at-arms; Roy

like to talk with and shake the hand of everyone in the "24th. Senatorial District."

"Any office holder likes to talk with the friends who elected him," said Senator Jones, adding, "Unfortunately, if I do the job I was elected to do there is not much time for handshaking—even in an election year."

Two bus loads of friends and neighbors will tour the sprawling 24th. Senatorial

District. Seven counties will be included in the first trip April 19. A similar tour will cover the six additional counties April 22.

Senator Jones said he hopes everyone who can will meet him and give him their views on how state government can be improved when the bus is in their vicinity.

Waldrop urged people "to see Grant on one of these tours." He said the Senator "carries an unbelievable work load."

"In the 63rd, and 64th, session of the Texas Legislature, the Senate met 175 times. Senator Jones was present 172 times.

"The Senate voted on issues 3,017 times in the two terms. Senator Jones voted 2,952 times.

"Senator Jones missed a Senate meeting only three times in two complete sessions."

"This is a remarkable voting and attendance record," said Waldrop.

The seven counties included in the April 19 bus tour in the western end of the district are Brown, Coleman, Concho, McCullough, Menard, Rannels and Taylor.

The first scheduled stop for the "Victory Bus" is Tuscola at 7:25 a.m.

Remaining morning visits include:
Winters, 8:10; Ballinger, 8:50; Eden, 10:05; Menard, 11:00.

A 30 minute lunch break will be held at the Brady City Park.

Afternoon visits include: Brady, 12:40; Brownwood, 2:10; Santa Anna, 3:40; Coleman, 4:10; and Taylor County, 5:30.

The six counties in the eastern end of the district to be toured April 22 are Coryell, Hamilton, Lampasas, McLennan, Mills and San Saba.

Senator Jones plans Abilene stop

Final details of two bus trips billed as "Victory Tours for Senator Grant Jones" were announced this week by the Senator's campaign chairman, Sam Waldrop of Abilene and Bill Bailey of Waco.

Neither of the bus trips will reach Merkel, but Senator Jones will attend the Taylor Electric Co-op annual meeting.

In talking with leaders at a workshop for the bus trips, Senator Jones said he "would

where she met and married Edd Kelso October 16, 1899.

After her marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Kelso moved to Caps where they farmed three years, then to south Taylor County where they farmed seven years, moving to the 51th Community in Jones County where they farmed from 1912 until returning in the early 190's, when they moved to Abilene. Mr. Kelso died in 1968 a month after their 68th. wedding anniversary.

Mrs. Kelso has two living children, Stella Tarpley of 641 Victoria and Herbert of San Antonio. Another son Ted died in February of this year.

Open house honoring Mrs. Edd Kelso on her 97th birthday will be held Sunday April 18, at her home at 641 Victoria in Abilene.

The children and grandchildren invite all friends and relatives to share in this happy occasion. Calling hours will be 2 p.m. until 4 p.m.

Mrs. Kelso was born to Mr. and Mrs. Oliver McCormick April 21, 1879, near Nashville, Tennessee, the third of five children. Mrs. Kelso is the only surviving member of that family.

Mrs. Kelso moved to Texas with her parents settling in Coryell County in 1896,

Mrs. Kelso honored on 97th birthday

Services held for Ike Turner

Ike D. Turner, 49, died Tuesday, April 6 in San Antonio.

Memorial services were held Thursday, April 8, in Alamo Heights United Methodist Church with Dr. Calvin Froehner and Rev. Harold Perdue officiating.

Interment was Friday, April 9, in Rose Hill Cemetery in Merkel under the auspices of Merkel Masonic Lodge.

Survivors include his wife, Charlotte C.; daughters, Debra D. and Susan C. Turner; son, Thomas Earl Turner, all of San Antonio; sister, Mrs. Margaret Quinlan of San Diego, California; brothers, E. L. Turner of Fort Worth and John L. Turner of Fairbanks, Alaska.

He was the son of Mrs. Dan Gregory and the late E. L. Turner, Sr. Mr. Turner was a past master of Merkel Masonic Lodge 710, a member of Abilene Knights Templar Commandery No. 27, the National Society of Professional Engineers, Texas Society of Professional Engineers, New Mexico Society of Professional Engineers and was active in scouting and other organizations.

Carvel Clark

Carvel Clark, 60, of 125 Collins in Irving died recently in Dallas.

Services were held March 31 in Dallas.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Joyce Clark; sons B. F. of Fort Hood, Carvel Renfro and Danny Lake both of Irving; a daughter, Mrs. Virginia Whittington of Phoenix, Arizona; a sister, Mrs. Mildred Logan of Wichita, Kansas; and grandchildren Leslie, Lisa and Larry Whittington.

Mr. Clark's parents were Mr. and Mrs. Ben F. Clark, grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Dolph Clark and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Coats, longtime Merkel residents and early settlers of Mulberry Canyon.

Gramm plans area visit

Phil Gramm, Democratic candidate for the United States Senate will be in Abilene and Sweetwater Thursday.

At 11 a.m. he will hold a coffee and press conference in Abilene and at 1:30 p.m. he will be at the Big State Roustabout in Sweetwater for coffee and a press conference.

Lambda Beta Chapter meets at Allday home

The Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in the home of Betty Allday, Tuesday, April 6. The meeting was called to order by president Chera Hohertz. Roll call was answered to the question "Are you a liberated woman? Explain!" Committee reports were given. Plans were discussed for the Beauty Pageant to be held April 24th.

New officers were elected for 1976-77. They are President Betty Allday, Vice-President Ginny Yaddow, Treasurer Barbara Welch, Recording Secretary Jo Moore, Corresponding Secretary Milly Bright, and Historian Chera Hohertz.

The program, "What Needs to be Done" was presented by captain Glenda Teaff and co-captain, Chera Hohertz.

The following members were present: Betty Allday, Milly Bright, Ann Booth, Pat Castille, Annette Clark, Betty Coker, Jan Couch, Bobbye Elliott, Chera Hohertz, Mary Hill, Faye Jones, Sara Lucas, Jo Moore, Pat Neff, Mignon Seymore, Glenda Teaff, Barbara Welch, and Ginny Yaddow.

Thames has no opponent

Prec. 2 Justice of the Peace Walter Thames virtually won election to the Justice of the Peace post when no one filed against him in either primary.

Special filing for the position closed April 6. The position came open for election in March when incumbent Justice of the Peace Lewis L. Millett, also of Merkel resigned with more than two years left on his elected term.

Thames was appointed by Taylor County commissioners to fill the post until the fall general election. He also filed for election to the position in the May 1 Democratic primary.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: William Richard Leach and his wife, Ann Lettes Leach, any and all grandchildren of Lillie C. Baker heretofore born, any and all grandchildren of Lillie C. Baker yet to be born, any and all persons in being, and not in being, claiming and to claim any title or interest in the hereinafter described properties or any part thereof, claiming any interest therein by, through or under the will of Lillie C. Baker, Deceased.

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Project Identification: Improvements to the Water System of the City of Merkel identified as Phase Number One. This program will consist of the installation of 4000 feet of 6 inch water mains within the dedicated street beginning at the intersection of Sunset and Avondale Street; thence North within West Street to intersect with an existing water main located at the intersection of North Second and Martin Streets. This project will necessitate the crossing of the railroad and Highway 80 which will be done by boring and casing each section. There will also be four 3-way fire hydrants installed on this water main with all necessary valves and fittings.

