



SURPRISED — Miss Christine Collins was chosen Merkel's 'Lady of the Year' at the annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet Tuesday night. Miss Collins was cited for her long support of Merkel and more recently for her work with the Senior Citizens Club. Also shown is Mamie Steck and Darla Mawson. (Staff Photo)

City Council Gives Okay

In a meeting of the city council March 5, city fathers gave the go ahead for city employees to begin work on city streets for seal coating to be done this summer. Primary source for cost will be set aside from Revenue Sharing checks which the city receives quarterly.

Robert Harris, public works director for the city gave the following dates for completion of sections: first section May 15, all northside and Oak street east; second section, June 15, between Ash and Oak streets; and third section will be ready by July 15 and will be Ash St. west.

Harris said that in order to prepare streets, curbs and ditches, all trees must be trimmed to a height not lower than 10 ft. 6 in., in order that maintenance and paving equipment can do their job properly. Harris urged citizens to trim trees to this level. If trees are not trimmed the city will trim trees to curb line.

In preparation of ditches, all ditches will be cleaned and those streets were water stands, will be lowered to a level below that of the street.

Mayor Leon Walker said "The cooperation of all citizens would be appreciated by the city council."

Outstanding Citizens Honored At Banquet

David Gamble, longtime Merkel pharmacist and community leader, was honored Tuesday night as "Citizen of the Year" by the Merkel Chamber of Commerce at its annual banquet.

Sharing the spotlight at the event was Miss Christine Collins, who was named as Merkel's "Woman of the Year" by the Lambda Beta and Xi Nu Chi chapters.

Chamber manager Benny Melton, in presenting a plaque to Gamble in recognition of his civic achievements, cited the honoree's devotion and dedication to the community and thanked him on behalf of the chamber and the town.

In accepting the plaque, Gamble made a reference to the list of his accomplishments which had been read aloud by Melton and protested, "I never realized I had been that busy all these years."

A 1936 graduate of the University of Texas College of Pharmacy, Gamble entered practice at the Merkel Drug Co. with his father, the late Lige Gamble. A year later, in August 1939, he married the former Bessie Ryals of Dallas.

Following service with the U.S. Air Force during World War II as a bomber pilot in Europe, he returned to Merkel in 1945 and became a partner in his father's pharmacy. His civic involvement began soon after, as he served as a member of the Merkel School Board from 1951-56.

Over the years, Gamble had been the first president of several Merkel organizations, including the Junior Chamber of Commerce, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Brushstomper's Riding Club, which he helped organize in 1962.

In addition, he has served twice as president of the Merkel Lions Club and also as president of the Merkel Golden Cavalcade Anniversary in 1956. He was cited for his support of the Merkel Livestock Association and his service as a member of both the city tax equalization board and of the Merkel Hospital Commission.

His professional accomplishments were recognized in 1957, when he was voted "Pharmacist of the Year" by the West Texas Pharmaceuticals Assn.

MISS COLLINS was presented a plaque and certificate of appreciation by Mrs. Darla Mawson, president of Lambda Beta, and by Mrs. Mamie Steck, Xi Nu Chi president. The two chapters sponsor the award, which was given for the first time last year to Mrs. Jimmie (Annette) Clark of Merkel.

Obviously surprised at having been chosen for the sorority honor, Miss Collins jokingly chided her benefactors for selecting her.

"After all, I'm a heart patient and this kind of thing comes as something of a shock," she smiled.

A graduate of Merkel High, Miss Collins earned her undergraduate degree in music at McMurry College and for many years taught music, piano and voice at Merkel schools.

The only active charter member of the Fortnightly Study Club and the Merkel Garden Club, she has also taken an active part in the recently organized Merkel Cemetery Fence Fund. Her most recent civic project has been the founding and organization of the Merkel Senior Citizens, begun early in 1972.

Dr. John C. Stevens, president of Abilene Christian College, briefly summarized two books "Bury My Heart At Wounded



OUTSTANDING CITIZEN — David Gamble, owner of Merkel Drug Co., was chosen Merkel's Outstanding Citizens for 1972. Mr. Gamble is pictured above receiving the plaque presented to him at the C-C Banquet. (Staff photo)

Knee" (a best seller) and "Greening of America."

"Bury My Heart At Wounded Knee" is a history book explaining how the Indians were mistreated. Dr. Stevens brought out in connection with this book, how people were trying to help, but were actually hindering. He stated that today's youth and parents were the same way. When parents let their children do what they want and come and go when they want to, the children think they aren't loved. "Parents shelter their kids too much, because of what they had to do when they were younger," said Dr. Stevens.

The book, "Greening of Amer-

ica," discussed people and how some think their jobs are dull. "All jobs are important no matter what it is. Everyone needs a hobby besides their job that they enjoy doing," Dr. Stevens said.

Joe Lassiter, who acted as master of ceremonies, introduced guests from out of town.

Don Hart, vice president, listed various activities the chamber participated in during the past year.

New directors for 1973 are Joe Lassiter, Bobby DuBose and Truett Thompson. Officers are Don Hart, president; Joe Lassiter, vice president; and Betty Tittle, secretary-treasurer.

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

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

Ladies Aux. Has Election Of Officers

The Ladies Auxiliary to the Fire Dept. held its monthly meeting March 5, at the fire station. Meeting was called to order by Mrs. Waymon Adcock, president.

Minutes of the Feb. meeting was read by Mrs. David Seymore.

A Thank You note was read to members from the Worley Ledford family whose home burned Feb. 9.

A racing team for the Fireman's convention was discussed. It was voted to buy name patches for the racing team. An Easter egg hunt was planned for members and their family.

New officers were elected for the year.

Officers elected were: Mrs. Walter Harris, president; Mrs. David Seymore, vice-president; Mrs. Robert Harris, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Jerry Horton, Reporter-Historian; Mrs. Waymon Adcock, Chaplain.

Members present were Mmes. Danny West, Roy Kimbrell, Roy Schultz, Billy Lucas, Walter Harris, Waymon Adcock, David Seymore, and Jerry Horton.

Tye Parents To Meet Monday Eve.

A Community meeting will be held Monday night, March 19, at 7:30 in the Tye School meeting will be to discuss consolidation with Merkel Independent School district.

Gene Stuckey, principle, said this important meeting to attend which time there will be a question and answer period.

Area Girls In Tourney

Two Merkel area students are among the sixty-seven women participating in the Hardin-Simmons University woman's intramural basketball tournament.

