

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Merkel Chamber of Commerce is vitally involved with the general well being and economy of Merkel, and

WHEREAS, it behooves all citizens to be aware of the aims and activities of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce, and

WHEREAS, citizens of goodwill are actively engaged in promoting the aims and ideals of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce, and

WHEREAS, it is beneficial to the City of Merkel, as well as the individual citizen, that the Merkel Chamber of Commerce be a strong organization with an active and vital membership.

BE IT KNOWN that I, Horace Hargrove, as Mayor of the City of Merkel, do hereby proclaim to all men that the Month of April, 1971 A.D. is set aside in Merkel as the MERKEL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEMBERSHIP MONTH, and all citizens of said city are to take due note.

Signed
HORACE HARGROVE
Mayor, The City of
Merkel, Texas

Chamber Membership Drive Begins Friday Morning

Merkel Chamber of Commerce directors have taken action that will in effect almost double the number of working and voting directors for the organization.

At the Tuesday night meeting the directors also went over details of a massive membership drive that will add more muscle to the organization and bolster its financial sinew.

Only two directors, Vernon Mansfield and Mack Fisher, were absent from the first stated meeting under new president Fred Starbuck.

Directors heard details of a one-day membership drive outlined by Duane Shugart, chairman of the drive.

Shugart said workers in the drive will meet Friday morning at 7:30 at the Merkel Restaurant. He said each worker would have an average of three pledge cards to work during the day.

"This drive," he said, "would be for businesses only. A drive in about two weeks will canvass individuals."

Committee members include Kent Satterwhite, the Rev. John Curtis, Frank Breaux, Vernon Wade and Benny Melton.

Also Fred Starbuck, Elaine Brumbeau, Mrs. Ray Wilson, Mrs.



DUANE SHUGART
... membership chairman

Lee Tucker, Herman Carson and Mrs. Dee Grimes.

Also Mrs. Almeda Bullock, Mary Collins, David Gamble, Wm. R. Cypert and Betty Tittle.

Shugart said there are approximately 50 business firms in Merkel who are not members of the chamber. He said two new firms, Super Restaurant and Dairy Bar Drive Inn, have recently opened in Merkel.

"We want to give every firm an opportunity to support and work with the chamber," said Shugart.

Starbuck said that according to the bylaws the directors could name committee chairman as associate directors. The associate directors would have a voice and vote in affairs of the chamber.

Committees named for the coming year and their chairmen include:

Agriculture, Chester Collingsworth; banquet, Mack Fisher and Ted Wilson; Budget and finance, Wm. R. Cypert; city beautification, Raymond Ferguson; Christmas parade and special events, Bill Button.

Also, education, Leon Walker; highways and roads, Joe E. Lassiter; key man awards, Joe McDuff; membership, Duane Shugart; new industry, Don Hart; publicity, Dave Brumbeau; retail development and promotions, Dave Gamble.

Also, recreation, Vernon Mansfield; senior citizens projects, Johnny Hammond and E. A. Conley; welcome of new residents, Kent Satterwhite.

New associate directors ratified and named committee chairmen included:

Cypert, Ferguson, Button, Walker, Lassiter, McDuff, Hart and Gamble.

In other business the directors stated that it is not necessary for people to live in Merkel to be a member of the chamber. Firms and individuals who are concerned with the Merkel trade area may be members.

The owner or manager of a firm or his appointee may represent the firm.

Directors also voted to have the directory of Tye, Trent and Merkel brought up to date and made available to interested persons for a fee.

AT STITH

Annual Coop Gin Meeting April 22

The Annual Membership Meeting for the Farmers Coop Gin at Stith will be held at the Stith Community Center Thursday, April 22. A noon luncheon will be served, followed by a business meeting according to president, E. L. Tarpley.

Members are urged to attend the annual meeting, said Tarpley. Orval Ely is secretary.

Robert Clemmer On THDA Slate

Robert Clemmer, member of the Mulberry Canyon 4-H Club and a senior at Merkel High School is in Abilene today, attending the Texas Home Demonstration Association's meeting at the McGlothlin Student Center on the Abilene Christian College campus.

Recipient of the Gold Star Boy Award for 1970, Robert will be speaking to Home Demonstration Club members from seventeen counties on "National 4-H Club Congress."

Theme for the one-day meeting will be "THDA - Stairway to Progress"

Leann Holloway will serve as page for the meeting.