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which will was portabed in Cause No. 6036 in the Probate Court of Taylor County, Texas, hereinafter called Defendants. Said properties being situated in Taylor, Jones and Parmer Counties, Texas, and described as follows, to-wit:
First Tract: All of Lots 3, 4, 5 and 6 in Block 44, to the Town of Merkel, Taylor County, Texas.
Second Tract: Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of Section Seventeen (17) Township 1 North Range 4 East of Capitol Syndicate Reservation in Parmer County, Texas, containing 160 acres.
Third Tract: One Hundred Sixty (160) acres of land out of Capitol League 448, described as the Northeast one quarter (NE 1/4) of Survey or Section Number Six (6), Township Number One (1) North, Range Number Four (4) East of a "Capitol Syndicate Subdivision" in Parmer County, Texas, as shown by Plat of such Subdivision of record in Deed Records of Parmer County, Texas, Volume 5, Page 394.
Fourth Tract: All that certain lot, tract or parcel of land situated in Jones County, Texas, and being 80 acres of land off of the South side of Lot No. 3, C. P. Warren's Subdivision of Block No. 56 (Ranch Reservation) of Godwin Subdivision of the DeWitt County School Land, and further described by metes and bounds as follows:
Beginning at a stake set for the S. W. corner of Lot No. 3 of C. P. Warren's subdivision of the said DeWitt County School Land; Thence N. 15 W. 556 vrs. to a stake and stone mound in W. B. line of said Lot 3;
Thence N. 75 E. 812 vrs. to a stake in E. B. line of said Lot 3;
Thence S. 15 degrees 21' E. 556 vrs. to S. E. corner of said Lot 3;
Thence S. 75 W. 814 vrs. to the place of beginning, and being further represented by the map of said Warren's Subdivision of said Block No. 56 on record in the Clerks office of Jones County, Texas, to which reference is hereby made.
Fifth Tract: Being 192.21 acres of land off of the N end of a 267.15 acre tract out of the C. P. Warren Subdivision of Block 56 "Ranch Reservation" of the Godwin Subdivision of the DeWitt County School Lands, League 125, 126, 149 and 150, and the G. A. Kirkland Surveys Nos. 1, 2 and 3 as per map of said Warren Subdivision of record in Vol. 14, Page 17, of the Deed Records of Jones County, Texas, being a part of a 267.15 acre tract described in deed from C. P. Warren, et ux, to John W. Lyles, recorded in Vol. 28, Page 414 of the Deed Records of Jones County, Texas, and described by metes and bounds as follows:
Beginning at a point in the E. B. Line of Subdivision No. 4 of the C. P. Warren Subdivision of Bk. No. 56 of the Godwin Subdivision of the DeWitt County School Lands in League No. 125, and 553 vrs. S. 15 deg. E. from the N. E. corner of said Subdi-

vision #4, the same being in the W. B. line of an old 40' public road now widened to about 60' from said point an iron pipe brs S. 75 deg. 40' W 10' set for the S. E. corner of an 80 acre tract of land off of the N end of said subdivision No. 4, and for the NE corner of the said 267.15 acre tract; and for the S. B. line of the said 80 acre tract and with the N B L at 818.8 vrs to an iron pipe at fence corner post in the WBL of said Subdivision No. 4, for the S. W. corner of the said 267.15 acre tract; and for the NW corner of the said 267.15 acre tract, and for the NW corner of this tract;
Thence S 14 deg. 42' E with the WB lines of Subdivision Nos. 4, 5 and 6 with fence line and with the W. B. line of the said 267.15 acre tract of land at 1319.7 vrs. to an iron pipe for the S. W. corner of this tract, the same being in the W. B. line of said Subdivision No. 6;
Thence N 75 deg. 40' E across said subdivision No. 6 at 825.7 vrs to point in the EB line of said Subdivision #6, and in the W. B. line of a 40' public road for the S. E. corner of this tract;
Thence N 15 deg. W with the E. B. lines of said Subdivisions Nos. 6, 5 and 4, and with the WB line of the old road, at 1319.7 vrs. to the place of beginning, and containing 192.21 acres of land as described in deed dated September 13, 1941, from Zuria E. Stamps, et al, to Fred A. Baker of record in Vol. 252, Page 57, Deed Records of Jones County, Texas;
Sixth Tract: Being 70.94 acres in the South part of Lot No. 6 of the C. P. Warren Subdivision of Block No. 56 of the Godwin Subdivision of the DeWitt County School Lands, Leagues 125, 126, 149 and 150 and the G. A. Kirkland Surveys Nos. 1, 2 and 3 in Jones County, Texas, as per map of said Warren Subdivision of record in Vol. 14, Page 17 of the Deed Records of Jones County Texas, being a part of a 267.15 acre tract described in Deed from C. P. Warren, et ux, to John W. Lyles, recorded in Vol. 28, Page 414, Deed Records of Jones County, Texas, and described by metes and bounds as follows:
Beginning at the S. W. corner of said 267.15 acre tract, which is also the S. W. corner of said Subdivision No. 6; Thence N. 15 W. 484.6 vrs. with the West line of said Lot No. 6 of the C. P. Warren Subdivision of Block No. 56 of the Godwin Subdivision of the DeWitt County School Lands, League 125, 126, 149 and 150, and the G. A. Kirkland Surveys Nos. 1, 2 and 3 as per map of said Warren Subdivision of record in Vol. 14, Page 17, of the Deed Records of Jones County, Texas, being a part of a 267.15 acre tract described in deed from C. P. Warren, et ux, to John W. Lyles, recorded in Vol. 28, Page 414 of the Deed Records of Jones County, Texas, and described by metes and bounds as follows:
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record in Vol. 12, Pages 21 and 219, Deed Records of Jones County, Texas, described by metes and bounds as follows:
Beginning at a stake at the S. W. cor. of said Lot 97 Thence E with the S. line of said Lot 97 to the S. E. cor. of Lot 97 and the S. W. cor. of Lot 98 a stake;
Thence N. with the E. line of Lot 97 and the W. line of Lot 98 to the NE corner of tract of land conveyed to Patton by G. W. Jones and wife, by deed dated Oct. 3, 1908, of record in Deed Records of Jones County, Texas;
Thence in a Westerly direction with the N. line of said tract to the N. W. cor. of the same in the W. line of Lot 97, a stake;
Thence S. with the W. line of Lot 97, to the place beginning and containing 125.27 acres of land, Save and Except 1/2 of bonuses, 1/2 of the royalties under the terms of any and gas lease covering any part of the lands, ascribed in Tracts Nos. 6, 7 above which interests reserved by the grantor the deed from Gravelly to Fred A. Baker, et al, the 27th of January, 1941, and recorded in Volume 3, Page 10 of the Deed Records of Jones County, Texas.
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before Honorable 104th District Court of Taylor County, Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days of the date of the issuance of this citation, same being 3rd day of May A. D. 1976, to Plaintiff's Petition in said court, on the 18th of March A. D. 1976, in cause, numbered 12,953-3 the docket of said court styled Fred A. Baker, et al, Plaintiff, vs. William Richard Leach, et al, Defendant.
A brief statement of nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit:
For the Partition of above described real estate into segregated tracts as follows:
(A) That the Title to possession of that undivided one-half (1/2) interest in that is owned by the Fred A. Baker shall vest as follows:
Fred A. Baker, Jr.---
Linda Kathleen Le Hodges-1/4th.
William Richard Leach-1/4th.
(B) That the title to possession of that undivided one-half (1/2) interest in that is owned by the vices, known and unknown under the Will of Lillie C. Baker, shall be vested as follows:
Fred A. Baker, Jr.-- for his lifetime, and remainder in the then living grandchildren of Lillie C. Baker, whomsoever they then be and who are unknown.
as is more fully shown Plaintiff's Petition on in this suit.
If this citation is not served within ninety days after date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.
The officer executing writ shall promptly see the same according to requirements of law, and mandates hereof, and make return as the law directs Issued and given under hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, the 18th day of March A. D. 1976.
(SEAL) Attest: _____
104th District Court
Taylor County, Texas.
By Faye Lyons,
Deputy.
6-4tc

Four advance UIL meet

Four Merkel High School students have qualified for regional competition in the District 8-A University Interscholastic League competition.

Suzanne Warner placed first in shorthand and third in spelling; Tommy Jones was first in prose reading; David Booth was third in slide rule; and Rhonda White was second in feature writing.

Others who placed in district but were not high enough to qualify for regional are Retha Mattingley, third in news writing; Mike Henry, fourth in number sense; Marsha Clyburn, fourth in prose reading; Tommy Jones and Marlon White, honorable mention for their performance in the one act play; and Alice Cunningham who was named to the District All-Star cast.

Riding Club sets Queen Contest

The Merkel Riding Club will hold its annual Queen Contest, Saturday at 5 p.m. at the Merkel Riding Club arena.

Any girl who is a 1976 member of the club is eligible to enter the contest.

There will be two age groups: 12 years and younger, and 13 years and over. Area residents are invited to attend and view the judging.

Coordinating the pageant are Robert and Patricia Boyd of Trent, Mrs. Eva Hatfield is in charge of the awards presentation.

A well qualified group of unbiased judges have been selected for the judging.

The Queen and Princess will be presented at the regular play night, Saturday.

