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LEARNING WITH ELECTRONICS — Cindy Hutchings, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hutchings and Kevin Farmer, son of the Derrell Farmers, use the headphones and recorder to capture some information for a questionnaire, as Mrs. Braune looks on. (Staff Photos by LaVonne Bunch)



LEARNING TO COOK — Shown above is three members of Mrs. Johnny Beasley's Home Economics Class. They are, from left to right, Jackie Harris, Vickie Harrison and Tammy Hudman.

Annual C-C Banquet Is Tuesday, March 13

The Chamber of Commerce Banquet will be held Tuesday, March 13th at 7 p.m. at the school cafeteria.

Guest speaker will be Dr. John Stevens of Abilene Christian College. Master of Ceremonies will be Joe Lassiter. Tickets are \$2.75 and are on sale at the Chamber of Commerce office.

New directors elected and to be installed at the banquet are Joe Lassiter, Bobby DuBose and Truett Thompson.

New officers for the coming year are Don Hart, president; Joe Lassiter, vice president and Betty Tittle, secretary-treasurer. They will also be installed.

Retiring directors are Dave Brumbeau, Fred Starbuck and Kent Satterwhite.

Holdover directors are Bill Button, Duane Shugart, E. A. Conley, Mrs. Ray Wilson, Don Hart and Betty Tittle.

An important part of the agenda will be the recognition of an outstanding Chamber member, who has contributed to the organizations activities as well as to the community, and the awarding of honors to the 'Lady of the Year'.

A local woman will be recognized for accomplishments in her special field with the title of 'Lady of the Year'.

The First Lady program is sponsored by the local chapters, Lambda Beta and Xi Nu Chi.



DR. JOHN C. STEVENS
... banquet speaker

of Beta Sigma Phi sorority. It is presented to the woman of the community who has made an outstanding contribution to her respective field during the past year. Names of local women will be submitted to a joint committee of the sororities by local organizations. The committee will choose the one to be honored with the title of 'Lady of the Year'. Members of the sorority will not be eligible for the title.

The 'Lady of the Year' award will be presented by Daria Mawson president of Lambda Beta and Mamie Steck Xi Nu Chi president.

Much More Than Reading, Writing Taught in Merkel Public Schools!

By LAVONNE BUNCH
Merkel Public Schools can be described as a large class A complex, with a solid educational system, offering much more than Reading 'Riting and 'Rithmetic.

Vocational Agriculture, Shop, Band, Driver's Ed, Athletics, Special Education, Spanish and other courses are included in the curriculum.

"Reading is the hub of all education," states Travis Davis,

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High School Principal. "A person who can read and does not is no wiser than he who cannot read at all."

Students number 230 at Merkel High and they are described as generally ambitious, cooperative and perhaps the neatest in our area.

"We have very few disciplinary problems here," says Mr.

Davis. "The students have been considerate of my newly appointed position and I try to be fair in dealing with them."

The staff includes fifteen teachers, a librarian and a counselor. "We are fortunate to have so many well trained and gifted people. Students find it easier to relate when the atmosphere is clear of misunderstandings. The dress code has not been greatly abused and overall, I'd say, Merkel High School is a fine system."

Leon Walker, Principal of Elementary and Primary schools states, "Our objectives for Kindergarten are being fulfilled and met with success. All grade levels are running very smoothly."

Four hundred ninety students attend the schools, with 23 teachers and 3 aids on the staff.

Merkel is the fiscal agent for the Taylor-Callahan Co. Cooperative program for special education. Five additional teachers and one aid staff this program.

Science, Health and Physical Education are emphasized at Merkel Public Schools, along with the three R's.

Merkel School Member Of Association

The Merkel School District is a member of the Southern Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges. To be a member of this organization, a school must meet strict requirements. A team of Southern Association inspectors come to the schools and visit to see that all requirements are met. Qualification of teachers in general must be higher for a school to qualify for membership in this organization.

"Being a member of this organization causes more work for us as we have to prepare annual reports and receive inspection visits," said Mack Fisher. "However," the superintendent continued, "we feel it is more than worth the effort as it helps us insure the best education possible for our students."

Membership in this organization is the highest rating you can have. Abilene is the only other school in the immediate area that qualifies for membership in SASSC.

'New Life Mission' Set At First United Methodist

A "New Life Mission" will be conducted at the First United Methodist Church beginning March 11 and running thru March 15, annually pastor Russell McAnally.

Services will begin with a breakfast service at 6:30 a.m. At 10 a.m. a bible study will be held. Weekday evening services for the revival will be at 7:30 p.m.

The regular Sunday evening worship service will be at 6:00 as usual.

Dr. Don E. Schooler of Oklahoma City will be leader and speaker. He will be assisted by musicians Wesley and Margaret Boyd.

Wesley Boyd is a baritone soloist who has been singing professionally since 1956, is a graduate of the John Patterson School of Music in Belfast and in his native Ireland has won more than 20 cups and trophies at the British Music Festivals, including the coveted John McCormack Cup. He has won the applause and interest of the adjudicators wherever he has appeared. Some of the comments have been: "A voice that bubbles with life and vitality." "A rich baritone voice with excellent diction, resonance and vitality."

Margaret Boyd is a professional pianist and accompanist, a graduate from the Royal Academy of Music in London, England. She was the official accompanist for Musical Festivals in Ireland and before her marriage was the pianist for the Belfast Philharmonic Society. She has toured Europe as pianist for the Belfast Girl Singers and has played for many of the leading Concert Artists who have appeared in Northern Ireland.