'DOUBLE-HEADER' HERE THIS FRIDAY

A "double-header" is coming Merkel's way this Friday evening when the Merkel and Clyde High School Drama Departments will present their winning plays at the high school auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

Clyde, winning first in District 9-AA will present their play, "Pygmalion," and Merkel's presentation is "Exit the King."

Both schools are combining their talents in an exchange for the purpose of giving the people of this and the Clyde areas an opportunity to help finance the trip to the regional contest, to be held on April 24, Clyde at Denton, and Merkel at Lubbock.

"Pygmalion," the sprightly comedy, now better known as the



MARK DUDLEY
... best actor

musical, "My Fair Lady," has been entertaining audiences for over a half century.

Ruth Huff was named best actress for her performance of the "squashed cabbage leaf" of a flower girl, Eliza Doolittle. Kenneth Fox was named to the all-star cast for his role as the incorrigible Professor Higgins.

Cast for Merkel's winning play includes Mike Warren, Mark Dudley, Judy Hester, Suzie Wilson, Patti Powers and Richard Nance. Mark was named Best Actor, with Judy, Suzie and Richard named to the all-star cast. The play, "Exit the King," takes place in the throne room of the palace of King Berenger the First. The time is Anytime; the setting is 1777 Place, Mrs. Don Dudley is director.

Following the presentation of the two plays here Friday evening, Merkel will join Clyde at Clyde on Monday, April 19, for presentation there.

So - if you missed "Exit the King" on its first showing, you have another chance this Friday evening. And if you have already seen it, you can go again, see Clyde's winning play and help both departments in earning money to pay their expenses to Regional.

Tickets are seventy five cents for adults and fifty cents for students. Each school will retain all the money taken in at its own school, said Mrs. Dudley.

School Board Hires Tax Officer

Merkel School Board members named Mrs. Clyde Bartlett School Tax Assessor - Collector at their regular meeting held April 5.

The school tax office is located at Merkel City Hall.

LIONS TO HEAR TALK ON AMENDMENTS

Bryan Bradbury, an Abilene attorney, and a frequent speaker at Merkel's civic functions, will be guest speaker for the Merkel Lions Club, at their noon luncheon Tuesday, April 20.

The Rev. James Sinclair, president of the Merkel Lions, said that Bradbury would speak to members and guests on the Amendments to be voted on in the upcoming election May 18.

The four Amendments to be discussed are:

Amendment No. 1 - Establishing a State Ethics Commission empower to set rules of ethics for members of the Legislature, state officers, and legislative officers and to investigate violations; to recommend compensation for members of the Legislature and the Lieutenant Governor; and to recommend improvements and economy in the legislative process.

Amendment No. 2 - Providing that the Legislature may propose amendments to the Constitution in called as well as regular sessions of the Legislature.

Amendment No. 3 - Removing the limitation on the total state appropriations for assistance grants for the needy aged, the needy blind, and the needy disabled, and setting a limitation on total state appropriations during a fiscal year for assistance grants for needy dependent children and the caretakers of such children.

Amendment No. 4 - Authorizing the issuance of \$100 million



BRYAN BRADBURY
... guest speaker

in bonds to provide financial assistance to cities and other public agencies for water quality enhancement purposes; providing for the improvement and continuance of the water resources program, and establishing an interest ceiling on Water Development Bonds at 6 per cent.

Non-Lion members who would like to attend the luncheon, may contact Onis Crawford, secretary, on or before Monday, April 19.

Visitors who would like to hear the discussion on the four amendments, and do not desire to attend the luncheon, may come at 12:30 for Bradbury's talk, said Sinclair.

4-H Eliminations Contest Saturday

The Taylor County 4-H Eliminations Contest will be held April 17, in the County Courthouse at 9:00 to 12 noon.

Winners will be selected in both Junior and Senior Divisions and will be eligible to compete in District Eliminations Contests May 1 in San Angelo.

CTS ANNOUNCES NEW APPOINTMENTS

Ancl T. LaFavers has been appointed vice president and General Manager of the Continental Telephone System's Southwest Division, according to J. P. Maguire, president. The Texas Telephone and Telegraph Company is one of eight Continental operating companies in the division.

Since 1966, LaFavers had been general manager of the company's Upper Midwest Division, headquartered in Minneapolis, Minn. At his new post in Dallas, LaFavers will head all of Continental's operations in Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas. The Southwest management position was made vacant by Arthur S. Taylor's recent promotion to vice president - Telephone Operations for the entire Continental Corporation.