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Contestants

- Cindy Boone: Age: 15; Parents: Mr. and Mrs. Jack Boone; School: Freshman Merkel High, cheerleader, basketball, track student council, F.F.A., Merkel 4-H and Taylor County Horse Club.
- Shannon Boyd: Age: 12; Parents: Mr. and Mrs. James Boyd; School: 7th grade Merkel Junior High, pep squad, annual staff, UIL, fire captain and Mulberry 4-H.
- Vickie Campbell: Age: 13; Parents: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Campbell
- Lisa Dokey: Age: 12; Parents: Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Dokey; School: 6th grade Abilene Junior High, Junior sweetheart Merkel Riding Club 1975.
- Sherry Frazier: Age: 15; Parents: Mr. and Mrs. Elby Frazier; School: 9th grade Merkel High, basketball and track team.
- Penny Hatfield: Age: 15; Parents: Mr. and Mrs. Eulan Hatfield; School: 10th grade Trent High, student council, Honor Society, F.F.A., F. H. A. basketball, track, tennis, golf, UIL and twirler.
- Dee Dee Masonheimer: Age: 11; Parents: Mr. and Mrs. James Masonheimer; School: 6th grade Trent Junior High, cheerleader, basketball, track, band, UIL, class president, class favorite.
- Leslie Masonheimer: Age: 12

School: 7th grade Merkel Junior High, basketball, tennis, and band.

Parents: Mr. and Mrs. James Masonheimer; School: 7th grade Trent Junior High, basketball, band, UIL, track, class president and favorite 4-H club.

Ann Melton: Age: 13; Parents: Mr. and Mrs. Benny Melton; School: 7th grade Merkel Junior High, basketball, class vice president, band and twirler.

Jan Melton: Age: 13; Parents: Mr. and Mrs. Benny Melton; School: Basketball, pep squad, all sports.

Shelli Stout: Age: 17; Parents: Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Stout; School: 11th grade Abilene High, Rodeo Club, volleyball, Distributive Education Club, Abilene Junior Rodeo Club.

Sheri Williams: Age: 12; Parent: Mr. Robert Williams; School: 7th grade Merkel Junior High, pep squad, basketball, gym sports, Mulberry 4-H Club and Taylor County Horse Club.

Students get two days for Easter

Merkel students will get a two day Easter holiday. School will be out Friday for a Faculty workshop and Monday will be a holiday for Easter for the students.

Classes resume Tuesday. Travis Davis principal of Merkel High School said some of the teachers will be attending the Region 14 convention in the Civic Center in Abilene.

The day is the last of the AISD's 10 professional growth days of the school year. The convention takes the place of the state convention for teachers.

Davis said there will be some in-service work going on Friday but most will probably attend the afternoon session.

There are expected to be 2,000 teachers participating in the seminars and talks which begin at 8:30 a.m. and continue until 3:30 p.m.

Banquet set

The Vocational Industrial Club of America at Merkel High School is planning its annual banquet for April 27. The banquet is to honor the employers of the students. It will be at 7 p.m. in the High School Cafeteria.

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Good Peach Crop Anticipated

AUSTIN—As late spring approaches, most Texans begin to eagerly anticipate the beginning of the state's peach season.

Preliminary indications are that the 1976 Texas peach crop should exceed last year's short harvest of 313,000 bushels, despite damage to the crop in some areas, according to Agriculture Commissioner John C. White.

"Gillespie County growers report a good to excellent set this year. The crop there is expected to be an

outstanding one," White said.

In East, Central and South Texas, good fruit crops are expected in most areas, while in the Cross Timbers, a few peaches were hurt by a light freeze.

The worst damage occurred in Gaines County and the Northern Low Plains, where a late freeze destroyed most of the crop, White noted.

In 1975, a late freeze that hit much of the state in March severely damaged the peach crop.

Riding Club results

The Merkel Riding Club held its weekly play night Saturday.

Results of the events were: Western Pleasure (12 and under)-1. Sherri Williams, 2. Eddie Sparks, 3. James Allday, 4. Brooks Boyd and 5. Kevin McLernon. (13-17)-1. Norma Frazier, 2. Vicki Campbell, 3. Jeff Toombs, 4. Sherri Frazier and 5. Penny Hatfield. (18 and over)-1. L. J. Gray, 2. Jarrett Pinkley, 3. Carol McLernon, 4. Barbara Whisenant and 5. Charles Hatfield.

Barrels (12 and under)-1. Shannon Boyd, 21.29; 2. Eddie Sparks, 21.48; 3. Sherri Williams, 22.32; 4. Johnny Davis, 22.39; and 5. Lisa Dokey, 25.82. (13-17)-1. Sherri Frazier, 20.28; 2. Jimmy Davis, 20.77; 3. Norma Frazier, 21.08; 4. Jeff Toombs, 21.21; and 5.

4-H rifle team named

The Taylor County 4-H Rifle Team was chosen Sunday with each contestant qualifying by firing a set of two targets, 10 shots prone, standing and kneeling.

The senior team consists of Terry Criner who was high scorer, Craig Hutchings, Lisa Hughes, and Michelle Robinson.

On the junior team are Willy Townsend, high scorer, Tim Reeves, Sheri Williams and Monty Lewis.

Tony Robinson is first alternate. Team coaches are J. D. Sandusky and Sam Reeves.

Trent schedules awards banquet

The public is invited to either or both festivities by Mrs. Carolyn Land, who is in charge of the program.

The banquet will be at 7 p.m. at the school cafeteria. Tickets are \$2.85 each and may be purchased at the Trent Bank or at Trent High School. The awards presentation, however, will be in the gym at 7:45 p.m.

Trent names cheerleaders

Trent High School has elected cheerleaders for next year.

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CITATION

BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: William Richard Leach and his wife, Ann Lettes Leach, any and all grandchildren of Lillie C. Baker heretofore born, any and all heirs yet to be born of any and all grandchildren of Lillie C. Baker yet to be born, any and all persons in being and not in being, claiming and to claim any title or interest in the hereinafter described properties or any part thereof-Properties and any and all unknown and/or unborn owners of any part or portion or interest in the hereinafter described properties claiming any interest therein by, through or under the will of Lillie C. Baker, Deceased.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Project Identification: Improvements to the Water System of the City of Merkel identified as Phase Number One. This program will consist of the installation of 4000 feet of 6 inch water mains within the dedicated street beginning at the intersection of Sunset and Avondale Street, thence North within West Street to intersect with an existing water main located at the intersection of North Second and Martin Streets. This project will necessitate the crossing of the railroad and Highway 80 which will be done by boring and casing each section. There will also be four 3-way fire hydrants installed on this water main with all necessary valves and fittings.

Statement of Intent: The City of Merkel does not intend to file an environmental impact statement regarding this project.

Reason Behind Intent: This project will be done only within dedicated streets and will not effect any residences or land occupied by people. The City of Merkel has determined that this program will be of a positive nature and will not adversely affect any person or the environment. This program also complies with all applicable laws and regulations as set forth in Sec. 58 1 (a) (3) of Environmental Review Procedures for Community Development Block Grant Program.

Environmental Review Record: The City of Merkel has made an Environmental Review Record respecting this project. This Environmental Review Record may be examined and copied in the City Hall, Monday through Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. No further environmental review of this project is proposed to be conducted and the City of Merkel intends to request the Department of Housing and Urban Development for release of funds for this project.
8-2tp

which will be portabed in Cause No. 6036 in the Probate Court of Taylor County, Texas, hereinafter called Defendants. Said properties being situated in Taylor, Jones and Parmer Counties, Texas, and described as follows, to-wit:

First Tract: All of Lots 3, 4, 5 and 6 in Block 44, to the Town of Merkel, Taylor County, Texas.

Second Tract: Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of Section Seventeen (17) Township 1 North Range 4 East of Capitol Syndicate Reservation in Parmer County, Texas, containing 160 acres.

Third Tract: One Hundred Sixty (160) acres of land out of Capitol League 448, described as the Northeast one quarter (NE 1/4) of Survey or Section Number Six (6), Township Number One (1) North, Range Number Four (4) East of a "Capitol Syndicate Subdivision" in Parmer County, Texas, as shown by Plat of such Subdivision of record in Deed Records of Parmer County, Texas, Volume 5, Page 394.