Together, Wesley and Margaret Boyd have appeared in many countries including the British



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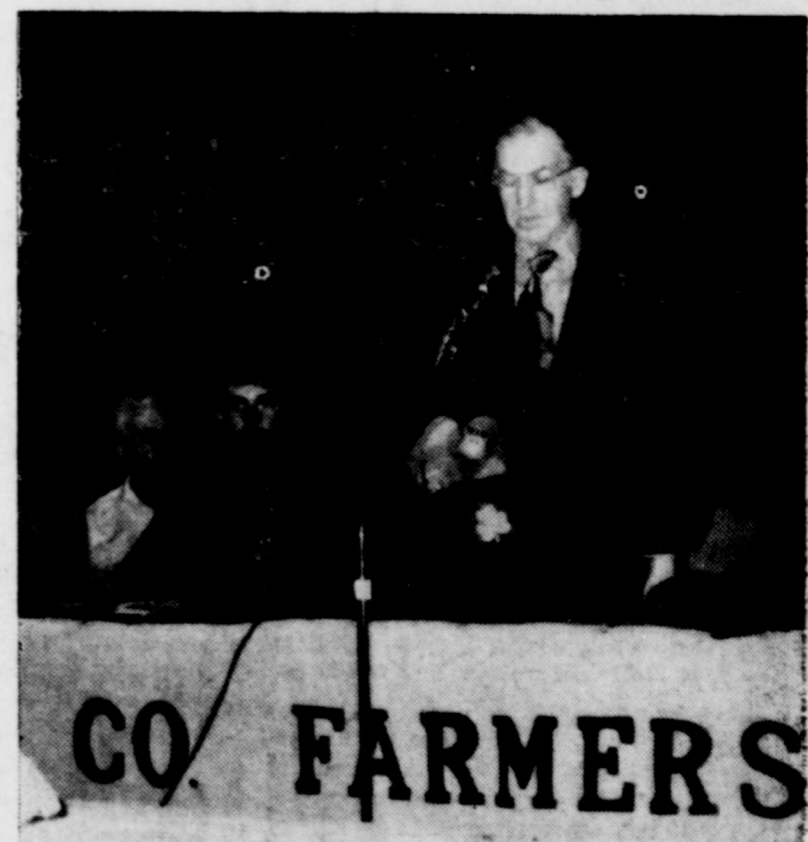
Isles, the U.S.A., Canada, Australia and the Far East as members of the Billy Graham Team. The public is invited to attend.

State Farmers Union President Raps Administration's New Farm Proposals

Jay Naman, Texas Farmers Union President, told a Merkel farm audience of approximately 250 persons that "Farmers Union will fight to the bitter end any serious effort on the part of the Administration to substitute a 'soil bank' program for present supply-management farm programs."

Naman speaking at a banquet sponsored by Taylor County Farmers Union Monday night said that the President's farm message as interpreted by officials in the Department of Agriculture, abandons the commitment that the President made to the American farmer prior to the election. Naman said, "Mr. Nixon simply states that he is ready to abandon the progress which has been made under the farm programs since the early sixties, and to substitute for them bankrupt, retread ideas that were proven unworkable during the 1950s. Secretary of Agriculture Benson and his assistant, Earl Butz, now Secretary of Agriculture, presided over the most anti-farmer administration in history. It is paradoxical now that the same programs that were so damaging to farmers under the Benson administration are the same now being considered by this administration for more experimentation," Naman said.

Naman told the audience of farmers and ranch people that a recent visit with key administrators in the Department of Agriculture have convinced him that the Administration is determined to eliminate price supports, payments, acreage allotments, and all of the other farm and rural programs that have been necessary to preserve the family farm system of agriculture. He reported that it is doubtful that the Administration will support an extension of the farm program with any of the income protecting devices that are necessary to make it workable. According to Naman, the Ad-



JAY NAMAN ADDRESSING BANQUET
... as Billy Bob Toombs and Val Byrum look on

ministration will only support a temporary extension of the present program with more discretionary authority in the Secretary of Agriculture.

The state farm leader pointed out that Farmers Union will continue to sponsor "Fly-Ins" to Washington to communicate to members of Congress the importance of asserting congressional independence in the area of farm legislation. Farmers Union has opposed recent Administration budget cuts that will cripple conservation, rural housing, rural electrification, and other programs that have been designed to assist rural people.

Naman praised the local Farmers Union for being an active organization. He cited the recent fly-in trip of Eddie Glenn Sandusky and Danny Malone as proof that the local organization is supporting the cause of the farmer and rancher. Joe McDuff, Taylor County

precinct commissioner, announced the result of the election for directors. The voting was held at the beginning of the meeting. Those elected to serve as directors are: Merkel, Billy Bob Toombs; Ford Smith Jr.; D. L. Moore; Cramer Reynolds and Phil Seymour. South Taylor County — Charles Hobbs and Jackie Richards. Hamby — Eddie Brady and Terry Lewis.

Trent — Yates Sipes and Clovis McElmurray.

Billy Bob Toombs, president of the Taylor County Farmers Union, closed the meeting by urging local members to be active in farm matters. "I have heard farmers say 'they have been doing it to us for 50 years so what's different now.' This is not the way for farmers and ranchers to think," he said. President Toombs urged local members to write letters to their congressmen and to support the fly-in efforts of Farmers Union.

Public Is Invited To Visit Merkel Schools

The students, teachers, and administrators of the Merkel Schools extend a cordial invitation to the parents of the Merkel schools to visit during Texas Education Week. Two afternoons, Thursday and Friday, March 8-9, have been designated as VISITATION DAYS. Regular classroom for those two afternoons will be dispensed with in order that the teachers and parents can confer with each other regarding the progress of the students.