LaFavers attended Arkansas Tech at Russellville, but interrupted his education in 1942 to join the Army. After discharge, he enrolled at the University of Illinois where he earned both his BS degree and his masters degree in educational administration.

In 1966 LaFavers was promoted to the position of general manager of Continental's Upper Midwest Division, which includes all telephone operations in Colorado, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

Charles M. Rexroat, former assistant vice president - Finance

for the Southwest Division, has been named as the new general manager of the Upper Midwest Division. Both Rexroat and LaFavers plan to be at their respective posts in early April.

Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc. Annual Members Meeting

BEGINS AT 9 A.M.

Thursday, April 15

MERKEL SCHOOLS IN LAST 6 WEEKS

Merkel school students are facing the last six weeks of this school year, and whether they use it or not, the period is one of study and no holidays.

A tour of the schools this week reveals a "lot of studying going on, with books stacked high."

Besides a six weeks of boning up, there's a heavy schedule of activities, according to school superintendent, Mack Fisher.

There's the District Track Meet this Saturday at Anson, and the Regional Plays on April 24 at Lubbock.

Girls' District, Regional and State Track Meets are scheduled

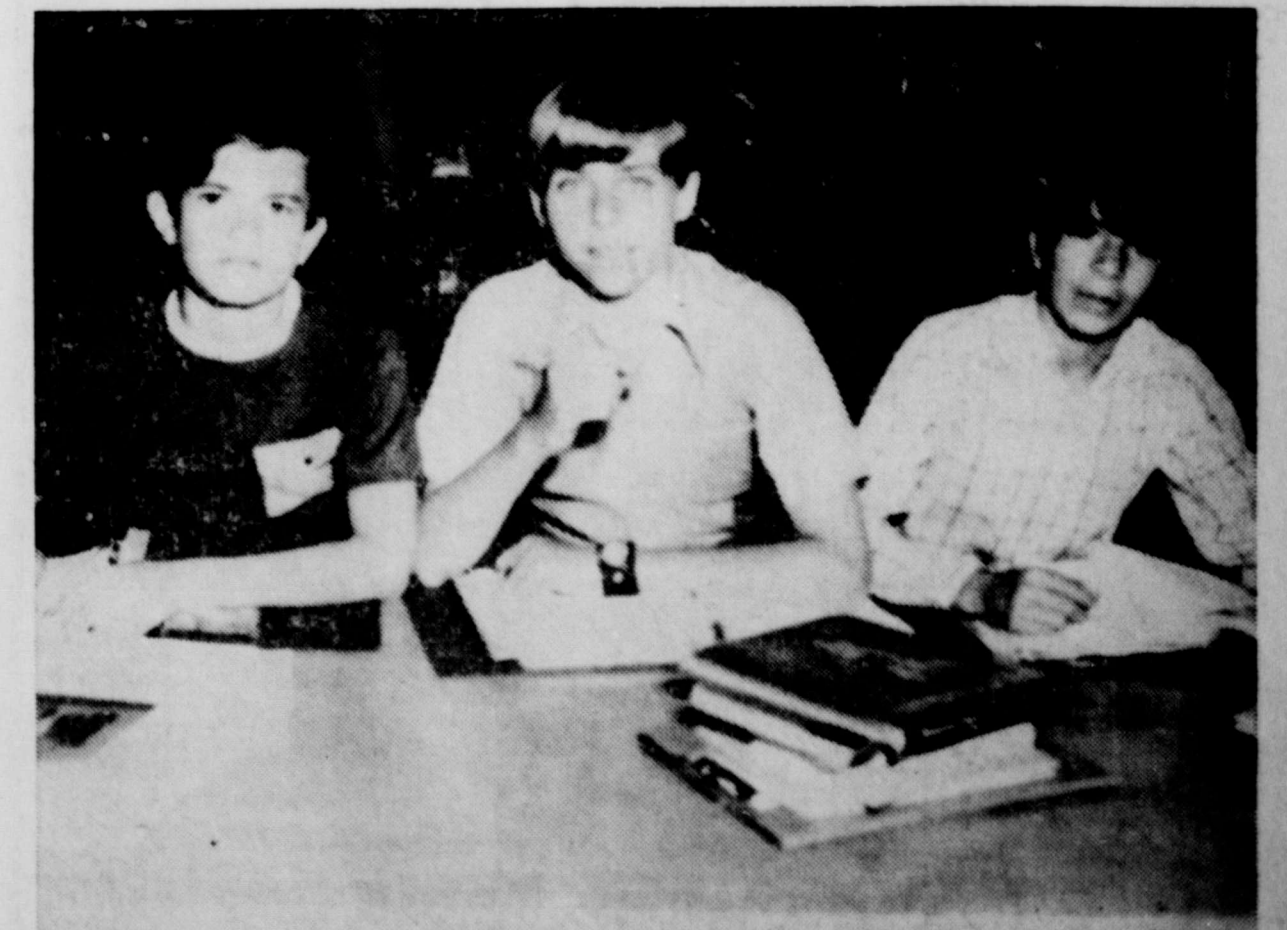
for this month, with the Spring Band concert to be presented May 10.