The two students are Cindi Wiley, junior from Merkel and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Carmack of Rt. 2, Merkel and Pat Watson, freshman from Trent and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Watson of Trent.



HISTORY BOOK — Dr. John C. Stevens, left, shows book presented to him after the Chamber of Commerce Banquet. The book is a collection of letters actually written during the Civil War. Dr. Stevens was guest speaker for the banquet. (Staff Photo)

Absentee Voting To Begin Monday

Absentee voting will begin at City Hall in Merkel March 10 and continue until April 3 from 8 to 5 Monday thru Friday. Anyone planning on being out of town at this time may come by city hall and cast their vote for mayor and 2 city councilmen.

On the ballot for the mayor's race Lou David Allen and running for 2 places as city councilmen are Derrel Farmer and Vernon Wade.

Trent School Board Has Full Agenda

The Trent School Board met in regular session March 12 in the High School FHA department.

Minutes were read and approved from the previous meeting. A motion was made to pay current bills.

The Board accepted the recognition of Miss Barbara Franklin, teacher and girls coach.

The board rehired the following teachers: Mrs. Carolyn Frazier, Mrs. Edith Rudd, Mrs. Mildred Mitchell, Mrs. Vickie Adkins, Mrs. Jan Cogburn, Al Cogburn, Gary Wofford, Mrs. Kay Wofford, Jon Henderson and Mrs. Barbara Henderson.

The Board also adopted the text books which were recommended by the text book committee.

In other action the Board approved the following to the Tax Equalization Board: Borden, Perkins, Clark Hamner and A. M. Claborn.

Xi Nu Chi Met On March 6

Mrs. Jack Boone hosted the Xi Nu Chi chapter of Beta Sigma Phi in her home, March 6th.

The program, "Let's Think About Thinking," was presented by Mrs. Carrol Benson and Mrs. Bobby DuBose.

Members present were Mmes. John Brady, Charles Eager, Vernon Mansfield, Glen Robertson, Glen Teaff, Edgar Tipton, Don Watts, Weldon McAninch, Mamie Steck and Almeda Bullock.

Citizens Have Largest Meeting Day

The Senior Citizens had their biggest day Tuesday March 13 with over 100 registering.

Dr. Don Schooler, speaker at the 'New Life Mission' gave the invocation. Margaret and Wesley Boyd gave an St. Patrick's Day Irish program with a melody of Irish songs.

This month's president, Johnny Hammond invited eight high school homemaking girls and lunch.

Next meeting of the Senior Citizens will be the 4th Monday night and will be their game night.

ROUND-UP

By KAYE LANHAM

MR. AND MRS. W. L. Brown attended the Albany Flower Show and Art Exhibit last Saturday afternoon. The Browns spent the weekend with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Gibson in Albany.

MRS. LILA STANLEY wrote a note to the Merkel Mail from Florissant, Mo., where she is staying with the C. A. Liles. She says "Hi! Folks. Keep the good ole Merkel Mail coming up here. I plan to be back home in early summer. People here all seem so nice and friendly, but I'm anxious to be home."

CLARENCE MELTON enjoy-

ed having his grandson, Sgt. Michael Land of the U.S.M.C. stop over for visit recently on his way to Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Mike is the son of Clarence's oldest daughter, Margie. He had been in Houston on leave visiting with his mother and sister, Mary Pamela.

Friends of his might be interested in knowing that Mike is on his second hitch with the U.S.M.C. He spent 17 months in Vietnam on the DMZ zone during 1970 and 1971. He served with the Military Police in Camp Pendleton. For the past year he has been on the island of Okinawa in the South Pacific.

STATE Capital NEWS

By BILL BOYKIN

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Texas Press Association
AUSTIN, Tex. — Top legislators have settled down to the budget-writing job which will decide whether lawmakers — and the taxpayers — will be confronted with a tax bill this year.

Gov. Dolph Briscoe said new taxation must be avoided — for the second legislative session in 20 years — and offered a budget which would require no new revenue.

Further, the Briscoe budget would leave \$300 million in unobligated funds on the table to meet unforeseen court developments in the public school finance case and uncertainties of welfare spending requirements.

Briscoe's no-new-tax proposals met generally favorable reaction from legislative leaders and though some differed with him on specifics.

The governor delivered to a joint session of the House and Senate a \$9.6 billion biennial appropriation recommendation — \$391.6 million above the present level of general revenue outlays and federal revenue-sharing income.

Even the addition and the holding back of \$300 million, Briscoe was \$173.1 million under-

former Gov. Preston Smith's last budget draft for 1974-1975, and \$91.6 million below the Legislative Budget Board's recommendations.

He recommended \$240.3 million more for education; an \$111.3 million increase for the state departments and agencies; \$29 million more for public health, hospitals, mental retardation and youth institutions and \$11 million more for the courts and legislature.

While governors' budget recommendations are generally ignored, Briscoe's were promised careful review, although House and Senate appropriations bill drafters had already concluded their hearings when he offered his set of figures.

EDITORS HERE FOR INTERVIEWS — Texas newspaper editors will converge on Austin Monday, March 19, to seek "editorial" and "column" material. Legislative Day for editors will feature meetings with Governor Briscoe, Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby, Speaker Price Daniel Jr., Sec. of State Mark White and Atty. Gen. John Hill — and hometown legislators.

Current issues of interest to Texas editors and publishers include revision of the Constitution, judicial reform, penal code

reform, drug laws, election laws and "reform legislative package" by Speaker Daniel. It includes revisions of the Open Meetings Law, Free Flow of Information Bill — newsman's privilege measure — and open Records Bill.

INFORMATION BILLS TO ADVANCE — Lieutenant Governor Hobby said he is optimistic that a strong press "shield" law and a tougher open meetings bill will clear the senate soon.

The lieutenant governor said the shield law will not only protect newsmen from having to divulge sources of confidential information but also will grant privilege to all information they obtain in the course of their official duties.

HB 10 — the House-passed shield bill — got a rough reception in the Senate Jurisprudence Committee last week, but Sen. Chet Brooks of Pasadena said that doesn't mean it is log-jammed there.

"The hearing just provided an opportunity for some members of the Senate to vent their hostility against the press," said Brooks.

Sen. A. M. Aikin of Paris is the sponsor of the broader shield bill which provides that no newsman can be forced to disclose any information received or any source of information obtained in the course of news-related activities. The privilege would be no protection in actions for libel, slander or invasion of privacy.

ETHICS CONFERENCE SET — Former State Sen. Jack Strong of Longview was designated by Hobby as chairman of a March 20-21 Citizens Conference on Ethics in Government here.