Mack Fisher, superintendent

of the Merkel schools, stated that "Since this will be our last regular conference for the year, we are hoping that the parents can find time to visit on either Thursday or Friday. Our fall conferences had some improvement over the previous year, and we are hoping that this Texas Education Week will show a still greater improvement."

In order that we can have a record of our visitors, each parent is urged to sign the Visitation Register."

School buses will run immediately after the last lunch period, approximately 12:30.

Teaching Children To Read Is Mrs. Braune's Specialty

"Learning is a never ending process," according to Lillie Braune, who plans to further study her field next summer.

Her field is Title One Reading, financed by the Federal Government and offered to any student having difficulty in the reading area. "A child may have missed basic phonics, or because of an illness or any number of reasons, he requires an outlined program in order to gain a fresh approach to reading."

Mrs. Braune has about 50 students, from grades 1-8, with four to eight in each class. The small groups and equipment — Tach X, Control Reader, recorder, overhead projector and others — make it possible to learn on a personal scale.

"We study maps, exhibits, fantasy, history, the newspaper, anything which will capture in-

terest and encourage the child to progress," said Mrs. Braune.

A graduate of Sam Houston State, with seven years of experience in the program, Mrs. Braune expresses enthusiasm for her work.

"We have no discipline problem in my classes. The children are eager to explore new ideas and my own Braune kids have alerted me to every trick in the book," she said.

She keeps a progress record for each student and charts for the entire program.

"Merkel School System and the parents are, by far, the most cooperative I've ever worked with," she said.

A visitor would term the challenge of Title One Reading as a successful endeavor; it proves to be a fun filled time of learning more than A-B-C.

SCHOOL MENU

MONDAY
Beef Cheese Pizza, Ranch Style Beans, Cabbage, Pepper Relish, Sliced Bread, Peaches Whipped Topping.

TUESDAY
Fish Filets, Catchup, Macaroni and Cheese, Green Beans, Corn Bread, Muffins, Butter, Lemon Pie.

WEDNESDAY
Burritos, Pinto Beans, Vegetable Salad, Hot Rolls, Butter, Pineapple Pie.

THURSDAY
Chicken Pot Pie, Mixed Vegetables, Whipped Potatoes, Hot Rolls, Butter, Sweet Potatoes, Spice Cake, Milk.

FRIDAY
Hamburgers, Oven French Fries, Onions, Pickles, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Oatmeal Cookies.

Homemakers Meet March 8

The Taylor County Young Homemakers will meet Thursday, March 8, at 7:30 at the home of Mrs. Philip Pursley. The theme of this month's meeting will be "Outdoor Cookery." The hostesses will include Mmes. Philip Pursley, Jerry Miller, and Danny Sanford. All members and visitors are invited to attend.

Agriculture Career Day Set At A&M University March 24

COLLEGE STATION — More than 3,000 Future Farmers of America and 4-H Club members from across the state are expected to attend the annual Texas A&M University College of Agriculture Career Day and practice judging session Mar. 24.

Dr. H. O. Kunkel, dean of agriculture, encourages 4-H leaders, county Extension agents and high school vocational agriculture teachers to bring as many youngsters as possible to take part in the practice judging sessions and to view displays illustrating the many opportunities in agriculture.

Gorilla Growl

By ALLEN GREGORY
Gilbert Beers, director of the OUTSTANDING TEENAGERS OF AMERICA, sent a note of congratulations to three students of the Trent School. He announced that three of the students had been chosen as Outstanding Teenagers of America for 1973. The three students receiving the honors are Seniors: Tom McLeod, Anetia Frazier, and Judy Brnovak.

These students are now in competition for the Outstanding Teenager of the Year Trophy to be presented by the Governor. They are also eligible for awards totaling \$7,000.

One of the primary goals of the Outstanding Teenagers of America program is to bring to the attention of the American public the positive achievements and attributes of today's young people. This is a great pleasure for the students of this school and too it is nice for the school to receive so much recognition from other people who are not involved with it. This goes to prove that even country schools are capable of teaching some of their students a few things anyway.

Victory Baptist Church Singing Monday At

There will be a singing held at Victory Baptist Church in Merkel Monday night, March 12. Starting time for the singing is 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

1.7 million disabled persons and 1.4 million dependents were paid \$4 billion in social security in 1972.

reer Day will be a drawing for a registered Santa Gertrudis heifer. The animal is being donated by the Santa Gertrudis Breeders International.

Career Day displays and information headquarters will be on the first floor of the A&M Plant Sciences Building. Registration for the Santa Gertrudis heifer will be at the information headquarters, with the drawing at 12:30 p.m.

Dr. R. C. Potts, associate dean of agriculture, will be on hand to answer questions on degree programs and entrance requirements.

Judging sessions are slated to start at 8 a.m. and events will include land, livestock, meats, dairy products, poultry, dairy cattle, and range and pasture.

In addition to 4-H and FFA members, other students, their parents and friends who are interested in agriculture are invited to participate in the Career Day activities, adds Kunkel.

Governor To Address TSCRA Meet

FORT WORTH — Governor Dolph Briscoe will give the keynote address at the 96th annual Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association convention in San Antonio, Tex., March 19-21, says William C. Donnell, TSCRA president.

Briscoe, a former TSCRA president, will address the first general membership meeting on Tuesday, March 20, at the Gunter Hotel, one of two convention headquarters. The St. Anthony Hotel will also serve as headquarters.

"A highlight of this affair will be 'A Night in Old San Antonio,' Donnell reports. "This is a gala fiesta at the famous La Villita on Monday night of the convention. The San Antonio Conservation Society presents this spectacular of music, dancing and fine foods outdoors under colored lights."