The All Sports Banquet, hosted by the Merkel Booster Club, will be April 30, and the Annual Junior-Senior Banquet on May 17.

Besides all that, Daylight Saving Time changes on April 25, and students will "lose an hour's sleep." One good thing - they'll "get home an hour earlier."

Last six weeks' test begin the week of May 17, with Baccalaureate on May 23, grade school graduation May 27, and Graduation Exercise, May 28.

School is out "officially," May 25.



BONING UP - Three Junior High School students were "caught" doing some serious studying in the Library this week, in line with the last six week's "getting down to business" for the end of the school year tests. They are, from left, Tim Wozencraft, Steve Gentry and Rudy Castillo. (Staff Photo)

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ROUND-UP

By ELAINE BRUMBEAU

OVERHEARD on the sidewalk in front of Merkel Drug this week was the remark: "We may be experiencing a long dry, dusty spell, but one thing is sure — we're one day nearer to that good rain than we were yesterday." Seems going on right about now are bets being placed on "when its gonna rain." Stakes are not much higher than a cup or two of coffee.

A staffer of the Merkel Mail is already in debt one cup — since the deadline for raining was Easter Sunday.

A news item came across the Mail desk this Monday morning with the heading "Take notice — Get Ready for that Gulley Washer and Trash Mover." The article commented, "In the middle of the current drought affecting most of the state, most Texans aren't thinking very much about floods. But Texans should remember that their state holds two world records for rainfall — 22 inches at D'Hanis on May 31, 1935 in ten hours and 45 minutes and 36.4 inches at Thrall on Sept. 9, 1921 in 18 hours. Just last spring, San Marcos received almost 7.5 inches in one day and severe flooding resulted. Oh — for just a few inches of that "Gulley Washer."

Old Fort Griffin Due Construction

ALBANY — Fort Griffin, home of the official State Lghorn Herd, is due to get a visitors center and historic site restoration. A \$55,764 contract was recently awarded to Stein Lumber Company of Fredericksburg for work at the historic site located 15 miles north of Albany. The project should be completed in November.

Old Fort Griffin was established in 1867 on a bluff overlooking the townsite of Fort Griffin and the Clear Fork of the Brazos River. The fort was deactivated in 1881. The nearby town of Albany annually holds a "Fandangle" in commemoration of ruttier times.

Births

Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Ross announce the birth of a son, Steven Kelly, born April 7 and weighing five pounds, twelve ounces.

Paternal grandparents are Mrs. June Lambert of Merkel and Mr. Cecil Ross of Abilene. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Billy Black of Merkel.

Great-grandparents are Mrs. Vada Martin, Mrs. Nora Black and Carrie Lambert, all of Merkel.

Palo Duro Trail Ride May 7-9

The Fifth Annual Palo Duro Canyon Trail Ride will be held May 7, 8 and 9, in Palo Duro Canyon State Park.

The ride is co-sponsored again this year by the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce, the Will Rogers Range Riders, the Randall County Sheriff's posse and the Canyon Chamber of Commerce. The registration fee for this year's ride will be \$2.50.

"The purpose of the ride is to give good family entertainment," said Jim Crofford, Trail Boss.

Reservations may be made through the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce as well as picking up applications and any additional information desired.

NOTICE

ROY'S PLACE in Trent. Will be closed for 2 Weeks Starting April 18, until May 4.

We appreciate all of Our Customers. So Please Come Back to See Us When We Re-open

Thank You

THE MANAGERS
Roy and Jo Lackey

HISTORIAN, SCHOLAR TO BE HONORED ON SAN JACINTO DAY

ABILENE — Dr. Rupert N. Richardson, president emeritus and distinguished professor of history at Hardin-Simmons University, has been invited to address the Texas Legislature on April 21 in commemoration of San Jacinto Day.