About 150 citizens have been invited to attend the Austin session and provide a "grass-roots input into the legislative process."

"To be meaningful," said Strong of the conference, "it must explore not only the ethics of legislators, but the ethics of the citizens as well, since the legislature is merely a reflection of the mores of our society."

COURTS SPEAK — The Supreme Court declined to overturn San Patricio County land claims involving thousands of acres and millions of dollars in spite of an attorney general's contention that the case may deprive the permanent school fund of all unsurveyed public school land.

In other recent rulings, the Court held:

—The Fort Worth Court of Civil Appeals was right in ordering uninsured motorist benefits paid to a man injured when his brother's car, on which he was working, was struck by an insured driver.

—Lower courts should be reversed in holding that a Corsicana district judge is qualified to hold his office although he has not practiced law or been a judge for four years before election. The High Court itself refused to decide.

APPOINTMENTS — Governor Briscoe named Frank G. Evans III of Houston associate justice of the First Court of Civil Appeals, to succeed Tom F. Coleman who resigned. The Senate promptly confirmed Evans, who was a Briscoe campaign aide.

Briscoe reappointed Brig. Gen. Willie L. Scott of Austin and Col. Belisario D. J. Flores of San Antonio as assistant adjutants general for the Army and Air National Guard, respectively.

LEASE SALE NETS \$7.4 MILLION — An oil and gas lease sale on state-owned lands — largest since 1966 — brought the state \$7,451,278 in bonus payments for the permanent school fund.

Land Commissioner Bob Armstrong said renewed interest in oil and gas production on state lands is due largely to increased demands for energy fuels.

A total of 113,737 acres were leased at an average per acre price of \$65.51.

For the first time in recent years, the highest bid was over one million dollars. Houston Oil and Minerals Corporation bid \$1.5 million for 394 acres in a Galveston County submerged tract.

TSTA To Meet In Houston

HOUSTON — The Texas State Teachers Association will focus its attention on the goal of "quality education for all" at its 94th annual convention March 22-24 in the Houston Convention Center. More than 11,000 members and guests are expected.

Mrs. Patsy Duncan of Amarillo, state president, will preside over the convention, an executive committee meeting on March 22, and two sessions of the 1,422-member house of delegates, official governing body. Registration will begin at 1:30 p.m. March 22.

The delegates, representing the 470 TSTA local associations throughout the state, will vote on proposed resolutions, constitutional amendments, and other business matters.

Supt. George G. Garver of the Houston Independent School District is honorary chairman. Horace W. Elrod, Houston school official, is general chairman.

Murray Banks, noted psychologist of Midland, Mich., will give the keynote address of the first general session at 7:30 p.m. March 22.

Sir Ronald Gould, British educator, will speak at the second general session at 9:30 a.m. March 23. TSTA's 38 affiliated departments and sections — including classroom teachers, administrators, principals, and special subject area teachers — will hold separate meetings on March 23.

Representatives of Texas newspapers, radio stations, and television stations judged as winners in TSTA's 1973 "School Bell Awards" competition will be honored.

Upwards of 200 special exhibits will display the newest in school books, equipment, materials, services, and ideas for Texas schools and teachers.

Pecan Tree Clinic Today In Abilene

H. C. Stanley, Taylor County Agent, has announced a Pecan and Fruit tree clinic to be held March 15. The clinic will be held at the Abilene Garden Club Center, 300 Westwood, Abilene.

B. G. Hancock, horticulturist from the Texas Agriculture Extension Service at Texas A. & M. University will be the speaker. Mr. Hancock will discuss the varieties suitable for this area and their care. There will be a question and answer session following the lecture.

The meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m. and last until approximately 3:00 p.m. There is no admission charge and the public is invited.

Trent Student Visits College

One student from Trent visited McMurry College Feb. 23-24 along with 400 high school students from all over Texas and New Mexico and elsewhere during the annual Student Weekend.

"You can't really get an idea of a college from a brochure," Dr. Thomas K. Kim, McMurry president, told the visitors. "We try our most beautiful prose in brochures, but in fact you must visit McMurry to become acquainted with what really is."

The young visitors from Texas and New Mexico saw a student produced musical, slept in dormitories, ate in the college cafeteria, talked with professors in their areas of interests, saw a basketball game and attended a party.

Visiting the campus was James Kris a student from Trent High School.

SHORT SNORTS

Too few poor are receiving any benefits from millions of dollars spent on welfare, a Houston interim committee reported.

Texas Water Rights Commission reaffirmed its position that the plan for navigation of the Trinity River is feasible.

Justices of the peace and constables served notice they plan to "zap" a proposed constitutional amendment to overhaul the court system... and abolish their jobs.

Burleson Introduces New Healthcare Act Bill

WASHINGTON — Congressman Omar Burleson (D-Tex.) and 29 co-sponsors today introduced the National Healthcare Act of 1973, legislation which Burleson said "uses the most efficient and least expensive methods" to cover the spectrum of health care problems, including catastrophic illness.

Burleson said the bill includes a number of improvements over a similar bill introduced in 1971, adding that the essential thrust remains the same — to provide far-reaching and improved health care without creating a costly new government mechanism.

He said the bill has a first-year cost of \$8.1 billion in additional federal funds, a cost which is far below estimates for some comprehensive proposals.

Noting that catastrophic illness is a matter of special national concern, Burleson pointed out that the Healthcare Act of 1973 provides that anyone who incurs \$5,000 worth of medical expenses in a given year can qualify for up to \$250,000 of benefits — even if he has been reimbursed by insurance for some of all of that \$5,000.

Another strong feature of the bill, Burleson said, is the fact that it phrases in benefits on a time-table basis, thus assuring that the program enlarges benefits as manpower and facilities become available.

Under a state pool plan, a faster phase-in for the poor, near poor and previously uninsured, goes into initial operation by July 1, 1974. By 1980, the minimum standard benefits for private group and individual plans would be raised to the level initially required for the state pool plans.

The Healthcare Act allows for a gradual replacement of Medicaid while at the same time providing better benefits for the poor.

Other key features of the bill provide:

—Containment of rising health costs through increased use of less-costly ambulatory care facilities, increased power for health planning agencies, cost and quality control standards.

—Upgrading of health manpower through improved federal training programs, federal grants to medical schools, better student loans.

—Raising health benefits for all; establishing federal minimum standards, use of private insurers to provide benefits, as well as tax incentives to assure better benefits.

—Creation of Cabinet-level health council to oversee the organization, delivery, financing and quality of health care.