The annual convention, which is expected to attract more than 1,000 cattlemen and their wives, will begin with registration on Sunday afternoon, March 18. Committee meetings will occupy Monday morning, with a membership luncheon at noon at which a nationally known figure will speak. A directors' meeting will follow in the afternoon. Monday night's entertainment will be "A Night in Old San Antonio at La Villita."

The first general membership meeting will be opened by TSCRA President William C. Donnell in the grand ballroom of the Gunter at 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, March 20. A panel of legislative figures is scheduled, to be followed by Ben Swank, a well-known comedian. Briscoe will deliver the keynote address.

Following committee meetings in the afternoon, the convention-goers will assemble in the grand ballroom for the traditional Cattlemen's Ball, with music provided by the orchestra of Ed Gerlach.

Wednesday morning's general membership meeting will switch back to the St. Anthony Hotel. The directors will meet following the membership meeting and the convention will be reconvened for a short session to select a future convention site.

"I would recommend that all members get their reservations in early to get priority accommodations," Donnell says. "All requests should be directed to Housing Bureau, (TSCRA Convention) P. O. Box 2411, San Antonio, Texas 78298."

Two Texas Children Have Polio in 1972

Two of the four cases of paralytic polio reported in Texas in 1972 struck children four years old and under.

What's more, children under age five were the target of almost 30 per cent of the 41 cases of diphtheria and about 40 per cent of the 20 cases of tetanus.

Children under school age are the most vulnerable of any age group to communicable disease, as shown by recent figures from the Texas Department of Health.

As might be expected, the more common childhood diseases — measles, rubella (German measles), mumps — hit hard among the very young.

Stith News

By MRS. FRITZ HALE



Mr. and Mrs. Billy Browning and Allen of Tuscola, visited Mr. and Mrs. John Browning Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cleary of Abilene visited the Brownings Thursday. Other visitors were Mrs. Jim Burns and Mamie Hardin.

Fifty-five registered at Jim Burns birthday party held Sunday at the Stith Community Center. Mr. Burns was 95 Saturday, March 3 and is doing very well for his age. He worked some in the Stith Cemetery Saturday.

Congratulations, Jim. Keep on having birthdays.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Harris and Kathy of Midland visited in the Burns home over the weekend and attended Mr. Burns party.

Mrs. Doug Stephenson and Melissa of Midland spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McDonald and George and attended Jim Burns birthday party.

J. C. Beard of Odessa had surgery last week in Odessa hospital. Mamie Hardin and J. T. Burns visited her Saturday. Mrs. Beard is home now and doing very well.

Recent visitors in the home of Mrs. Mattie Shaw, were Roxie Meeks, Lorene Dunn, M. J. Shaw, Barbara, Nancy and Charlie Meeks, all of Abilene.

Also Mr. and Mrs. Warren Shaw Jr. of Irving, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Shaw of Gainville, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mashburn of Stith.

David Warren Hale of Lackland AFB at San Antonio spent the weekend with his father, Charles Hale and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hale.

Missionette News

By SUSAN WHEELER
There were eleven attending Missionettes last Friday, March 2. We had a penny hike and Susie Davis told a very nice story. We made clovers for Abilene State School.

Refreshments were served by Billie Walters.

Savings Bond Goal Set for Taylor County

According to Mr. Sam Hill, Chairman of the Taylor County Savings Bonds Committee, the 1973 Savings Bond goal for the County is \$1,170,000. January sales of E and H United States Savings Bonds totaled \$167,863 for 14 per cent of the sales goal.

Merkel School Board Renews Coach, Administrators Pacts

The Merkel School Board has granted new contracts to Mack Fisher, superintendent of schools, Travis Davis, principal of high school, Leon Walker, principal of the primary and the elementary schools, and Paul Woodfin, athletic director and head football coach.

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But not only is Jesus Christ the object of our faith, he is also the object of our sincere love. It would have been possible for Jesus to have demanded our faith in him as a divine being and yet not have evoked our love. If he had chosen to give primary emphasis to the severity of God, as opposed to the mercy and longsuffering of the Father, we would have been compelled to believe that what he said was true and to obey him lest he unleash heaven's wrath against us. He could have demanded, as head of the church, that we simply conform to his desires or else suffer the inevitable consequences. But he chose the more difficult path of making a supreme effort to win our deepest affection through an exhibition of divine mercy and love to mankind.

He showered love upon men when there was no reason outside himself why he should. We were not lovely, obedient children whom he loved because we were obedient servants. We were not obedient servants who had merited the love of their master by faithful service. We were not humble creatures pleading for mercy. We were proud, rebellious and disobedient. This makes the love of Christ all the more remarkable!

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Girl Scout

Cadette News

by BECKY PAGE
On Feb. 19, the Cadette Scouts hosted their Mothers to a formal dinner in the home of our leader, Mrs. Boyd Baker. The meal was served in courses and the girls were co-hostesses with Mrs. Baker.

The menu consisted of Chicken Noodle soup, combination salad, chicken fried steak, baked potatoes, green beans, chocolate pudding, iced tea and rolls.

Each scout was responsible for a part of the dinner.

On February 26, our Cadette troop journeyed to the Abilene Skating Rink and joined an Abilene Cadette troop for a skating party. A boy scout troop was also invited to the skating. This made it much more enjoyable to the girls.

We are all involved with track and etc. at school and were unable to have our regular meeting on Monday, March 5.

Income for more than 1.8 million persons age 65 or older is provided by the Veterans Administration in the form of compensation and pension for veterans and their survivors.