Rep. Grant Jones of Abilene delivered a copy of the House Concurrent Resolution No. 37 to Dr. Richardson late Friday afternoon and informed him of the invitation.

The address is scheduled for 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 21. Jones, joined by Rep. Frank Calhoun, also of Abilene, introduced the resolution in the House of Representatives.

In calling for Dr. Richardson's appearance before the legislative bodies of Texas, the resolution said at one point, "Whereas, this illustrious historian, scholar, writer and lecturer is eminently qual-

ified to give the oration before the Texas Legislature that is customary in celebration of San Jacinto Day during a legislative session and Members of the 62nd Legislature would consider it a great honor to have Dr. Rupert N. Richardson address the House of Representatives and the Senate convened in Joint Session on this April 21, a date revered by all Texans . . ."

Upon informing Dr. Richardson of the action in a brief ceremony of the office of H-SU President Dr. Elwin L. Skiles, Dr. Richardson responded that he was "very grateful" for the invitation. "It's a very high honor . . . and I would only wish I could be equal to all that . . ." he said.

Dr. Richardson will celebrate his 800th birthday on April 28. Several activities are being planned to honor him during that period.

THIS WEEK'S SPECIALS

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Editorial

CHAMBER IS MUST

Business is tough everywhere. There are all the bills, plus taxes. And for Merkel merchants some of the toughest competition in Texas is just a few miles down the road — 15 minutes away. To meet that competition Merkel merchants have to be sharp, on their toes. And they are. However, Merkel merchants need something besides their own efforts and concern about their individual business.

They, these businessmen, need loyal customers who are concerned about the future of Merkel. Merkel must have a sense of belonging.

Also, Merkel to be a vigorous, vital, growing community must be organized to put the thinking and efforts of many people to work on the complex problems of today. Merkel must be organized to Merkel's benefit.

The Merkel Chamber of Commerce is the seed of such an organization.

But the seed must have a favorable climate in which to grow. It must be watered and cultivated.

The Merkel Chamber of Commerce must have the care and concern of old members — and new members.

This Friday the current members of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce are going to be calling on potential new members.

People working together will make it a plain fact that Merkel's finest days are yet to come.

PHA Meeting Set In Brownwood

Sam Swann of Merkel, and president of the West Texas Polled Hereford Association, announces that a special meeting of the PHA will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 24 at the Holiday Inn in Brownwood.

"Area emphasis promotion and guide lines herd performance records will be the subjects un-

der discussion at the meeting," said Swann.

A two point program has been planned, the first part on developing and using both identification and performance records in a registered cow herd and the second part on promotion and merchandising of cow herds in order to fully develop potential markets, according to Swann.

VFW

Ladies Auxiliary Elects Officers

Officers of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 5683, were elected at their April 8 meeting.

Elected were Misses Betty Mashburn, president; Louise Doan, vice president; Mary Frances Anderson, junior vice president, and Fay Neill, secretary - treasurer.

Also Misses Wanda Tittle, chaplain, Viola Ensminger, Guard, and Nettie Harris, conductress.

Mrs. Mary Morena was elected first year trustee; Mrs. Doris Wernack second year, and Mrs. Bernice Perry, third year trustee.

Appointed color bearers were Mrs. Dean, Mrs. Alice Oliver, Mrs. Wernack and Mrs. Elvira Biera.

Mrs. Connie Murphy was elected parietic instructor; Mrs. Ensminger, historian; Mrs. Tittle, flag bearer and Mrs. Neill, historian.