Burleson said the bill recognizes that providing a substantially improved health care sys-

tem requires a lot of answers because the problems themselves are complex.

"I don't believe that we need build yet another all-new federal structure to deal with health problems when we can build upon the skills we already have to make your health care and health delivery systems more responsive to actual needs, and do so at a price we can afford to pay," Burleson added.

Co-sponsors of the bill include:

- Ray Roberts (D-Tex.); Charles Thone (R-Neb.); Robert L. F. Sikes (D-Fla.); Gus Yatron (D-Pa.); LaMar Baker (R-Tenn.); Samuel H. Young (R-Ill.); Goodloe E. Byron (D-Md.); Edward J. Derwinski (R-Ill.); John J. Duncan (R-Tenn.); John W. Davis (D-Ga.); Shirley Chisholm (D-N.Y.); Bob Casey (D-Tex.); Ancher Nelsen (R-Minn.); Antonio Borja Won Pat (Delegate, Guam); Larry Winn Jr. (R-Kan.); Don Fuqua (D-Fla.); Robert McClory (R-Ill.); Chalmers P. Wylie (R-Ohio); Frank A. Stubblefield (D-Ky.); James H. Quillen (R-Tenn.); Tennyson Guyer (R-Ohio); Dan Kuykendall (R-Tenn.); John T. Myers (R-Ind.); Joe L. Evins (D-Tenn.); William H. Hudnut III (R-Ind.); O. C. Fisher (D-Tex.); Charles B. Rangel (D-N.Y.); John Zwach (R-Minn.); Teno Roncalio, (D-Wyo.)

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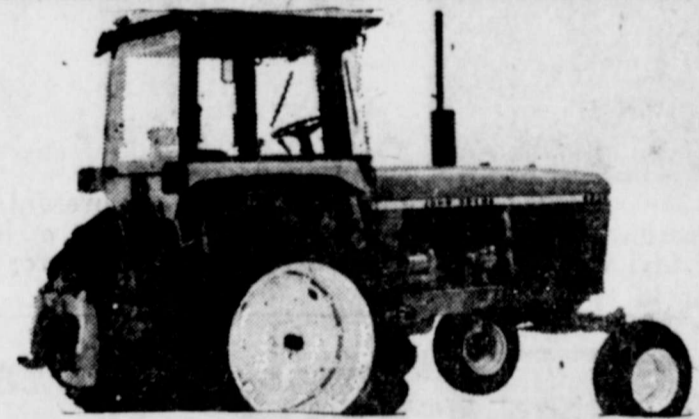
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LEGAL NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF TAYLOR

On this the 12th day of February, 1973, the Board of Trustees of Trent Independent School District convened in regular session, open to the public, with the following members present, to-wit: L. Yates Sipe, President; Robert Scott, Frank Brnovak, Ronnie Freeman, Weldon Beasley, Rosemary Bland, Billy Wayne Hamner, constituting a quorum, and among other proceedings had by said Board of Trustees was the following:

WHEREAS this school district has less than 150 scholastics and is subject to the terms and provisions of Chapter 22, Texas Education Code.

CARD OF THANKS

WORD CANNOT EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION for all the thoughts and prayers that were offered for us in the sudden passing of our precious loved one.

For all the food, the beautiful floral offerings and every visit, we say a simple thank you. May God bless each and everyone of you in our prayer. Mrs. M. G. Holloway and Tim Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Holloway and Wayne Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Mike (Becky) McLean

In Memory of Marvin Holloway HE MAKETH NO MISTAKE My father's way may twist and turn, My heart may throb and ache, But my soul I'm glad to know, He maketh no mistake.

My cherished plans may go astray My hopes may fade away But still I'll trust my Lord to lead For He does know the way.

Tho' night be dark and it may seem That day will never break; I'll put my faith, my all in Him, He maketh no mistake.

There's so much now I cannot see, My eyesight's far too dim; But come what may, I'll simply trust And leave it all to Him.

For by and by the mist will lift And plain it all He'll make. Though all the way, tho dark to me, He'll make not one mistake. Amen!

—A. M. Overton
The Family of Marvin G. Holloway

CARD OF THANKS

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL MY friends for the cards and visits, flowers and calls during my stay in the hospital. Thank you, Thank you, Mrs. Howard Brown

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Would the person who took the YOLO SHERIFF SIGN from the front of the Douglas Reddin Home please return it. This belonged to our son and is an irreplaceable item. Please return this.

THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF TAYLOR

WHEREAS on the first Saturday in April, 1973, being April 7, 1973, a trustee election will be held in said School District for the purpose of electing 2 members to the Board of Trustees of said School District.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF TRENT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:

That an election be held in said School District on April 7, 1973, for the purpose of electing 2 members to the Board of Trustees of said District.

That all requests by candidates to have their names placed upon the ballot for the above mentioned election shall be in writing and filed with the County Judge of the county in which this district is located not later than 30 days prior to date of said election.

That said election shall be held at the following place and the following named persons are hereby appointed officers for said election.

At Trent City Hall Building, in Trent, Texas, in said School District with Lonnie Halbrook as Presiding Judge and Mrs. Era Hamner and Mrs. Lettie Hamner, and Mrs. Patsy O'Kelley, Clerks.

Mrs. Geneva Watts is hereby appointed Clerk for absentee voting. The absentee voting for the above designated election shall be held at Trent School Tax Office within the boundaries of the above named District and said place of absentee voting shall remain open for at least eight hours on each day for absentee voting which is not a Saturday, a 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 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on each day for said absentee voting. The above described place for absentee voting is also the absentee clerk's mailing address to which ballot applications and ballots voted by mail may be sent.

The manner of holding said election shall be governed as near as may be by the Election Code of this state, and the County Judge shall furnish, at the expense of this School District, all necessary ballots and other election supplies requisite to said election.

Immediately after said election has been held, the officers holding the same shall make returns of the results thereof to the County Clerk and return the ballot boxes and other supplies of said election to the County Judge for safekeeping, and the Commissioners' Court shall canvass the returns of said election and notify the candidates and this Board of Trustees of the results thereof.

A copy of this order shall serve as notice of said election, and be posted in three different places in said School District, which posting shall be done not less than 20 days prior to the date for said election. The Secretary of this Board of Trustees shall also cause a notice by publication of this election to be published one time in a newspaper of general circulation in the county where this school district is located, which publication shall be not more than 30 days nor less than 10 days before said election.