Consumer Affairs Office Is Set Up

AUSTIN - Now if you get a lemon, you're not necessarily stuck with it. The Texas Department of Agriculture has recently established a Consumer Affairs Office in Austin with Barbara Harper in command.

Seeing the need for such an office, Commissioner of Agriculture John C. White added it to the Consumer Services Division in December. Because the Affairs Office has no legislative authority to take legal action, the answer to many consumer problems lies in personal contact with the seller.

Mrs. Harper spends much of her time on the telephone, handling complaints from consumers who feel they have been cheated or treated unfairly. Her role is that of liaison between buyer and seller.

"Nine times out of ten, if I talk to the (offending) stores, they are willing to make amends," she said.

Working closely with the Consumer Services Division, Mrs. Harper can refer problems to the proper state or local agency. Commissioner White has alerted all Texas Department of Agriculture facilities to be conscious of consumer complaints and to give aid where possible. Action can often be obtained by a letter

Brownie News

By LOYCE BAKER

Brownie Troop 103 met at the Scout Hut last Tuesday, February 27th, for their regular meeting.

The first year Brownies went on a hike with the second year girls and all had a lot of fun. The girls enjoyed eating pop-sicles while on their hike.

After returning from the hike, the girls discussed having a skating party sometime this month.

World War I Auxiliary To Meet

The regular meeting of World War I Barracks Auxiliary will be held Tuesday, March 13th at 6:30 p.m. at the Taylor Electric Co-Op Building.

Plans are being made now for the 17th District meet which will be held here March 31. Registration will start at 9 a.m.

All World War I Buddies are urged to be with them at every meeting.

Lions Club Has Meeting

The Lions club met Tuesday for their regular third Tuesday luncheon.

They voted to have an annual broom sale in the near future.

Three new members were announced today. They were Bill Harris, Jimmy Atkinson and George Starbuck. They were given a Lions pin.

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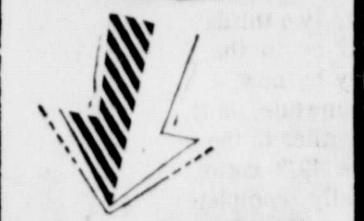
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If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

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FARMCAST

By John C. White
Commissioner

The 1973 Texas spring planting season is off to a slow start. Cotton planting in the Lower Rio Grande Valley has been delayed at least a month due to cold, wet weather.

Texas Department of Agriculture officials report less than five per cent of the Valley's cotton has been planted thus far, and probably most of that will have to be replanted. Normally, about two-thirds of the crop would be in the ground in the Valley by now.

Meanwhile, on the High Plains—550 miles to the north—harvest of the 1972 cotton crop is now virtually complete. Rains and cold weather delayed harvest in that area for several weeks.

Wet conditions over the state are also causing some headaches for livestock producers, who normally welcome rains. Too

much rain is keeping fields too muddy for grazing in many areas of the state. Supplemental feeding is continuing with some shortages of hay and cottonseed products reported.

SIX counties in Texas have lost their "modified-certified brucellosis" status because of non-compliance with certain minimum requirements of the cooperative state-federal brucellosis eradication program.

The counties in Texas are Denton, Freestone, Harrison, Kaufman, Navarro and Wood.

Counties initially receive the "modified-certified brucellosis area" status when the areas are in compliance with all requirements of the eradication program.

According to officials, the counties did not meet one or more of the following requirements:

Retest infected herds for brucellosis within six months;

Test or quarantine the herd of origin when an infested animal is found through the market cattle testing program;

Test a dairy herd within 30 days after a suspicious brucellosis milk ring test has been reported.

Necessary corrective steps are being taken so that the counties may again receive their modified-certified brucellosis area status.

IF YOU'RE concerned about getting the most for your food dollar — and who isn't — you should be utilizing some information from the Texas Department of Agriculture about beef. TDA has available some tips on how to get the most from your beef dollar.

These include a beef chart showing the cuts of beef and cooking instructions for the various cuts and a pamphlet titled "Stretching Your Beef Dollar." Both are available by writing the Texas Department of Agriculture, Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711.

INTERNATIONAL cooperation is providing Texas Agricultural producers with better varieties of grain sorghum and forage sorghums. About 200 acres of grain sorghums are being grown to determine purity tests in Guatemala and Mexico.

This program is being carried on through the seed division of the Texas Department of Agriculture under direction of Bill Staffel. Texas is the largest producer of hybrid sorghum in the world.



KATHRYN WALLA
... receives award

Merkel Coed Gets Award

McMurry College coed Kathryn Patterson Walla of Merkel will be presented a \$50 Student Assistance during the 43rd State Assembly of the Daughters of the American Colonists (DAC) March 7-9 at the Hilton Inn.

Kathryn is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Patterson of 469 Ash.

Mrs. Walla will receive the award from the Texas Society of DAC during the Candlelight Dinner March 8. Mrs. J. Sterling Crumpler, first vice regent of Lubbock, will present the award.

A similar award will be presented to one student from Abilene Christian College and one from Hardin-Simmons University.

The recipients were selected by the colleges on the basis of character, scholastic achievement and need.

Merkel Library Notes

New additions to the Merkel Library the past month are the two Johnson books: "The Vantage Point," by Lyndon B. Johnson and "White House Diary," by Ladybird Johnson. The autographed copies were given to the Library by Dr. and Mrs. John L. Batey. The Bateys have shown great interest in the Library since becoming members of our community last year. Other donations of books were made by Mrs. Johnny Cox.

During February, the library issued over 450 books, according to Mrs. Loretta Morgan, librarian. National Library Week will be April 8 to 15, and everyone is especially invited to visit and use the library during this time.