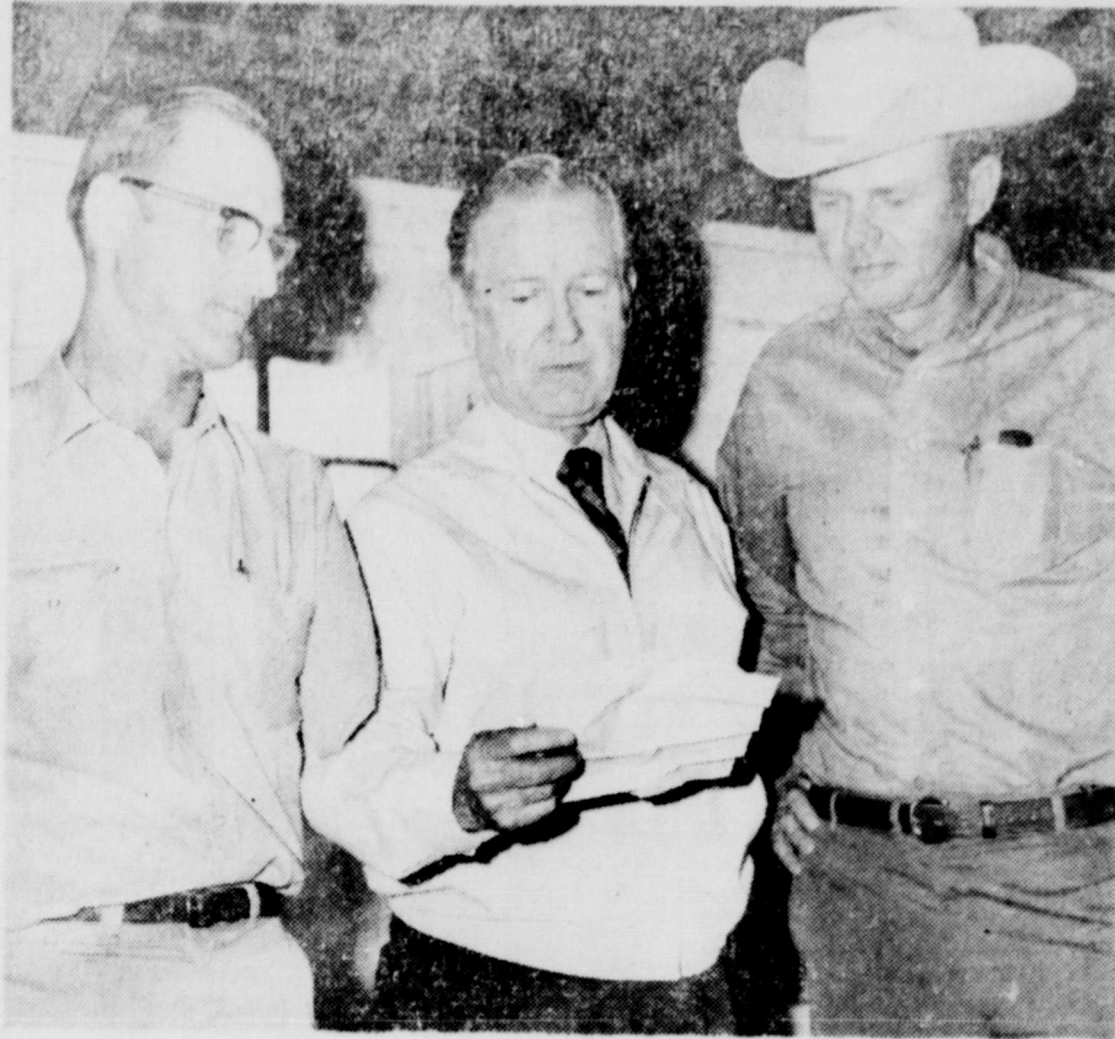
The meeting is related to the American Polled Hereford Association's Area Emphasis Program, implemented last year to guide the efforts of the individual Polled Hereford breeders in promoting the sale of their own cattle.

City Officials Given Oath Of Office Monday

At a called meeting of the Merkel City Council April 12, oath of office was given to incoming mayor and two councilmen.

Sworn in were Mayor Horace Hargrove and councilmen Leon Walker and Lou David Allen. Votes in the April 3 city election were canvassed prior to the meeting.

Also, during the business session, Mrs. Benny Melton was named city Tax Assessor - Collector.



CONGRESSMAN'S TOUR — U.S. Congressman Omar Burleson, center, visits Monday with two Merkel farmers, R. E. Clemmer, left, and Charles Jacobs before the Annual Easter Conservation Tour begins. Clemmer is the district's board chairman, and Jacobs, president of Taylor County Farmers Union. (Photo Courtesy The Abilene Reporter-News)

American Legion Meets April 17-18

The Annual 17th District Spring Convention of the American Legion will be held Saturday and Sunday, April 17-18 in Roscoe, according to Dempsey D. Richards, commander of the local post.

Registration will open Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Holiday Inn and the Roscoe Legion Hall.

On Sunday the joint session for

the American Legion and Auxiliary will convene at 10 a.m. in the high school gym with Commander Richards calling the meeting to order. Principal speaker for the joint meeting will be Bill Chennault, R. L. Johnson Jr., chief signalman, U.S. Navy, will have charge of the Memorial service at 11 a.m.



RIDING CLUB



NEWS



Merkel Riding Club held its first Saturday evening activities April 10 at the arena.