Fourth Tract: All that certain lot, tract or parcel of land situated in Jones County, Texas, and being 80 acres of land off of the South side of Lot No. 3, C. P. Warren's Subdivision of Block No. 56 (Ranch Reservation) of Godwin Subdivision of School Land, and Witt County School Land, and further described by metes and bounds as follows:

Beginning at a stake set for the S. W. corner of Lot No. 3 of C. P. Warren's Subdivision of the said DeWitt County School Land;

Thence N. 15 W. 556 vrs. to a stake and stone mound in W. B. line of said Lot 3;

Thence N. 75 E. 812 vrs. to a stake in E. B. line of said Lot 3;

Thence S. 15 degrees 21' E. 556 vrs. to S. E. corner of said Lot 3;

Thence S. 75 W. 814 vrs. to the place of beginning, and being further represented by the map of said Warren's Subdivision of said Block No. 56 on record in the Clerks office of Jones County, Texas, to which reference is hereby made.

Fifth Tract: Being 192.21 acres of land off of the N end of a 267.15 acre tract out of the C. P. Warren Subdivision of Block 56 "Ranch Reservation" of the Godwin Subdivision of the DeWitt County School Lands, League 125, 126, 149 and 150, and the G. A. Kirkland Surveys Nos. 1, 2 and 3 as per map of said Warren Subdivision of record in Vol. 14, Page 17, of the Deed Records of Jones County, Texas, and described by metes and bounds as follows: Beginning at a point in the E. B. Line of Subdivision No. 4 of the C. P. Warren Subdivision of Blk. No. 56 of the Godwin Subdivision of the DeWitt County School Lands in League No. 125, and 553 vrs. S. 15 deg. E. from the N. E. corner of said Subdi-

vision #4, the same being in the W. B. line of an old 40' public road now widened to about 60' from said point an iron pipe brs S. 75 deg. 40' W. 10' set for the S. E. corner of an 60 acre tract of land off of the N end of said subdivision No. 4, and for the NE corner of the said 267.15 acre tract; and for the NE corner of this tract;

Thence S 75 deg. 40' W with the S. B. line of the said 80 acre tract and with the NBL at 818.8 vrs to an iron pipe at fence corner post in the WBL of said Subdivision No. 4, for the S. W. corner of the said 80 acre tract and for the NW corner of the said 267.15 acre tract, and for the NW corner of this tract;

Thence S 14 deg. 42' E with the WB lines of Subdivision Nos. 4, 5 and 6 with fence line and with the W. B. line of the said 267.15 acre tract of land at 1319.7 vrs. to an iron pipe for the S. W. corner of this tract, the same being in the W. B. line of said Subdivision No. 6;

Thence N 75 deg. 40' E across said subdivision No. 6 at 825.7 vrs to point in the EB line of said Subdivision #6, and in the W. B. line of a 40' public road for the S. E. corner of this tract;

Thence N 15 deg. W with the E. B. lines of said Subdivisions Nos. 6, 5 and 4, and with the WB line of the old road, at 1319.7 vrs. to the place of beginning, and containing 192.21 acres of land as described in deed dated September 13, 1941, from Zuria E. Stamps, et al, to Fred A. Baker of record in Vol. 252, Page 57, Deed Records of Jones County,

Sixth Tract: Being 70.94 acres in the South part of Lot No. 6 of the C. P. Warren Subdivision of Block No. 56 of the Godwin Subdivision of the DeWitt County School Lands, Leagues 125, 126, 149 and 150 and the G. A. Kirkland Surveys Nos. 1, 2 and 3 in Jones County, Texas, as per map of said Warren Subdivision of record in Vol. 14, Page 17 of the Deed Records of Jones County Texas, being a part of a 267.15 acre tract described in Deed from C. P. Warren, et ux, to John W. Lyles, recorded in Vol. 28, Page 414, Deed Records of Jones County, Texas, and described by metes and bounds as follows: Beginning at the S. W. corner of said 267.15 acre tract, which is also the S. W. corner of said Subdivision No. 6; Thence N. 15 W. 484.6 vrs. with the West line of said

record in Vol. 12, Pages 218 and 219, Deed Records of Jones County, Texas, as described by metes and bounds as follows: Beginning at a stake at the S. W. cor. of said Lot 97; Thence E with the S. E. line of said Lot 97 to the S. E. cor. of Lot 97 and the S. W. cor. of Lot 98 a stake;

Thence N. with the E. line of Lot 97 and the W. line of Lot 98 to the NE cor. of tract of land conveyed to M. Patton by G. W. Jones and wife, by deed dated Oct. 8, 1903, of record in Deed Records of Jones County, Texas;

Thence in a Westerly direction with the N. line of said tract to the N. W. cor. of the same in the W. line of Lot 97, a stake;

Thence S. with the W. line of Lot 97, to the place of beginning and containing all 125.27 acres of land. Save and Except 1/2 of the bonuses, 1/2 of the rentals and 1/2 of the royalties paid under the terms of any oil and gas lease covering all or any part of the lands described in Tracts Nos. 6 and 7 above which interests were reserved by the grantors in the deed from Orval Lyles, et al, to Fred A. Baker dated the 27th of January, 1948, and recorded in Volume 3209, Page 10 of the Deed Records of Jones County, Texas.

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 104th 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 3rd day of May A. D. 1976 to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 18th day of March A. D. 1976, in the cause, numbered 12,953-B of the docket of said court styled Fred A. Baker, Jr. et al, Plaintiff, vs. William Richard Leach, et al, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit:

For the Partition of the above described real estate into segregated tracts, as follows:

(A) That the Title to a possession of that undivided one-half (1/2) interest therein that is owned by the heirs of Fred A. Baker shall be vested as follows:

Fred A. Baker, Jr.-----
Linda Kathleen Leach Hodges-----1/4th.
William Richard Leach-----1/4th.

(B) That the title to a possession of that undivided one-half (1/2) interest therein that is owned by the devisees, known and unknown under the Will of Lillie C. Baker, shall be vested as follows:

Fred A. Baker, Jr.-----
for his lifetime, with the remainder at his death vesting in the then living grandchildren of Lillie C. Baker, whomsoever they then be and who are as unknown.

as is more fully shown in 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 the requirements of law, and mandates hereof, and make return as the law directs. Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, the 18th day of March A. D. 1976.

(SEAL) Attest: _____
Clerk.

NOTICE

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By Faye Lyons, Deputy.
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Four advance UIL meet

Four Merkel High School students have qualified for regional competition in the District 8-A University Interscholastic League competition.

Suzanne Warner placed first in shorthand and third in spelling; Tommy Jones was first in prose reading; David Booth was third in slide rule; and Rhonda White was second in feature writing.

Others who placed in district but were not high enough to qualify for regional are Retha Mattingly, third in news writing; Mike Henry, fourth in number sense; Marsha Clyburn, fourth in prose reading; Tommy Jones and Marlon White, honorable mention for their performance in the one act play; and Alice Cunningham who was named to the District All-Star cast.

Riding Club sets Queen Contest

The Merkel Riding Club will hold its annual Queen Contest, Saturday at 5 p.m. at the Merkel Riding Club arena.

Any girl who is a 1976 member of the club is eligible to enter the contest.

There will be two age groups: 12 years and younger, and 13 years and over. Area residents are invited to attend and view the judging.

Coordinating the pageant are Robert and Patricia Boyd of Trent, Mrs. Eva Hatfield is in charge of the awards presentation.

A well qualified group of unbiased judges have been selected for the judging.

The Queen and Princess will be presented at the regular play night, Saturday.

- Judging Divisions**
- Appearance:
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Trent schedules awards banquet

Trent High School will honor its athletes and honor students at a banquet April 22.

The banquet will be at 7 p.m. at the school cafeteria. Tickets are \$2.85 each and may be purchased at the Trent Bank or at Trent High School.

The awards presentation, however, will be in the gym at 7:45 p.m.