It is further found and determined that in accordance with the order of the Board of Trustees the Secretary posted written notice of the date, place and subject of this meeting on the bulletin board, located in the administrative office, a place convenient to the public, and said notice having been so posted and remained posted continuously for at least 3 days preceding the date of this meeting.

It is further found and de-

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located in one (1) (Taylor) counties and that written notice of the date, place and subject matter of this meeting was furnished to the County Clerk of each county in which this district is located and that said notices were posted by the county Clerk of each of said counties on the bulletin board at the door of the county courthouse for said county, a place convenient to the public, at least 3 days preceding the date of this meeting. The returns of said posting shall be attached to the minutes of this meeting and shall be a part thereof for all intents and purposes.

The above order being read, it was moved and seconded that same do pass. Thereupon, the question being called for, the following members of the Board voted AYE: Yates Sipe, Robert Scott, Billy Wayne Hamner, Rosemary Bland, Ronnie Freeman, Frank Brnovak, and the following voted NO:

ATTEST: L. YATES SIPE
President, Board of Trustees
WELDON BEASLEY
Secretary, Board of Trustees

THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF TAYLOR

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Notice of Trustee Election issued by me and that I posted a true and correct copy of said notice at three different places, to-wit:

1. One at U.S. Post Office, Trent, Texas 79561;
 2. One at City Hall, Trent, Texas; and
 3. One at Home State Bank, Trent, Texas;
- within the boundaries of said School District on the 13th day of March, 1973, which posting was done not less than ten days prior to the date fixed for said election.
- WITNESS MY HAND this the 13 day of March, 1973.
GENEVA WATTS

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: Danny Robinson, 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 23 day of April A.D. 1973, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 19th day of Jan. A.D. 1973, in this cause, numbered 7800 on the docket of said court and styled "Karron Robinson, Plaintiff, vs. Danny Robinson, 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 9th day of March A.D. 1973.

(Seal)
Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD
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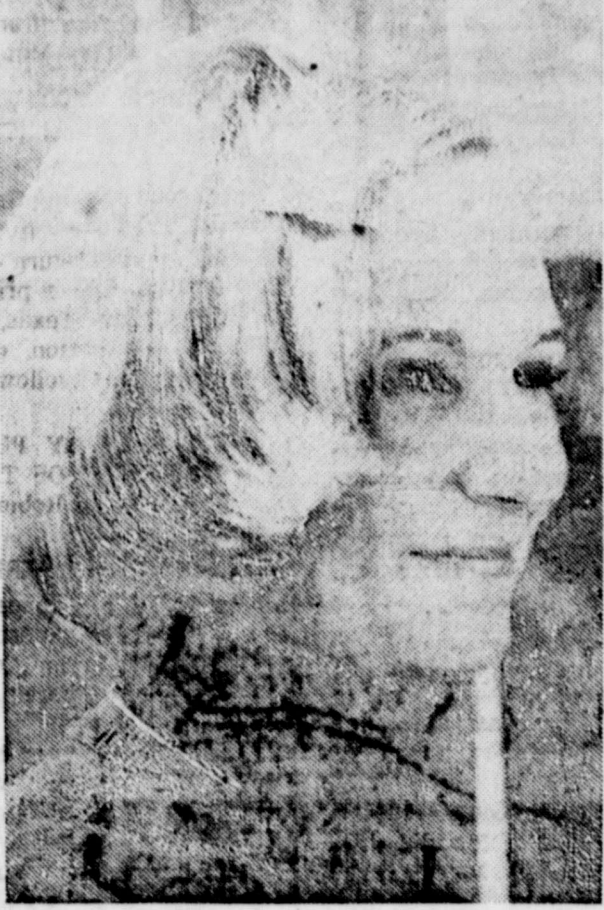
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Boy's Weight Height Throws Left or Right

We, the parents of the above boy, give our approval for his participation in the activities of the Little League for the current season. We release the sponsors, officials, and the Little League Organization from responsibility in case of injury or accident. All boys are covered with insurance for practice, games, and travel by the League.

Father's Signature Mother's Signature

*LEAGUE AGE * Any boy who will attain the age of 7 years before Aug. 1st and who will not attain the age of 13 years before Aug. 1st shall be eligible to play the year in question.



DEBRA GAYLE KING
... May wedding planned

Gayle King, Don Black Engagement Announced

Mrs. Merle M. King of Slaton and John Hugh King II, of Houston, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Debra Gayle, to Billy Don Black, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Black, Rt. 1, Merkel.

The bride-elect is a '71 graduate of Slaton High School and

is a sophomore psychology-elementary education major at Angelo State University. Her fiancé is a '70 graduate of Merkel High School and is a junior business major at A.S.U.

A May wedding is planned in the First Presbyterian Church of Slaton.

Young Homemakers Have 'Outdoor Cookery' Program

The Taylor County Young Homemakers met Thursday, March 8, at 7:30 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Philip Pursley. This month's program was "Outdoor Cookery," presented by Catherine Cawley, Lone Star Gas representative. Also discussed were the nominees chosen for Little Sister of the month. Rose Ann Noster was chosen for March. Secret pals were also revealed and new pals selected.

Those attending this month's meeting were Mmes. Joe Gregory, Richard Caton, Wayne Deen, Wyman Wilkerson, Ro-

land Pack, Billy Bob Toombs, Mack Seymore, Spencer Taylor, Charles Jacobs, and Philip Pursley.

Also Mmes. John Batey, Stanley Toombs, Jerry Miller, Freddy Toombs, Danny Sanford, Glen Bicknell, Jack King, John Beasley, Billy Patton, Jimmy Jacobs, and John Schaffer.

There was one visitor, Mrs. Jarrett Williams, and two new members, Mmes. John Schaffer and Stanley Toombs.

The hostesses included Mmes. Philip Pursley, Jerry Miller, and Danny Sanford.

Drugstore Profile

Reprint from TIMES, March 5, 1973
Paid Adv. Merkel Drug Co.
We have been maintaining family drug profiles for our customers for four years.

In an age of medical specialization it is not unusual for a patient to visit within a short time a family doctor who prescribes an antibiotic for a strep throat, a psychiatrist who prescribes a tranquilizer, and a dentist who prescribes a painkiller. Some of these medications are compatible with each other and can be taken concurrently. But there are notable and alarming exceptions. For example, certain of the anti-coagulant drugs used after a heart attack, in combination with aspirin, may increase the tendency toward internal bleeding. Some antihistamines, taken along with tranquilizers, may produce dangerously soporific effects.