Whatever your interest is, you will find a book about it at the library — or the librarian can get one from the Abilene Public Library through the Bookmobile. The Bookmobile is again making stops twice a month in Merkel. Next stop will be March 10th.

Albany Club To Have Show

Following their theme for the year "Do Something Beautiful" the Albany Garden Club will host its spring flower placement show March 10-11, 1973 from 3-5 p.m. Mrs. Minnie Liles is the Flower Show Chairman.

The show this year will combine a home and garden show with an exhibition and sale of Fine Art. The exhibition and sale of Fine Art is courtesy of the Baker Collector Gallery of Fine Art of Lubbock, Texas. The show is open to the public. Admission is \$1.00.

Homes to be included in the show include those of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Jacobs, Dr. and Mrs. T. W. Williams and Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Jones, Jr. located on Breckenridge Road in Albany, Texas. Members of the Garden Club will be responsible for the artistic flower arrangements in the different homes. The horticulture exhibit will be at the Williams' home. Non members of the Albany Garden Club are eligible to exhibit in all classes in the Horticulture Division. The gardens at the Jacobs and Williams' homes will be open and maybe visited by the guests as they view the show.

Three artists who will be presented for the exhibit and sale are Jack Drake, John D. Free and Ronald Thomason.

How the mind and the body age is being studied by VA scientists so that they can predict who is likely to develop certain diseases and advise when preventive measures should be taken.

Theresa Scott Has Champ At Houston

Theresa Scott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Payton Scott of Rising Star, won the championship with her Hereford steer at the annual Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

Theresa previously had shown champion steers at the Fort Worth and San Antonio livestock shows, and Houston Livestock Show made it her third in a row.

While this is a bit unusual in itself, what is more astonishing is that Miss Scott has shown three different breed champions. In Fort Worth she showed a Charolais steer, in San Antonio the champion Angus steer and grand champion steer and champion Hereford steer at the Houston show.

Miss Scott's 1,200 - pound Hereford was bred by Hank Kisker of Liberal, Kan. The steer's name was "Big John."

Looks like Theresa's younger brother is following in her footsteps. Neal Scott, 10 - year-old, won first place in his class of Polled Herefords at San Antonio recently.

Theresa and Neal are the granddaughter and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Tipton and Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Scott of Merkel.

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All-Sports Banquet At Trent Sat.

The Trent School All - Sports Banquet will be held Saturday night, March 10, at 7:30 in the school cafeteria. Everyone is invited to attend.

Trent FHA Thanked

Miss Barbara Franklin, FHA sponsor for Trent, received a congratulatory letter from Luci Johnson Nugent praising the Trent FHA Chapter for collection of \$71.35 for the Heart Fund. The class spent a short time collecting the money.

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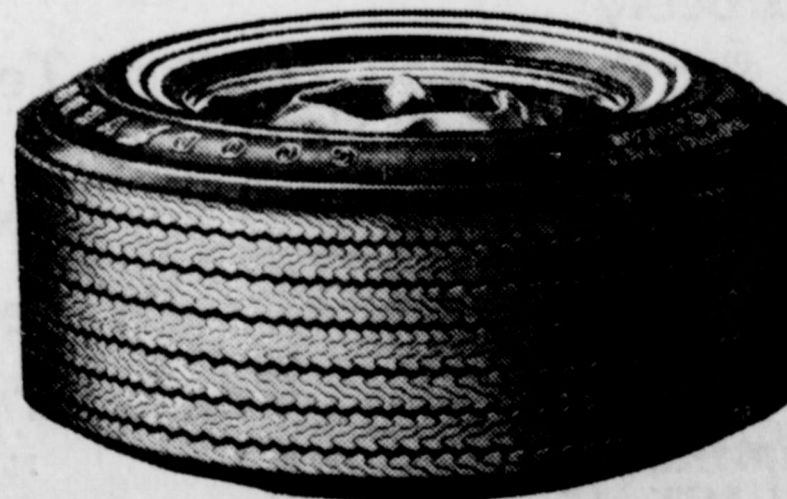
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PANT SUITS IN STYLE — The Merkel teaching staff was among the first to wear pant suits to school. Patterns and styles are fashionable, with many teachers sewing their own wardrobe. Pictured above is Mrs. Don Hart and Mrs. Lawrence Hewitt wearing their pant suits. (Staff Photo)

High School Home 'Ec' Class Has No 'Textbooks'

One cup of flour, two of sugar, three eggs; that might be the basic ingredients for a cake, if you are visiting Mrs. Johnny Beasley's class. The students have no textbooks but work from printed instruction sheets, guides, patterns, etc., in their spacious kitchen and sewing room. The School Plan, sponsored by West Texas Utilities, has provided a new stove and refrigerator for the department.

A graduate of North Texas State, Mrs. Beasley taught in El Paso and Austin before coming to Merkel in August. "Merkel is more of a family school," she said. "I find the students are better developed in confidence and have a balanced outlook, results of family living."

Mrs. Richard Caton has an elective credit course on "Home Family Living," which teaches basic psychology in the home, child care and consumer education. Several boys are enrolled in these classes.

Badger Gain Experience At Winters

"We would like to see more boys involved in our Home Making courses," states Mrs. Beasley. "It's important for young men to learn to shop for groceries and appliances. Perhaps next year, more will enroll."

The first year sewing group begins with woven fabrics, going on to plaids and collar attachments the second year, and finally to fully lining a garment the third year.

A new phase, "Home Economics Cooperative Education," places top students in work positions with business firms and care stations for training.