- in varied areas
- Sense of humor
 - Interest and consideration for others
 - Projection of one's personality
 - Happy outlook on life in general
3. Horsemanship:
- Riding ability
 - Performance
 - Understanding and skill of horse
 - Rodeo and riding events

- Contestants**
- Cindy Boone: Age: 15
Parents: Mr. and Mrs. Jack Boone
School: Freshman Merkel High, cheerleader, basketball, track, student council, F.F.A., Merkel 4-H and Taylor County Horse Club.
 - Shannon Boyd: Age: 12
Parents: Mr. and Mrs. James Boyd
School: 7th, grade Merkel Junior High, cheerleader, basketball, track, band, UIL, class president, and Mulberry 4-H.
 - Vicki Campbell: Age: 13
Parents: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Campbell

- School: 7th, grade Merkel Junior High, basketball, tennis, and band.
- Lisa Dokey: Age: 12
Parents: Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Dokey
School: 6th, grade Abilene Junior High, Junior sweetheart Merkel Riding Club 1975.
 - Sherry Frazier: Age: 15
Parents: Mr. and Mrs. Elby Frazier
School: 9th, grade Merkel High, basketball and track team.

- Penny Hatfield: Age: 15
Parents: Mr. and Mrs. Eulan Hatfield
School: 10th, grade Trent High, student council, Honor Society, F.F.A., F. H. A. basketball, track, tennis, golf, UIL and twirler.
- Dee Dee Masonheimer: Age: 11
Parents: Mr. and Mrs. James Masonheimer
School: 6th, grade Trent Junior High, cheerleader, basketball, track, band, UIL, class president, and twirler.
- Leslie Masonheimer: Age: 12

- Parents: Mr. and Mrs. James Masonheimer
- School: 7th, grade Trent Junior High, basketball, band, UIL, track, class president and favorite 4-H club.
- Ann Melton: Age: 13
Parents: Mr. and Mrs. Benny Melton
School: 7th, grade Merkel Junior High, basketball, class vice president, band and twirler.
 - Jan Melton: Age: 13
Parents: Mr. and Mrs. Benny Melton
School: Basketball, pep squad, all sports.
 - Shelli Stout: Age: 17
Parents: Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Stout
School: 11th, grade Abilene High, Rodeo Club, volleyball, Distributive Education Club, Abilene Junior Rodeo Club.
 - Sheri Williams: Age: 12
Parent: Mr. Robert Williams
School: 7th, grade Merkel Junior High, pep squad, basketball, gym sports, Mulberry 4-H Club and Taylor County Horse Club.

Students get two days for Easter

Merkel students will get a two day Easter holiday. School will be out Friday for a Faculty workshop and Monday will be a holiday for Easter for the students.

Classes resume Tuesday. Travis Davis principal of Merkel High School said some of the teachers will be attending the Region 14 convention in the Civic Center in Abilene.

The day is the last of the AISD's 10 professional growth days of the school year. The convention takes the place of the state convention for teachers.

Davis said there will be some in-service work going on Friday but most will probably attend the afternoon session.

There are expected to be 2,000 teachers participating in the seminars and talks which begin at 8:30 a.m. and continue until 3:30 p.m.

Banquet set

The Vocational Industrial Club of America at Merkel High School is planning its annual banquet for April 27.

The banquet is to honor the employers of the students. It will be at 7 p.m. in the High School Cafeteria.

Penny Hatfield, 21.37. (18 and over)-1. Carol McLernon, 19.36; 2. Barbara Whisenhunt, 19.99; 3. Jarrett Pinkley, 20.03; 4. La Venna Vaughn, 20.11; and 5. Jim Allday, 21.40.

Flags (12 and under)-1. Eddie Sparks, 11.24; 2. Johnny Davis, 19.92; 3. Sherri Williams, 12.30; 4. Mike Dokey, 18.34; and 5. James Allday, 34.78.

(13-17)-1. Jimmy Davis, 10.62; 2. Jeff Toombs, 11.11; 3. Norma Frazier, 11.44; 4. Penny Hatfield, 11.58; and 5. Shelli Stout, 12.11.

Regular monthly meeting of the club will be Thursday night April 15 at 7:30 p.m. at the Taylor Electric building.

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AUSTIN—As late spring approaches, most Texans begin to eagerly anticipate the beginning of the state's peach season.

Preliminary indications are that the 1976 Texas peach crop should exceed last year's short harvest of 313,000 bushels, despite damage to the crop in some areas, according to Agriculture Commissioner John C. White.

"Gillespie County growers report a good to excellent set this year. The crop there is expected to be an

Riding Club results

The Merkel Riding Club held its weekly play night Saturday.

Results of the events were: Western Pleasure (12 and under)-1. Sherri Williams, 2. Eddie Sparks, 3. James Allday, 4. Brooks Boyd and 5. Kevin McLernon.

(13-17)-1. Norma Frazier, 2. Vicki Campbell, 3. Jeff Toombs, 4. Sherri Frazier and 5. Penny Hatfield.

(18 and over)-1. L. J. Gray, 2. Jarrett Pinkley, 3. Carol McLernon, 4. Barbara Whisenhunt and 5. Charles Hatfield.

Barrels (12 and under)-1. Shannon Boyd, 2.129; 2. Eddie Sparks, 21.48; 3. Sherri Williams, 22.32; 4. Johnny Davis, 22.39; and 5. Lisa Dokey, 25.82.

(13-17)-1. Sherri Frazier, 20.28; 2. Jimmy Davis, 20.77; 3. Norma Frazier, 21.08; 4. Jeff Toombs, 21.21; and 5.

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Out-of-ordinary cookery for Easter

Easter cookery can be out-of-the-ordinary, fancy and still nutritious, Mrs. Mary Sweeten, foods and nutrition specialist, says.

"The family's favorite recipes, providing a well-

balanced meal, can be decorated or garnished a bit to create a fancy Easter feast," she said.

Mrs. Sweeten is with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M

University System.

"Set the scene by decorating the table with spring flowers, customary bunnies and chicks, and decorated Easter eggs for the centerpiece. Then the eggs can be used the next day in dishes such as egg cutlets or creamed eggs on toast.

"And the nutritional centerpiece eggs also can be made into hot deviled egg in cream sauce, cheese fondue, potatoes souffle, scalloped ham, eggs and potatoes and vegetable-egg casseroles," she added.

For a ladies' salad luncheon during the Easter season, the specialist suggested this attractive plate. Potato salad, tomato wedge, cooked chilled broccoli with a peppery dressing and assorted sandwich quarters with a bowl of French onion soup. Use a molded ginger ale fruit salad with half banana rolled in chopped nuts garnished with a fresh strawberry for dessert, she added.

Another suggestion for Easter salad is cottage cheese in the center of a plate of watercress, surrounded with gelatin, eggs and deviled eggs. Nut bread sandwiches would be a good accompaniment to this plate.

"A gelatin ribbon salad with layers of cooked green peas, diced raw celery, diced cooked celery and sliced hard cooked eggs satisfies nutritional requirements—and tastes good too," she said.

Children will enjoy a "make believe" fried egg for dessert. Place a peach round on a slice of plain cake and surround it with whipped cream. Or candy Easter eggs on iced cupcakes will be favorites too. Also, chiffonpies in pastel colors are a light dessert that would be suitable if the meal was especially rich, Mrs. Sweeten said.

"Another fancy dessert is a butterfly cake. Cut a round layer cake in half. Turn the layers so that the cut side is on the outside, ice the cake and then decorate with chocolate chips, shaved chocolate and colored frosting for a glamorous butterfly," she said.

She suggested that children would love a bunny cake. Make the face on the round cake and cut the ears out of the second round layer. Use colored coconut or jellied candies to decorate the eyes, nose and mouth and use toothpicks for whiskers.



CUB SCOUTS--Members of Cub Scout Pack 220 are back row left to right, Chris Cutler, Parker Wilson, Donny Brady, visitor David Teal and James Allday. Front row are Johnny Starbuck, Tim Jacobs and Kenny Simms. Den leader is Betty Allday and assistant leader is Sarah Lucas.

Cub Scouts plan drug program

Cub Scout Pack 220 will sponsor a drug abuse program.

Otis Wylie will be guest speaker for the meeting in the Community Center April 26 at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited.

Also, promotions and awards will be presented at this meeting.

Receiving awards at the last Pack meeting were John Starbuck, Chris Horton, Randy Davis, Gary Dickerson

and Brian Ford, receiving wolf badges.

Gold arrowheads were presented to Randy Davis and Silver to James Allday, Parker Wilson and Wayne Horton. Bear badges went to Russell Lucas, Ray Walters and Wayne Horton.

Webelos receiving awards were Frankie Floyd and Randy Levech received his Arrow of Light.

Gary Dickerson flew up to Webelos.

Cattlemen's group protests supplements

The Independent Cattlemen's Association of Texas has protested supplements being paid European beef producers sending meat to the United States and called on the federal government to retaliate with offsetting duties on those imports.