The physician knows the dangers of drug antagonism, but is not always aware of all the medications that a patient may be taking, especially those bought without prescription. The patient knows what he is taking, but is rarely aware of the dangers. But there is someone in a position to know both the drugs being taken and the harm that wrong combinations can cause: the pharmacist. By keeping a medication profile of each steady customer and referring to it each time he fills that customer's prescriptions or sells him over-the-counter drugs, he can prevent the possibility of a harmful reaction.

GROWING RISK. Some pharmacies have kept such records of prescription drugs for decades. But instruction in the use of medication profiles has only in recent years become standard in most schools of pharmacy, and the profiles are only now coming into widespread use for both prescription and proprietary drugs. In fact, some New York City pharmacists dispensing prescriptions under Medicaid are required to keep these profiles on Medicaid patients. The New Jersey board of pharmacy has issued a regulation, now under court challenge, requiring all pharmacists to keep such records. In these and many other states, a customer who hands a prescription to the pharmacist is likely to be asked: "Do we have your individual medication profile?" If not, the pharmacist may try to start one, and add to it with successive prescriptions or purchases of proprietary drugs. When he spots a potentially dangerous combination, his responsibility is clear.

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Stith News

By MRS. FRITZ HALE



Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Clyburn and children attended the Farmers Union Banquet held at the Merkel School Cafeteria Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyburn, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Perry, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McDonald and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Perry attended the Sandusky Feed and Seed dinner held at the Merkel School Cafeteria Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. John Browning visited their son and family the Billy Ray Brownings at Tuscola Saturday. The Brownings visited her sister Ona Spence in Abilene Sunday.

Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Row, Katie, David and Don of Bledsoe, spent Saturday with their parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley.

Mrs. Inez Bradley, Mrs. Lois Melton and Mr. and Mrs. Alan Peterson, all of Merkel, visited Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Sunday afternoon.

Wanda Clyburn visited Ellen Mathews and Ethel Canida at the Tower Courts in Abilene Sunday afternoon.

T. B. Hobbs of Grand Prairie and Gaston Hobbs of Fort Worth spent the weekend with their mother, Mrs. John Hobbs and the Benny Hobbs family.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dunagin over the weekend were their son, Randy and Mrs. Dunagin's mother, Mrs. Margaret Jackson of Odessa. Randy is now employed in Odessa having moved there two weeks ago.

Ruby Reddin and Mamie Hardin visited Mrs. Lola Saffell and Don and Cecil Patterson in Merkel Sunday.

The annual stock holders meeting of the Hodges Co-op Gin will be held at the Hodges Community Center Friday, March 23, 1973.

Barbecue lunch will be served at noon.

A business meeting will be held in the afternoon, four directors will be elected.

M. H. Tanner is the gin manager.

F. Union To Hold Consignment

Taylor County Farmers Union voted Thursday night March 8th to sponsor a consignment farm equipment sale at Merkel Co-op Gin at 10 a.m. April 7, according to Billy Bob Toombs, county president of Merkel.

Toombs said proceeds from the sale will go toward keeping lobbyist in Washington working on farm programs. All types of consignments will be welcome, he added.

Terms of the sale will be 10 per cent commission with a minimum commission of \$1 and a maximum of \$50. There will be no P.O. charge he said.

Anyone wishing to consign equipment should contact Mark L. Malone at 928-4970, Connie Mac Seymore Insurance at 928-5379, or any Taylor County Farmers Union member.

The organization would like consignments submitted as early as possible, Toombs said.

G. A. NEWS

By YVONNE SWINNEY
The Girls in Action of the First Baptist Church met Wednesday March 7, 1973 in the home of their leader, Mrs. Alligair. The meeting was held outside.

Refreshments were served by the leader.

A discussion of the meaning of G.A.'s was held.

Members present were Stacy Seymore, Susan Alligair, Sherry Roeder, Sheryl Lucky, Yvonne Swinney, Olita Walters, Teresa English, and Susan Peachy.

Tea Set For March 24th

Lambda Beta Beta Sigma Phi will have the annual Tasting Tea Saturday March 24 from 11 to 3. Tickets are now on sale from any member of Beta Sigma Phi for \$1.00.

The Tea will be held in the Masonic Hall located at 136 Edwards St.

Cookbooks will also be sold with recipes that have been prepared and also many others.

Badger Track Team Wins Blue Ribbons At Meet

It could have been called a "swim meet," rather than track, for the field and pits were covered with water as Merkel and sixteen other teams met in Anson, Sat. March 10.

The mud greatly hampered the teams and schedule ran 1 1/2 hours late. The Badgers managed to qualify for the finals in several events: Larry Toliver with 26.5 for the 220 dash, Darel Bunch with 55.7 in the 440. Derrell Riggan captured 4th place in high jump.

In the Junior Varsity division, Mendez Moreno won 5th in Shot and Ruben Hernandez ran a fine 5:30.5 to gain 2nd place in the mile.

Coach Jerry Jones praises the team's attitude. "We have 33 boys, most are freshmen and sophomores so they can look forward with real confidence to better events. We have competed against large schools and are looking pretty good."

In Merkel's tri-meet last

FHA Girls Attend Area IV Meet

More than 2000 high school students and their advisors will participate in the annual Area IV Future Homemakers of America Leadership Training Meeting to be held in the Brownwood Convention Center, March 17.

The group is from thirty-five Central and North Texas counties and represents 167 affiliated high school FHA chapters, according to Mrs. Sammie Tate Pittman, Advisor and Area Homemaking Education Consultant with the Texas Education Agency.

The House of Delegates will get under way Friday night, March 16 with the convening of the House of Delegates at the Brownwood High School. The voting delegates will select the 1973-74 officers. Rhonda White will be the voting delegate from Merkel Key Chapter. Other chapter members assisting at the House of Delegates meeting will be Tonja McAninch and Roseann Noster. The agenda also includes rehearsal by the Area FHA Chorus, to be directed by Miss Dorothy McIntosh of the Brownwood High School Music Department.

Saturday morning's keynote speaker will be Mr. W. W. Kethan, President of International Softball Federation, Pasadena. The Saturday afternoon program will consist of awarding honorary membership, reports

Thursday, with Jim and Robert Lee, the Badgers took some blue ribbons: Mendez Moreno, in shot put, Johnny Gray in high jump, Darel Bunch in the 440 and Jeff Cox in broad jump. Ruben Hernandez won the J.V. Mile.

Steve Stewart is setting a good pace for hurdles, capturing 2nd in intermediates and 3rd at high.

Randal Howes powered the shot to 3rd, also the discus to a 3rd place.