Winners in all events are listed in first, second and third place order:

Barrels
9 and under — Jeff Toombs and Dana Russell
12 and under — Kathy Johnson, Christi Boone and Doyle Russell
13 to 15 — Jan Beck, Cindy Whisenhunt and Gaylon Boone
16 and over — Don Dudley and Jarrett Pinckley (tie), Tuffy Stevens and Robert Boyd (tie) and Janie Farmer.

Flags
9 and under — Jeff Toombs and Dana Russell
12 and under — Kathy Johnson and Christi Boone

13 to 15 — Cindy Whisenhunt, Chris Childers and Johnny Gray
16 and over — Jarrett Pinckley, Robert Boyd and Don Dudley

Poles
9 and under — Jeff Toombs and Dana Russell
12 and under — Christi Boone and Kathy Johnson.

13 to 15 — Johnny Gray, Kathy Murrell and Gaylon Boone
16 and over — Robert Boyd and Janie Farmer.

In Ribbon Roping first place went to Don Dudley and Chris Childers with a time of 14.1. Jerry Russell and Dana Russell, second, with 17.8, and third place went to Kenny Hegan and Jan Beck, 18. Goat tie winners are Robert Boyd, 18.6; Janie Farmer, 21.1, and Patricia Boyd, 24.

Wedding Plans

Byers-Farmer

Wedding date for Patti Byers and Louis Dale Farmer has been changed from June 19 to May 8, it was announced by the bride-elect's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Byers.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jones are the prospective bridegroom's parents.

Wedding will be in the United Methodist Church in Merkel at 8 p.m. and "friends and relatives are invited."

MERKEL

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

MEMBERSHIP DAY

Friday, April 16, 1971

Merkel Chamber of Commerce Month

The Month of April, 1971 has been designated as MERKEL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MONTH, by Mayor Horace Hargrove.

Membership Day

Friday, April 16 the MERKEL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE will call on Businesses to Solicit their MEMBERSHIP.

Chamber Benefits

Each Year the MERKEL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE takes an active part in ACTIVITIES THAT BENEFIT ALL. These activities include SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM — SUMMER TRACK PROGRAM — ROAD SIGNS — PUBLIC LIBRARY — OUTSTANDING CITIZEN AND FARMER — CHRISTMAS PARADE AND SPECIAL EVENTS — HIGHWAYS AND ROADS — NEW INDUSTRY — SENIOR CITIZENS PROJECTS — AGRICULTURE — RETAIL DEVELOPMENT AND PROMOTIONS.

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Membership Committee

The MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE Sincerely Solicits Your MEMBERSHIP TO THE MERKEL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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Sins of the Tongue

Here are some sins of the tongue mentioned in the Bible. Any of them can cause you to be condemned. Since they are so universal they are listed here to encourage you to be on guard. James 1:26 reads: "If any man among you seem to be religious, and brideth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain."

- 1 CURSING: James 3:10; II Pet. 2:10; Jude 8
- 2 FLATTERY: Psalms 12:3
- 3 EVIL SPEAKING: Eph. 4:31; Psa. 34:13; James 4:11
- 4 LYING: Revelation 21:8; Prov. 6:17, 19; Eph. 4:25
- 5 FORWARDNESS: Prov. 4:24
- 6 TALEBEARING: (better known as gossip) Prov. 11:13, 18:8; 29:19; 26:20, 22 With 'friends' like these who needs enemies?
- 7 WHISPERERS: Rom. 1:28-32. Also listed here are: BACKBITERS, BOASTERS, and such like.
- 8 DECEIT: Romans 3:13
- 9 REVILING: I Cor. 6:10
- 10 FOOLISH TALKING: Eph. 5:4
- 11 JESTING: Eph. 5:4
- 12 FALSE TEACHING: Titus 1:11; II Pet. 2:1
- 13 IDLE WORDS: Matt. 12:36
- 14 BLASPHEMY: Col. 3:8; Matt. 12:31-37
- 15 FILTHY SPEECH: Col. 3:8
- 16 USING THE LORD THY GOD'S name in vain: Exodus 20:4; Leviticus 19:12; Matt. 5:33-37. This would naturally include the Lord Jesus Christ, as many scriptures could be cited.

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"General acceptance of grandfather clock ownership has been nation-wide," reports George Fowler, president. "It appears that the traditional grandfather

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"Grandfather clocks are among the most treasured furniture pieces handed down as heirlooms from generation to generation," Fowler added. "The grow in value and survive the changes of time."