It is possible to flunk "Home Ec" but very few students drop out. "It is such interesting training," according to one smiling girl. "We've staged a wedding-reception and all. And after mastering a recipe for a tasty dish, it's great to eat the results."

Although the Badgers didn't garner enough points to place, much experience was had by the Purple and Gold team, Sat. March 3 at Winters track meet.

Darel Bunch crossed the finish line second in the 440 with a 53.4 time. Derrell Riggins placed 3rd in high jump with 5'6". Johnny Gray tied for 4th.

Albert Costillo ran 5th in the 880 and Merkel's sprint relay came in 6th.

Paul Mac Woodfin said, "Our team has a real competitive spirit — we're proud of them. Thursday at 3:30 p.m. Merkel will host a triangular meet with Robert Lee and Jim Ned. Fans are encouraged to attend and watch this fine sport."

Saturday, March 10 the Badgers will compete at Anson.

I-20 Repairs For Taylor Co.

AUSTIN — The Texas Highway Commission today allotted additional funds for emergency repair of severe freeze damage to Interstate Highway 20 in Callahan, Nolan and Taylor Counties.

Merkelite Recognized At Tech

LUBBOCK — A total of 2,377 students in the College of Arts and Science qualified for the dean's honor list for the 1972 fall semester, according to Dean Lawrence L. Graves.

To qualify for the honor list, a student must be enrolled in 12 hours of courses, excluding pass-fail course, and have at least a 3.0 grade point average. Texas Tech uses a 4.0 grading system.

The college of Arts and Sciences is one of six colleges and two schools at Texas Tech University, which will be observing its Fiftieth Anniversary 1973-75. The fall enrollment was more than 21,490.

Students recognized for their high academic achievement in the College of Arts and Sciences include Paul B. Thames, freshman of Merkel, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Thames, 504 Yucca.

Six projects were approved authorizing the construction of additional base and surfacing on IH 20 from Catclaw Creek to the Eastland County line and a section from the Mitchell County line to 1.0 mile southwest of Roscoe, a total distance of approximately 45.1 miles.

IH 20 sustained extensive damage to surface course as well as base and subgrade as the result of severe freeze-thaw cycles earlier this winter. Surface damage is being repaired by Highway Department personnel with emergency contingency funds.

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Trouble In Panama Canal

Omar Burslen, M. C. 17th District, Texas
WASHINGTON, D. C. — In the year 1923, at a time when demands were being made by radicals in Panama for the United States to surrender its sovereignty over the Panama Canal, then Secretary of State Charles Evans Hughes called in the Pan-

amanian Minister for a talk. The record shows Mr. Hughes saying it was "an absolute futility for the Panamanian government to expect any American Administration ever to surrender any part" of U.S. sovereign rights, power, and authority acquired under the 1903 treaty. Unfortunately the present sec-

retary of state and several Secretaries before him, have not been as determined. Talks beginning soon after Panamanian mobs assaulted the Canal Zone in 1964 resulted in a three-pronged treaty, published in 1967, which yielded authority over the Canal. Fortunately, there was enough opposition raised that the agreements were never signed. (A subject in this space on February 25, 1971.) After a meeting between the Heads of State of Panama and the United States in October of 1971, an agreement was made to resume negotiations the following month.

In the meantime proceedings have been on again, off again — hot and cold. Panamanian leaders, headed by Omar Torrijes, have taken an increasingly severe position against the United States. Their "hate the U. S." propaganda has been accompanied by the takeover by force of the Panama Power and Light Company, the hijacking of 17 U.S. owned and operated buses in the Canal Zone and what was found by a House of Representatives investigating committee to be the involvement of high Panamanian officials in drug traffic to the United States.

Now another dimension has been added and this is the point of these comments. On January 16, 1973, the United Nations Security Council, on the invitation of the revolutionary representative of Panama, decided to convene in Panama City for a series of meetings starting next Thursday, March 15. The Chairman is Aguilino Boyd, the Panamanian representative to the U. N. who promoted the arrangement. He was the leader of the anti-U. S. demonstrations in the Zone in 1968.

The Radicals in Panama have said that if they can not get possession of the Canal Zone peacefully, they will do so by force.

Granting that strong talk is more or less the usual in some countries like Panama, there is the distinct possibility of a three-pronged attack on U.S. interest in that area. The three potentials are, first, treaty negotiations which only the surrender of the Canal would satisfy; second, the United Nations condemning our presence there and telling us to get out and; third, an invasion of the Zone by the Panamanian National forces and the mobs they could carry with them.

The canal zone is as much a part of our defense as any other part of our territory. Communist interests have long wanted us out and have constantly schemed to sabotage our presence there. We need to be prepared to resist any and all of the three stated courses of almost \$6 billion, we should not be about to abandon a vital part of the defense of the Western Hemisphere.

As a course of action those of us in the congress who oppose surrendering the Panama Canal will sponsor a Resolution to condemn any United Nations interference.

Trent Teacher Appointed Teacher-Counselor for SI

Miss Barbara L. Franklin, a teacher at Trent High School, has been appointed teacher-counselor for Scholastic International's 1973 summer study-travel program for high school students.

She is now getting together a group of students whom she will escort for six weeks next summer. The group will study Foods, Fashions & Furnishings at Rome, Paris, Copenhagen and London, where they will be based for 42 days. They will also tour Florence, Milan, Davos and Dijon-Autun.

Miss Franklin explains that her goal and that of Scholastic International is to help students: —Understand and respect people with customs and values different from your own.