Doug Hutchings raced 3rd in the 220.

Varsity points came in as Junior Ascencio hurled the discus to 2nd and the shot to a 3rd place. Paul Duran got 3rd in discus throw and Derrell Riggan cleared the high jump bar for 3rd.

Albert Castillo ran 2nd in the 880 dash; Ronnie Pack got 3rd and Jim Shaffer a 4th.

Third place went to the following: Steve West in the 220, Rudy Castillo in the mile and to Jeff Cox in the 100 yard dash.

Fans are encouraged to watch the Purple and Gold track team at the next Tri-Meet, Thursday, March 15 at Badger Field at no cost.

from officers, participation in interest group sessions, and installation of the newly elected area officers.

Student officers presiding at the session will be Sheena Tongate of Brownwood, president and Sandra Hosch of Santa Anna, vice-president. Miss Linda Black of Merkel, Sergeant-at-Arms and other area officers will assist.

Brownie News

By LOYCE BAKER
Troop 103 Brownie Scouts had a very enjoyable field trip to Hohbert Dairy last Tuesday, March 6. The girls enjoyed watching the cows being milked and the dairyman telling about the work at the dairy.

Refreshments were served to members and their troop leader.

Jr. High Track Meet April 14

There will be a Merkel Jr. High Badgers Invitational Relay Track meet here Saturday, April 14 starting at 9 a.m. at the school grounds.

Preliminaries will be in the morning and finals in the evening, said Coach George Martin. Teams entered will be Wylie, Jim Ned, Baird, Aspermont, Haskell, Cisco, Roscoe, Albany and Winters.

Miss Noster Named March 'Sister of Month'

Miss Roseann Noster, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Noster, 1404 Herring Drive, Merkel was selected Little Sister for the month of March by the Taylor County Young Homemakers. She is a junior student in Merkel High School.

She has served as historian of the Future Homemakers of America for the past two years.

Circus Set March 28th

The largest Regal Python will be on exhibition by the Fishers Bros. Circus which the Little League are sponsoring in Merkel on the 28th day of March south of the Merkel Little League Field for 2 performances at 6 and 8 p.m. Tickets are on sale by members at the low price of \$1.00 to every one when bought from a member. If purchased at circus ticket office they are \$1.25 for children and \$1.50 for adults and all tickets are good for any seats in the big top as the Fisher Bros. Circus does not have reserved seats.

Besides Congo who is over 20 feet long and weighs over 200 lbs. you will see a very good circus performance with elephant acts, trapeze, jugglers, clowns, balancing acts, something to entertain and please everyone.

Get your tickets in advance from the sponsor. Do this for three very good reasons. One you save money on the adult tickets; two, you don't have to stand in line at the ticket office, and last, but not least, you help the sponsor make and keep more money as they get a much larger percentage from the advance sale than they do at the door if you buy your tickets from them in advance you put more money into the various projects that they do to help better your community.

She is also helping send cards to elderly ladies in Merkel by serving on the Secret Granny committee. She plans to attend the area IV F.H.A. Convention in Brownwood this week.

Roseann's other school activities include drama club for two years and librarian this year. She plays clarinet in the high school band.

Miss Noster is an active member of the Merkel Church of Christ and teaches a weekly Bible class. She has also helped with the March of Dimes drive in Merkel.

Roseann plans to attend Abilene Christian College upon graduation from high school and would like to be a kindergarten teacher.



ROSE ANN NOSTER
... March honoree

Missionette News

By SUSAN WHEELER
There were eighteen in attendance at Missionettes last Friday. We had a very nice time. Billie Walters served refreshments.

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School Menu

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Oven Fried Chicken, Gravy, Buttered Rice, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Butter, Milk, Fruit Salad.

WEDNESDAY

Beef Cheese Pizza, Pinto Bean Cabbage-Pepper Relish, Whole Wheat Bread, Milk, Apple Cheese Crisp.

THURSDAY

Meat balls with Tomato Sauce, Lima Beans, Buttered Spinach, Corn Bread, Butter, Milk, Fudge.

FRIDAY

Hamburgers, Oven Fried Potatoes, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Onions, Buttered Buns, Milk, Peanut Butter Cookies.

BRUSH STOMPERS

The Merkel Brush Stompers held a meeting and supper March 3rd at the Taylor Electric Building.

Jack Moore and Stanley Toombs were elected to the board of directors. Stanley Toombs is the new president, and Lewis Cook, secretary-treasurer.

"I wish to thank everyone for their work in the past year, said Jerry Russell, outgoing president. "This year looks like a good time will be had by all. Come out and have fun with all of us," said Russell.

Membership will be \$20.00 a year.

Accent On Health

If you sneeze and sniffle during the ragweed season, if you have cramps, diarrhea, or rash after eating a particular food or drug, if you wheeze or itch when around a cat, a horse, chicken feathers, or some other substance — then you may be suffering from an allergy.

An allergy is an unusual reaction to a substance, an abnormal behavior of the body to it. Half of the people in the world sneeze or sniffle, wheeze or itch, suffer intestinal disturbances or other uncomfortable symptoms because of their allergies. Half of the adult population in Texas and one-third of our children are afflicted, say state health officials.

In some it occurs only at certain seasons of the year, in others at fairly long intervals, while in many of it is a daily problem.

When the allergy-producing substance enters your system and comes in contact with the antibodies in the cell, that union produces dramatic effects. The best known of the results of these miniature explosions is the

release of the chemical histamine from the cell. Normally, presence of histamine stimulates production of adequate amounts of antihistamine which would of course cause no symptoms to develop. Sometimes enough antihistamine is not produced to counter the levels of histamine.

Histamine is perfectly harmless when inside the cell, but once released outside the cell it produces undesirable changes. It dilates and congests blood vessels so that fluids from your blood stream leak out into the tissue, causing swelling.

If this change takes place in the skin the result is hives. If this reaction occurs in the nose, the membrane swells and you have a condition known as hay fever or "sinus." Another action of histamine is to contract or put into spasm involuntary muscle fibers — muscles not controlled by your own will, such as stomach, intestine, urinary bladder, or the uterus. If this muscle effect takes place in the muscle fibers around the bronchial tubes, asthma is the result; if in the intestine, cramps and diarrhea may be the effect.

At least one in three Texans who have untreated hay fever will develop asthma, say state health officials. In many cases, seasonal asthma may fail to subside with the end of the season and may become chronic.