The U.S. Treasury Department, which has authority to levy such protective countervailing duties has confirmed that supplemental "bounties" are being paid to exporters of frozen boneless beef by the European Economic Community.

Frozen boneless beef worth \$3.6 million came into the United States from EEC countries in 1975.

Cattlemen's Association president T. A. Cunningham of Goliad said the EEC action is "disruptive of all fair trade

practices and treaties" and that the American livestock industry "has a right to expect the fullest protection of countervailing duties."

"The American livestock industry has been in a state of disaster for three years," he said in a telegram to Assistant Treasury Secretary David McDonald. "We sadly need every ounce of help our government can extend."

Cisco JC plans chili cook-off

A chili cook-off will be held at Cisco Junior College during the school's annual Ranch Week, Friday, April 23, Ranch Week Committee officials have announced.

CJC Athletic Director Harold "Ace" Prescott will again be in charge of the affair, and Charlie Pence, who won the first such cook-off held at CJC last April, will be back again trying to defend his title.

A first prize consisting of a \$25 savings bond will be awarded the winner, Coach Prescott said. Cooking starts at 8 a.m. and judging is at 11 a.m.

The cook-off is expected to be considerably larger this year, Prescott said, and anyone interested in entering should contact him at his office at CJC. He may be called at 817-442-2567 and his ad-

Compre News

Food preservation was the topic discussed by the Compre H. D. Club when they met with Mrs. Clyde Mimms in the Truby community Thursday afternoon April 8 at 2.

Mrs. Ab Hunter club president called the meeting to order and Mrs. Taylor led in prayer. Mrs. Allen led the group in two contests using scrambled words and "talk without using hands." Roll call was answered with "the last time I had my cooker tested."

Mrs. Dewey Ramsey club secretary read the minutes of the last meeting and gave the treasury report.

The program consisted of ideas on preserving foods, contributed by group. The following ideas were given:

Asparagus is good canned; corn retains its flavor well when frozen in the shuck; tomatoes peeled and frozen whole are handy to use; eggs may be frozen successfully; home made hominy is delicious; and cookers should be tested.

A quick roll recipe was given.

Quick Rolls

2 cups self rising flour
1/4 cup mayonnaise
1 teaspoon sugar
Combine all ingredients, mixing well. Spoon into lightly greased 2 in. muffin pans. Bake at 450 degrees for 10 minutes or until brown. Yield 1 dozen.

The next meeting will be held in the home of Mrs. Ab Hunter April 22 with a program on remodeling used furniture. The meetings are open to anyone who wishes to attend.

Those attending were Mrs. Mmes: Clyde Mimms, Clarence Allen, Ernest Spurgin, Clayton Dillard, Don Adair, Hugh Taylor, Dewey Ramsey, Ab Hunter and one visitor Mrs. Marie Arendall.

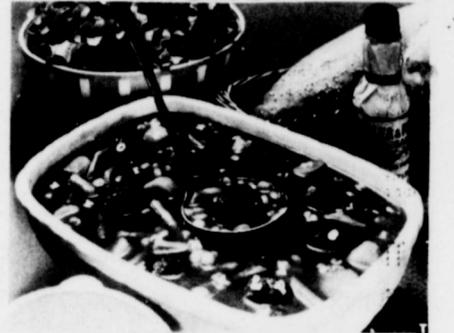
Income tax deadline

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3 tablespoons catsup
1 egg, lightly beaten
1 teaspoon salt
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2 tablespoons oil
2 beef bouillon cubes
2 cups boiling water
1 cup carrots cut into 1/2-inch thick slices
1 can (1 lb.) baked beans in tomato sauce
1 package (9 oz.) frozen cut green beans
1/3 cup alphabet or other noodles

In a medium bowl lightly combine beef, bread crumbs, catsup, egg, salt and 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce. Shape into about 18 meatballs. In a large skillet heat oil; brown meatballs on all sides. Remove and set aside. In a medium saucepan dissolve bouillon cubes in boiling water. Add carrots; simmer, covered, for 10 minutes. Add 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce, browned meatballs, baked beans, green beans and noodles. Bring to the boiling point. Reduce heat and simmer, covered, for 10 minutes. Serve hot with crisp Italian bread and green salad, if desired. Yield: 6 portions.

Poultry outlook not so hot

A combination of over-production, higher feed prices and competition from red meats could result in lower profits for poultry producers in 1976, says a poultry specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Dr. Fred Thornberry points out that 1975 was a good year for both poultry producers and consumers of poultry products, mainly because broiler and turkey production was at normal levels. However, broiler and turkey production for 1976 is expected to be much higher than 1975 levels.

Slaughter of broilers for the first quarter of 1976 is projected to be 13 per cent higher than the same quarter in 1975, points out Thornberry.

"Profits in the poultry business are closely tied to feed prices," says the Texas A&M University System specialist. "If the cost of feed goes up, the cost of raising poultry goes up also, and profits go down."

"In contrast to the dimmer outlook for broiler and turkey producers, egg producers can expect prices to remain fairly strong through Easter," predicts Thornberry.

He says over-production probably won't be a problem with egg producers during most of 1976 since replacement pullets are in short supply.

"Another bonus for the egg industry is the recent approval of the five cents per case check-off plan that is expected to bring in more than \$4 million," Thornberry says funds from this plan will be used for promotion, research and consumer education on egg production and usage.

Child abuse, neglect cases mount

Child abuse and neglect cases in Texas up to age 18. Abuse and neglect occurs among every racial group,

Senior Citizens hold sing

Senior Citizens met for their regular monthly singing Tuesday night.

There were 67 attending the singing and luncheon.

There were four for birthday table. Brother Lynnward Harrison brought the devotional.

Next main meeting is a pot luck supper April 29.

A garage sale will be held Saturday in the Senior Citizens Building.

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Burglars hit Palmer again

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This brings the total TV's stolen since Christmas to 14. Merkel police are investigating.

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Consolidated Report of Condition of **Home State Bank** of **Texas** in the State of **Texas** and Domestic Subsidiaries at the close of business on **March 31, 1976**

BALANCE SHEET		ASSETS		LIABILITIES		EQUITY CAPITAL	
		Sec.	Item	Col.		Sec.	Item
1.	Cash and due from banks	C	7	E			
2.	U.S. Treasury securities	B	1	E			
3.	Obligations of other U.S. Government agencies and corporations	B	2	E			
4.	Obligations of States and political subdivisions	B	3	E			
5.	Other bonds, notes, and debentures	B	4	E			
6.	Corporate stock						
7.	Trading account securities						
8.	Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell	D	4				
9.	Loans, Total (including unearned income)	A	10				
10.	Loans, Net						
11.	Direct lease financing						
12.	Real estate owned other than bank premises						
13.	Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies						
14.	Customers' liability to this bank on acceptances outstanding	G	7				
15.	Other assets						
16.	TOTAL ASSETS (sum of items 1 thru 15)						
17.	Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	F	17	A			
18.	Time and savings deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	F	11	B+C			
19.	Deposits of United States Government	F	2	A+B+C			
20.	Deposits of States and political subdivisions	F	3	A+B+C			
21.	Deposits of foreign governments and official institutions	F	4	A+B+C			
22.	Deposits of commercial banks	F	5+6	A+B+C			
23.	Certified and officers' checks	F	7	A			
24.	TOTAL DEPOSITS (sum of items 17 thru 23)						
25.	Total demand deposits	F	8	A			
26.	Total time and savings deposits	F	8	B+C			
27.	Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase	E	4				
28.	Other liabilities for borrowed money						
29.	Mortgage indebtedness						
30.	Acceptances executed by or for account of this bank and outstanding						
31.	Other liabilities	H	9				
32.	TOTAL LIABILITIES (excluding subordinated notes and debentures)						
33.	Subordinated notes and debentures						
34.	Preferred stock: a. No. shares outstanding (Par value)						
35.	Common stock: a. No. shares authorized (Par value)						
36.	b. No. shares outstanding (Par value)						
37.	Surplus						
38.	Undivided profits						
39.	Reserve for contingencies and other capital reserves						
40.	TOTAL EQUITY CAPITAL (sum of items 32 thru 36)						
41.	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY CAPITAL (sum of items 32, 31, and 37)						

I, **Betty Thompson**, President of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that this report of condition is true and correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

State of **Texas** County of **Tarrant** Day of **March**, 1976.