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hop and with Mr. and Mrs. Omer Bishop.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McDonald spent the weekend in Midland with their daughter and family. Mr. and Mrs. Doug Stephenson and Melissa.

Kathy Harris returned to her home in Midland after a week's visit with her grandparents, Marnie Hardin and the Jim Burns. Mrs. John Browning is on the sick list this week. She has the flu.

David Clyburn and Lee Reddin attended an Easter Egg Hunt Wednesday at the home of Mrs. John Brady in Merkel.

NEW-ARRIVALS

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Alexander of Woodbridge, Va., announce the birth of a baby girl, Allison Deann, born April 10, and weighing seven pounds, eleven ounces.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Alexander, Ringold, Texas, and Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Scott, Rt. 3, Merkel. Great-grandmother is Mrs. Sam Butman Jr.

The Alexanders have a son, Jon Drew, age two and one half years old.

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Students participating in the recital will be Kristi Alves, Loyce

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A Wing Ding Budget Stretcher



If you're looking for a little elbow room in a tight food budget, try chicken "elbows"—chicken wings, that is. In this Chicken Wing Ding recipe from the Crisco test kitchen, the chicken wings turn up crispy and brown with a toasted onion coating. The recipe is also very economical, costing about 30 cents per serving. If whole broiler-fryers are attractively priced, save the extra cost of store-cut chicken and learn to do your own cutting up. This way you can save the wings in your freezer until you have enough for a meal. Use the backs and necks for soup and stew and the meatier pieces for broiling and frying.

CHICKEN WING DING

(Makes 4 servings)

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| 2 pounds chicken wings | 1 cup dairy sour cream |
| Salt | 1 cup flour |
| 3/4 tablespoons (1/2 envelope) onion soup mix | 2 cups all-vegetable Crisco |

Tuck under chicken wing tips and sprinkle wings lightly with salt. Blend onion soup mix and sour cream. Using a pastry brush, spread sour cream mixture on chicken wings, covering completely. (If mixture seems too thick, thin with a little milk.) Roll chicken in flour, let stand 10 minutes, then roll again in flour. In a large skillet, heat Crisco to a depth of about 1/2 inch. Cook chicken, about half at a time, in hot shortening (365° F. in a temperature-controlled frying pan) until browned on all sides. Return all browned chicken to pan; cover and reduce heat to 300°. Cook 15 minutes, turning wings occasionally. Drain on paper towels. Serve hot or cold.

Note: Remaining half of soup mix may be used to season a pound of ground beef for hamburgers or blended with a cup of sour cream for a chip dip.

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Stith News
By MRS. FRITZ HALE

Ira Stanley was taken to the Starr Nursing Home in Merkel Thursday. Mrs. Stanley is also in the Nursing Home in Merkel. Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Liles of St. Louis

came Saturday to be with the Stanleys. Mr. Liles has returned to St. Louis, but Mrs. Liles is remaining here for a time. Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Hodges and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Spore, all of Big Spring, visited the Stanleys last week.

The Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Row, David and Katie of Besse, are visiting his week with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley.

Visiting the Fritz Hales Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Ray and Mrs. James Hale and Mike of Midland, Mrs. Elizabeth White and Mrs. John Winn of Trent.

Monica Malone, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Malone of Taylor, is home from St. David Hospital in Austin, after having surgery, March 30. She is doing real well and was able to attend church Sunday with her parents.

Mrs. Mary Paulson of Philadelphia, Pa., is here for a two week visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dunagin. Mrs. Bess Dunagin of Odessa is spending this week with the Dunagins.

Mrs. Curtis Clyburn, Marsha and David visited Saturday night in the home of Mrs. Grady Bis-

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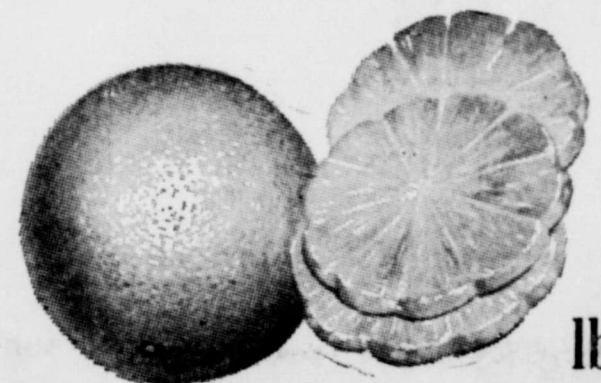
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