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Miss Franklin received a B.A. in Home Economics from Lamar University. In addition to teaching experience in High School, Miss Franklin has worked as a Travel Chairman Coordinating Weekend Trips, Aspen Ski Trips, Mexico and Hawaii Trips at Lamar University. She is now teaching journalism at Trent High School.

Scholastic Magazines, Inc., the parent company of Scholastic International, has served the educational world for more than fifty years. It published 32 classroom periodicals that reach more than 20 million readers and cover every major curriculum area from language arts, social studies and science, to home economics, sports and foreign languages.

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Miss Franklin states that students are fully covered by insurance and Scholastic International has carefully abided by the travel guidelines issued by the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

She can be reached at school by calling 862-2411.

Trent School To Hold Open House

Open House will be held at Trent Public Schools Thursday, March 7 at 7:30 p.m. in observance of Texas Public School Week.

Parents and their children will meet in the school gymnasium. At that time a schedule of events will be passed out to parents with children in grades 7-12.

The program calls for parents to follow the regular schedule of the child. Every 10 minutes the bell will ring signaling the end of a "class". Example of the students work will be on display for parents and friends to observe while touring the school plant.

Sr. Citizens Hold Singing

The Senior Citizens Club held their once-a-month singing Monday, March 5 at the meeting hall. There were more than 50 persons present for the meeting.

Johnny Hammond, president of the club for March, said the singing was very good. "Anyone not coming to the Senior Citizens Club singing are sure missing a lot of fun and enjoyment," he said. Everyone present enjoyed themselves, he added.

The all-day covered dish luncheon for the club is this coming Tuesday, March 13. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the meal and fellowship. Special entertainment is being planned for the luncheon, said Johnny Hammond president.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF CITY OFFICERS' ELECTION

City of Trent

Notice is hereby given that a City Officers' Election will be held on the 7 day of April, 1973 in the above named city for the purpose of electing the following officers for said city: 2 Aldermen. Said election will be held at the following polling places in said city: In Election Precinct No. 25, at City Hall Building.

The polls at each of the above designated polling places shall on said election day be open from 7 o'clock a.m. to 7 o'clock p.m.

The absentee voting for the above designated election shall be held at City Hall Building, in said city, and said place of absentee voting shall remain open for at least 8 hours on each day of absentee voting which is not a Saturday, Sunday or an official State holiday, beginning on the 20th day and continuing through the 4th day preceding the date of said election. Said place of voting shall remain open between the hours of 7 o'clock a.m. and 3 o'clock p.m. Dated this 6 day of March, 1973.

Billy W. Hamner
Mayor

'Miss Rural Electrification' For 1973 Named at Meet

A national beauty title and two major awards went to Texans at the 31st annual meeting of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association February 25 - March 1 at the gigantic Dallas Convention Center.

The present Miss Texas Rural Electrification, Susie Howard of Cuero, became "Miss Rural Electrification of 1973" during the colorful pageant and awards night at the convention.

An unprecedented two awards — one for Marketing and Sales Development and one for Community Development — were presented to Guadalupe Valley Electric Cooperative, Gonzales.

GVEC General Manager Milton D. Hines accepted the na-

tional awards on behalf of the cooperative.

Miss Howard, a third year dance student at Sam Houston State University at Huntsville, will represent the nation's rural electric cooperatives at meetings of rural organizations throughout the year.

The 21-year old tall brunette holds a string of past beauty titles, including Miss DeWitt County, Miss Huntsville Regatta, and Texas Peanut Queen.

Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Howard, are members of the DeWitt County Electric Cooperative, Cuero.

Miss Howard looks forward to a career in professional dancing and teaching after graduating from college.

LEGAL NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS
To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas — GREETING:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for four consecutive weeks, the first publication to be at least twenty-eight days before the return day thereof, in a newspaper printed in Taylor County, Texas, the accompanying citation, of which the herein below following is a true copy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Yolanda Almaguer, Defendant, GREETING:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable Domestic Relations 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 9th day of April A.D. 1973, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 18th day of September A.D. 1972, in this cause,

numbered 7480 on the docket of said court and styled Joe Almaguer, Plaintiff, vs. Yolanda Almaguer, Defendant. A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Divorce. Married about March 8, 1964 and separated about January 28, 1972. Child born - Sammy Almaguer now about 2 years old. No community property as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit. If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this is the 23rd day of February A.D. 1973.

Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD Clerk, Domestic Relations Court, Taylor County, Texas By Marie Adkins, Deputy. 14c

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Linda Marie Becker, Defendant, GREETING:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable Domestic Relations 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 26th day of March A.D. 1973, to Plaintiff's Petition

filed in said court, on the 19th day of July A.D. 1972, in this cause, numbered 7328 on the docket of said court and styled Jimmy Don Becker, Plaintiff, vs. Linda Marie Becker, Defendant. A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: a suit for divorce as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit. If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 7th day of February A.D. 1973.

Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD Clerk, Domestic Relations Court, Taylor County, Texas By Rilla Mahoney, Deputy 51-4c

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: William Paul Leftwich, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable Domestic Relations 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 26th day of March A.D. 1973, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 8th day of Jan. A.D. 1973, in this cause, numbered 7761 on the docket of said court and

styled Carol Diane Leftwich, Plaintiff, vs. William Paul Leftwich, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows: to-wit: Petitioner and Respondent were duly and legally married on November 28, 1965, and continued to live together as husband and wife until on or about June 1, 1971, at which time they became permanently separated. There are no children born of this marriage and none are expected. Petitioner prays for an equitable division of their community property, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 12th day of Feb. A.D. 1973.

(Seal) Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD Clerk, Domestic Relations Court, Taylor County, Texas By Myrna Laurence, Deputy. 51-4c

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