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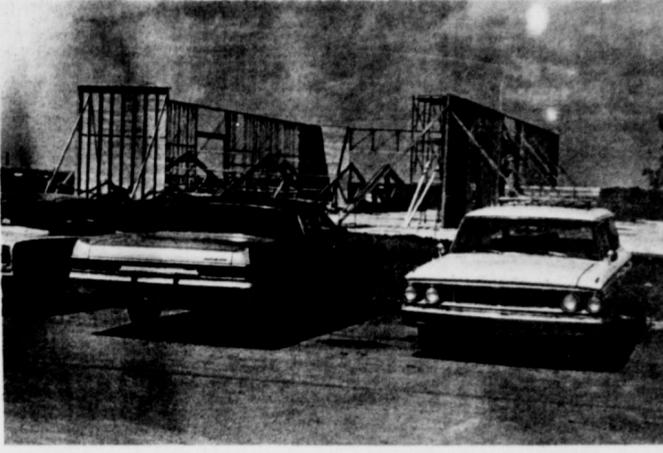
Trent voters OK bonds

The voters of the Trent Independent School District April 3 approved the issuance of \$325,000 in bonds for the improvement of the school facilities and construction of a new gym. The vote was 92 for and 72 against.

In the school board election Booth West and Lloyd Williams were elected for three year terms. Booth West received 101 votes, Lloyd Williams 104, Ronnie Freeman 97, Borden Perkins 3, and Joy McElmurray 1.

All-Sports banquet set

The All-Sports banquet at Merkel High School has been set for April 26 at the High School Cafeteria. No guest speaker has been announced yet and it is anticipated that only individual recognition of the athletes will be given.



STARTED OVER--Construction is under way once again at the Bassett Manufacturing Company site at the Industrial Park. The walls were blown down recently when heavy winds hit the Merkel area.

Timber Tag training starts

Timber Tag Training Troop No. 44 kicks off with Session No. 1 Thursday, April 15 at the Council Service Center in Abilene, starting at 7 p.m.

Thirty-four Scout Leaders are presently registered and others are expected to be added to the list. This includes Scoutmasters, Assistants, other adults who work with Troops and Webelos Leaders.

Dr. Joe Alexander will serve as Senior Patrol Leader for the Training Troop. It is a "learn by doing" type of training with men camping by Patrols, doing their own cooking, and operating as a Scout Troop. The cost for the course is \$8 which includes all food and materials. Reservations may be made by calling the Council Service Center (692-9257).

Band Boosters set meet

The Band Booster meeting is set April 22 at the Band Hall.

Band Booster elections will be held at the 7:30 p.m. meeting and also discussion of the spring concert is scheduled.

Band Director Gerald Kaire said the High School and fifth grade concert is set May 3 and the Junior High concert will be May 10.

Merkel golfers third in district

Merkel golfers were third in the District 8-A golf tournament Monday at Maxwell Municipal Golf Course in Abilene.

Merkel golfers shot 333 and failed to qualify for the regional tournament in Lubbock April 29-30. Wylie won the team title

with 300 and Albany was second with 306. The top two teams advance to regional competition.

Medalist was Wylie's Joey Light with 70 and Albany's Ken Lawrence was second with 72.

Junior High band

The Merkel Junior High Band won 27 first place medals at the Cisco Junior Music Festival April 3 at Cisco Junior College.

They received a second division in concert and a third division in sight reading and had 27 first place medals and several second place certificates for individual performances.

Veterans schedule Saturday meet

The Veterans and Ladies Auxiliary of World War I will have their regular monthly meeting at the REA building Saturday.

A noon pot luck luncheon will be served. All veterans and eligible ladies are urged to attend.

The ancients believed that rubbing a sty with a gold ring would cure it.



WORK PROGRESSES--Work is progressing on the inside and on the paving for the new Abilene Savings and Loan building. Just another step in the ever-growing Merkel downtown area.



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California man guest speaker

The lead speaker for this year's Texas Beef Conference in Amarillo's Villa Inn is Dr. Glen Lofgreen, a member of the University of California cattle research

organization and nationally-recognized beef feeding expert. The conference will be held April 29.

During the day-long meeting, experts in the cattle industry like Dr. Charles Smallwood, dean of the West Texas State University school of agriculture and Dr. Max Lennon, head of the Texas Tech department of animal science will present crystal ball perspectives of last year's beef industry. They will be followed by various representatives of the beef industry who will talk about developments in retailing, packing, feeding, cow-calf production and grading services.

The afternoon session will include reviews of research being done at WTSU, Tech and Texas A&M, three of the eight co-sponsors of the fourth annual conference.

The annual T-Bone Club dinner will highlight the day. Allan Grant, the new president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, will be the featured speaker for the affair.

Cheese, fish specials continue

"Specials" on cheese and specific fish products will continue in Texas grocery stores until the end of Lent, Mrs. Gwendolyn Clyatt reports.

Fresh fruit in good supply at the most economical prices are grapefruit, oranges, apples, pineapple, bananas and grapes.

Vegetable "economy choices" are carrots, cabbage, broccoli, turnips, and rutabagas.

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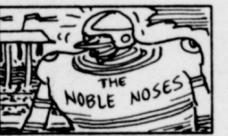
Consumer Watchwords: Use only pure food dye when coloring Easter eggs.

However, egg prices may go higher as demand for that traditional Easter item increases. After that, consumers can look for the usual "specials" on eggs, she said.

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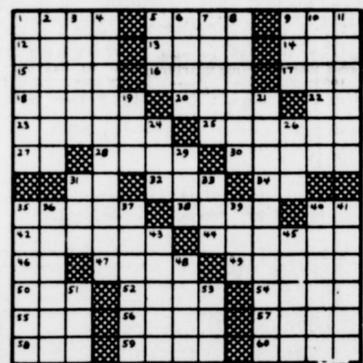
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Of lamb, the specialist said more supplies are available, although specials are not likely.



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| ACROSS | 42. Related again | 7. Skeleton parts |
| 1. Rapid | 44. Devoured: slang | 8. Tilts |
| 5. Crowds | 46. Argon: chem. | 9. Prohibit |
| 9. Bleat | 47. Christmas instrument | 10. Acuteness |
| 12. Musical instrument | 49. Musical instrument | 11. Certify |
| 13. Image | 50. Jewel | 19. Conger |
| 14. Perform | 52. Cut quickly | 21. Fiendish |
| 15. Iota | 54. Crustacean | 24. Knock |
| 16. Spanish "lady" | 55. Single | 26. Tart |
| 17. Pecan | 56. Serf | 29. Tree juice |
| 18. Form | 57. Pinnacle | 31. Suitable |
| 20. Rip | 58. Fresh | 33. At this time |
| 22. Myself | 59. Bristle: bot. | 35. Spanish province |
| 23. Warmer | 60. Dregs | 36. Calm |
| 25. Stalks: bot. | DOWN | 37. Shuts |
| 27. Year: abbr. | 1. Gaudy | 39. Cut off |
| 28. Woe! | 2. Originator | 40. Reappoint |
| 30. Holy person | 3. Ermine | 41. Clay houses |
| 31. In | 4. Enticement | 43. Thick |
| 32. Shallow dish | 5. At the center | 45. Mockery |
| 34. Exist | 6. Fragrance | 48. Thread bits |
| 35. Allied dish | | 51. Cat's sound |
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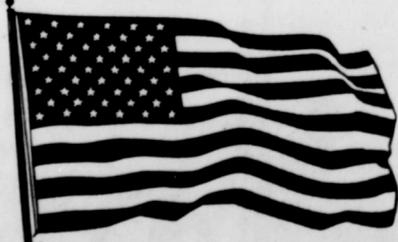
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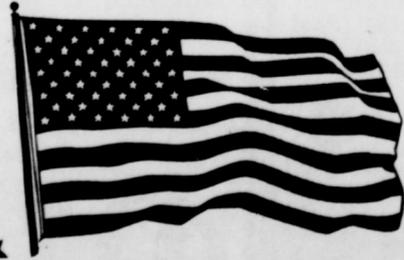
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The acid gastric juice contains other digestive enzymes needed to breakdown food-stuffs into their component parts. Pepsin breaks-down proteins into amino acids and does so more effectively than hydrochloric acid. Rennin acts upon milk in particular, curdling it as the protein content comes out of solution. The protein is "curds" and the clear liquid is "whey." Lipase begins the breakdown of fats into its component parts which are glycerol and fatty acids.

