


## PIERCE MFG. NOTES FIRST YEAR



CLUB LEADERS - Merkel High School s clubs and organizations are "big busiious clubs and organizations are, from left, Paul Thames, National Honor Society; Annette Campbell, Library Representative; Vickie Robertson, Future Homemakers Suzie Wilson, Drama Club; Mike Steck, Spanish Club, and Rusty Holloway, Future Fuarmers. (Staff Photo)

 Production consists mainly

Annual Homecoming Is Saturday, Oct. 24

| Registration, Lettermen's Break- | Parade Marshall. "The Shadows," | Drama Club members for tico |  |
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| fast, Parade, Pep Rally, supper. | from Abilene will be featured in | kets. |  |
| football game and business meet. | the parade. A Pep Rally will fol. | Foliowing the supper, the Mer |  |

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cuit for the Wilsons to make a Mrs. Mc. sends word that "Ohio quick selection. Reminds us here, is beatitiful country, very cool. ion, that Chistmas isn't tar away." Leaves on the trees are a riot of A colorful postcard, arriving corowded for a poors, frewass, land rem Akron, Ohio. came this week like us." She says they are hav ing a sear time
have a good day

## What Is Life?

Until the middle years many people are able to ig-
nore their unsatisfied spiritual hungers. But when nore their unsatisfied spiritual hungers. But when
a person crosses the halfway point in life, your "value vacuum" or inner spiritaul poverty becomes painfully obvious as you move on the downward slope toward death. Frequently such persons become depressed with a sense of utter fruitlessnes.
The quilty feel a sense of fear, loneliness and re The quil
jection.
We need to learn the lesson of Solomon's life. Even though Solomon started out on the right track, he
allowed his wives to lead him into sin and ignoring allowed his wives o ead him into sin and gnoring
God. (I Kings $11: 1-4$ ). He said of his life that He sought out to do everything there was to do in pleasure (Ecclesiastes 2:1), much like many of our day, he built houses and all that goes with it (Eccl 2:4-11), and many more things all of which he said was "vanity (empty) and vexation of spirit (frus
trating). After all was said and done He found only two inmes 1 Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when tho shalt say, I have no pleasure in them;" Ecc. 12:1.
"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole mat ter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall secret thing, whether it be good. or whether it

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## CALHOLN ISSUES STATEMENT

State Representative Frank Calhoun issued the following statement this week concerning his
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"With prospects and proposals for higher state taxes to pay for the increasing programs and tricting and judicial reform necessary during the rext session, the people of Jones and Taylor coun-
ties have a lot at stake in who represents them in Austin," said Calhoun,
In asking for the voter's support to the Texas
House of Representatives, Calhoun stated, I ofrer my past record of responsible voting on fis elected officials of West Texas, and my experience
elt from working and serving on committees of direct interest to the economy and welfare of this
area as my qualifications to serve the best interarea as my quale in this district."
est the people
Calhoun, an attorney, is a member of the House Judiciary Committee which is conducting an in terim study on ways to improve the administra recommendation for bold and sweeping reforms to the 62nd Legislature. Also. House Speaker Gus Mutscher appointed Calhoun to a five-man House liaison committee to aid in the introduction in the next legislative session, the proposed Texas Penal Code Revision which is now being prepared.
Currently, Calhoun is engaged in public hearings across the State as Vice. Chairman of a special hoase Conis committee is seeking to tind approaches to prevent some of our problems of youth as well as correction and rehabilitation The hearing schedule will include a session in Abilene in November.
Representative Calhoun also serve; on the Joint House - Senate Committee on Faculty Com pensation which expects to insist that colieg professors teach a full class load if they are to con tinue to receive full pa
Calhoun was first elected to the Texas House of Representatives in 1966 and was re-elected in 1968 without opposition. During his terms of of Common Carriers; Counties; Criminal Jurispru dence; Congressional and Legislative Districts; Oil, Gas \& Mining; Parks and Wildlife; Motor Transporation; and Judiciary Committees and was tee in the 61st Legislature.
Born in Houston, Calhoun was reared at Moody
 for State Representative, District 62, Place 2 Jones and Taylor Counties
in McLennan County. He worked his way through Texas Tech graduating in 1956 with a B.A. De. gree. He earned his law degree at the University of Texas and came to Abilene in 1959. In 1965, Calhoun served as President of the Texas Teeh Ex-Students Association; has served as Director and in 1968 was named Abilene's Outstanding Young Man by the Jaycees.
Calhoun and his wife, Doris, and their two children, are members of St. Paul Methodist Church and reside at 2101 Crescent Drive. He is a part-
ner in the Abilene law firm of Byrd, Shaw, Weeks ner in the A
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(Pd. Pol. Adv.)

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