The effect of digestion in the stomach reduces the food into a fluid condition called "chyme." This chyme, on leaving the stomach, enters the small intestine which is 20 feet long and is divided into three sections: duodenum, jejunum and ileum.

In the duodenum, the acid chyme must be neutralized before further digestion can occur. This neutralization is achieved by the alkaline secretions of duodenal glands, pancreatic secretions and bile from the liver.

The digestive secretions from the pancreas include: pancreatic amylase which

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6 cyl. 3 speed transmission on the floor power steering, radio and heater, red with white vinyl top, nice..... \$3295
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4 dr. Sedan, air, power, tilt, cruise, baby blue with white top, nice..... \$4295
 - 72 GMC 3/4 TON
4 wheel drive, LWB, 350 engine, air, power automatic..... \$2995
 - 74 GMC
3/4 ton, V-8, 4-speed, air, power, beige..... \$3495
 - 73 PONTIAC BONNEVILLE
4-door HT, air and power, tilt wheel, factory tape, rally wheels. Light green with white vinyl top. Real nice only..... \$2995
 - 64 BUICK LA SABRE
4-door Sedan, air and power, 46,000 actual miles. Beige color, nice, only..... \$895
 - 73 DODGE CORNET
Custom 4-door Sedan, air and power. Green color real nice only..... \$2295
 - 70 PONT GRAND PRIX
Air and power, rally wheels, Blue color with blue vinyl top. Only..... \$1095
 - 73 PONTIAC CATALINA
4-door Sedan, air and power, white blue vinyl top. Nice, only..... \$1995
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Air and power, luggage rack, 38,000 miles. Beige color. Real nice only..... \$2995



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 WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO LIMIT QUANTITIES
 WE REDEEM USDA FOOD STAMPS
 PRICES GOOD THURSDAY FRI & SAT
 APRIL 15 - 16 - 17

DEL MONTE 1/2 CAN
PINEAPPLE CHUNK or SLICED 2 FOR **83¢**
 DEL MONTE 46 OZ DRINK PINEAPPLE
GRAPEFRUIT CAN **43¢**
 DEL MONTE 303 CUT
GREEN BEANS 2 FOR **59¢**
 DEL MONTE

McBETH EGGS
 SMALL
 3 DOZEN FOR **\$1.00**

NEW BRAUNFELS
CLOTH
 POLYESTER 1 1/2 - 60
 COTTON 2 1/2 - 45
 SPRING FASHIONS
 EACH **\$1.99**

AREA
THROW RUGS
 26 - 45
 WASHABLE
\$4.49

TOMATO JUICE 46 OZ **49¢**
 VAN CAMPS NO 2 CAN
PORK BEANS 2 FOR **79¢**
 LIBBYS 303 WK or CS
GOLDEN CORN 2 FOR **63¢**
 LIBBYS 303
SWEET PEAS 2 FOR **69¢**

DUNCAN HINES
CAKE MIX
 ASSORTED BOX **59¢**

SODA POP ASSORTED 12 OZ
SHASTA 2 FOR **29¢**

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The Finest **TURKEY** for Your Feast!
 RIVERSIDE GRADE A
 HENS 8 TO 18 LBS
59¢ LB

ZEE NAPKINS
 160 CT
49¢

PHILADELPHIA CREAM CHEESE
 8 OZ PKG **53¢**

DEL MONTE FLAT CAN TUNA
 EACH **53¢**

HAM HORMEL SMOKED BUTT - END CURED SHANK - END LB \$1.15 **1.05 LB**
BACON GOOCH BR POUND **\$1.29**
HAM HORMEL - ARMOUR COOKED BONELESS 3 LB CAN **\$4.69**
STEAK CHOICE BEEF SIRLOIN LB **\$1.59**
ROAST CHOICE BEEF CHUCK LB **79¢**
SAUSAGE GOOCH GERMAN STYLE PKG **93¢**
PATTIES HORMEL BEEF BREADED PKG **75¢**
PIMENTO CHEESE FRESH LB **\$1.59**
SALT JOWL LB **65¢**

LIBBYS FRUIT FLOAT
 2 9 OZ CANS **39¢**

I.G. FRESH BROWN & SERVE
 12 CT
39¢

I.G. DAIRY FRESH HOMO 2 MILK
 GAL JUG **\$1.43**
 PLASTIC - NO DEPOSIT

I.G. DAIRY FRESH HOMO MILK
 GAL JUG **\$1.53**
 PLASTIC - NO DEPOSIT

I.G. DAIRY FRESH BUTTER MILK
 1/2 GAL CRTN **73¢**

Taste-Teasing... Budget-Pleasing



BIRDSEYE **COOL WHIP** 9 OZ CRTN **53¢**

TROPHY **STRAWBERRIES** 10 OZ PKG **33¢**

WHOLE SUN **ORANGE JUICE** 12 OZ CAN **43¢**

AUNT JEMIMA **WAFFLES** COUNTRY 10 OZ PKG **53¢**

KRAFT **MARSHMALOWS** MINATURE 10 OZ PKG **39¢**

ICE CREAM GANDYS 1/2 GAL CRTN. **99¢**

FLOUR GLADIOLA 10 LB BAG **\$1.39**

LIPTON INSTANT TEA 3 OZ JAR **\$1.29**

MIRACLE WHIP KRAFT QT JAR **98¢**



EASTER CANDY WRAPPED EGGS PKG **69¢**



SUDDEN BEAUTY HAIR SPRAY 12 OZ CAN **79¢**

COFFEE FOLGERS

1 LB CAN **\$1.29** ONE LIMIT

WITH \$10 OR MORE IN TRADE EXCLUSIVE OF CIGARETTES
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CRACKERS NABISCO LB BOX **59¢**

TOMATOES HUNTS 300 2 FOR **59¢**

STEP SAVOR CLEAN & SHINE 32 OZ **99¢**

COCONUT GRIFFIN ANGEL FLAKE 7 OZ **45¢**

BAMA 18 OZ **GRAPE** JAM or JELLY **63¢**

KOOLAID SWEETEN 2 QT SIZE **39¢**

AMERICAN BEAUTY **Inst. POTATOES** LB BAG **73¢**

JELLO ASSORTED 3 OZ BOX 2 FOR **43¢**

FAMILY SIZE **JOY** BOTTLE ONLY **\$1.39**



CREAMY **CRISCO** 3 LB CAN **\$1.29** ONE LIMIT

SUGAR SWEET **STRAWBERRIES** BEST of the BERRY PATCH! CALIFORNIA 2 PTS FOR **\$1.00**



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CHURN GOLD **OLEO** SOFT LB **43¢**

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GRAPEFRUIT RUBY RED LB **12¢**

CORN FRESH ON COB 2 FOR **29¢**

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TOOTH PASTE WITH FREE TOOTH BRUSH

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PASTOR R.E. McANALLY
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SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45
MORNING WORSHIP 11:00
EVENING WORSHIP 6:00
MYF WEDNESDAY 7:00

Church of Christ

MINISTERS GLENN OWEN
AND LARRY GILL
818 ASH
BIBLE CLASS 9:45
MORNING WORSHIP 10:30
EVENING WORSHIP 6:00

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REV. C.J. McCLENDON
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SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45
MORNING WORSHIP 11:00

First Baptist

REV. KENNETH JONES
301 LOCUST
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45
MORNING WORSHIP 11:00
TRAINING UNION 6:00
CHOIR PRACTICE 6:00
EVENING SERVICES 7:00

Calvary Baptist

REV. WAYNE TAYLOR
SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00
MORNING WORSHIP 11:00
FAITH SINGERS QUARTET
PRAYER MEETING 6:30
EVENING WORSHIP 7:00

Assembly of God

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MORNING WORSHIP 11:00
EVENING WORSHIP 7:00
WED. NIGHT SERVICE 7:30

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SUNDAY MORNING MASS
12:00 NOON



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A joyful holiday season unfolds

As the proud Easter lilies raise their majestic heads, they herald this most solemn and joyful time.

Let us celebrate the Miracle of Easter together with reverence and love. May the flowering of this blessed season bring you and yours comfort and peace.

The bonds of brotherhood are renewed as we experience the miracle and joy of Easter time.

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