Among the common forms of respiratory allergy is "pollinosis" — a respiratory reaction to pollens. Tree pollens cause trouble from about the middle of March to the middle of May, grass pollens from May to August, and ragweed pollen from approximately the middle of August to October. Because they come in direct contact with the tissues, only small amounts of pollen are required to produce symptoms.

The severity of hay fever varies in different parts of the country, from season to season and day to day. It is largely dependent on the weather conditions during the growth of the plant, and the temperature, humidity, sunshine and wind velocity during pollination time.

Molds commonly grow on plant life, and the seeds (or spores) are microscopic in size, many of them being even smaller than pollen. The kinds of molds which produce hay fever and asthma are particularly prevalent on grains, such as wheat, oats, rye and corn. Next to pollen, molds are the most common causes of seasonal hay fever and asthma.

Then there is contact dermatitis. If you go for a hike in the

woods you may suffer an inflammation of the upper layers of the skin, varying from redness to blisters and also accompanied by itching. It is an allergy caused by direct contact of the causative substance. Poison ivy dermatitis is one of the best known examples of this kind. Poison ivy is not a poisonous plant. No one is affected by it the first time he touches it. Only on subsequent exposure does an allergy show up in about half or more of the persons. But many other plants and common substances in use in the house can produce this disease.

Three factors may play a part in the production of allergic illness. Susceptibility is one. Only certain people have the ability or the background to become allergic. Granting you have this background, you still must become sensitized to a special substance and then be re-exposed to it. If you avoid either of these steps, you will have no allergic illness. A third factor is what might be called contributing factors. Various conditions — temperature, chemical irritants, dust, emotional disturbances, etc. — may aggravate allergies or trigger their attacks. But by themselves they do not cause allergic symptoms.

If there is a family history of an allergy either on the father's or mother's side, then the disease frequently manifests itself in the offspring. But the allergy they develop will not necessarily be the same type as their parents'.

Specific allergy tests can be given by your doctor to discover the substances to which you are reacting. Specific desensitizing treatments may be given to build up immunity gradually. Prevention and avoidance of the offending substance, if possible, is the most effective means of dealing with an allergy.

Reed Taking Basic Training

Paul Dunning Reed left Merkel with San Antonio as his destination as basic training with the Air Force. After basic training, Reed will go on to Colorado for further training.

Reed is a 1972 graduate of Merkel High School and at the time of his enlistment he was employed at Dyess Air Force Base.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Reed, 1103 S. 1st, he has a sister Gail and a brother Roger. He is the grandson of G. D. McConnell.

Home Study Course Set

Having trouble making that money stretch? Are your meals humdrum? Are you confused in today's supermarket? If the answer to the above questions are yes or even maybe, then the County Extension Office has help for you. Two Home Study Courses will be offered in April and May to help you. If you enroll, you will be sent a lesson with material to study you can answer the study sheet and return to be checked. Then another lesson is mailed to you for study. This type of information is especially designed for the homemaker that works or cannot attend meetings.

The two courses are: You—The Food Shopper and Food Preservation.

You may enroll in either or both of the courses. The registration fee for one course is \$1.00, or you may enroll in both courses for \$1.50. Deadline for enrollment is March 26. To enroll, send your name, address, and check to:

Roberta Watters
County Extension Agent
County Courthouse
Abilene, Texas 79602

Vet Questions And Answers

EDITOR'S NOTE — Veterans and their families are asking thousands of questions concerning the benefits their Government provides for them through the Veterans Administration. Below are some representative queries. Additional information may be obtained at any VA office.

Q — How do veterans stack up as credit risks under the G.I. Bill home loan program?

A — America's veterans have been, and are continuing to be, good credit risks. Almost one-half (3.9 million) of the eight million VA guaranteed home loans have been repaid in full, and the number of defaults and claims in 1972 continued at the same (3.2 per cent) levels as 1971 and 1970 which were the lowest experienced by VA since the late 1950's.

Q — I read where the Veterans Administration operates 168 hospitals. Just how many veterans do they treat?

A — A record high of about one million veterans will receive VA hospital care in Fiscal Year 1973, the greatest number in history, and 150,000 more than the record number treated in Fiscal 1972. Out-patient medical care will go up from 9½ million visits to nearly 11 million, compared to about 7 million visits in 1969.

Q — Seems to me even the small-town VA hospitals have young medical trainees around, these days, and they sure brighten up the place. Are all the VA hospitals helping train health workers?

A — Yes. All of the 168 hospitals are now affiliated with colleges and universities for training purposes. About 62,000 medical and allied health trainees will receive clinical experience in VA hospitals this year.

Q — I am insured under a "V"-prefixed National Service Life Insurance Policy. Can I take out more insurance?

A — Yes. A recent law (92-188) allows veterans with that type of coverage to buy paid up additional life insurance with their annual insurance dividends. Write the insurance center where you pay your premiums (St. Paul or Philadelphia), if you have not received an application form.

Q — What is this "tele care" I hear about at VA hospitals?

A — Specially trained volunteers keep in contact by telephone with old or disabled veterans living at home, alone. The calls provide companionship and check on whether the veteran has fallen and broken a bone or whether his condition has worsened.

Q — I hear VA medics are getting ready to grow new arms and legs on amputees and regenerate hearts of people who have had heart attacks. Does this bring regeneration of the spinal cord any closer for paralyzed veterans?

A — There is nothing anywhere near as far along as growing new arms or legs on humans, or regenerating their hearts or spinal cords. But VA does have some quite promising research on regeneration of limbs and hearts of animals, which lends hope for future progress in this field.

Dist. Legion Convention At Breck

Eight American Legion Posts will be honored at the annual 17th District Spring Convention of the American Legion, to be held at Breckenridge Saturday and Sunday, March 17-18, Lee Guy, of Breckenridge has announced, by being presented citations for outstanding membership achievements.

Posts and their Commanders are: Baird 82, C. H. Lunsford; Breckenridge 191, Lee Guy; Cross Plains 423, L. D. Koenig; Hamilton 222, Leo F. Rendessy; Rising Star 433, J. H. Nunnally; Roby 24, Joseph Whitfill; Strawn 497, Joe Moore, and Weatherford 163, Eldon R. Frasier.

Registration will open at the Bernice Coles Post Home at 1 p.m. on Saturday. There will be a social hour that evening followed by a dance at 9 p.m.

Registration will resume on Sunday at 9:30 a.m. at the Post Home.

The joint session for The American Legion and Auxiliary will be called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Commander Guy. District Sergeant at Arms Ernest Dishaw will have charge of colors and Post Chaplain O. B. Graham will give the invocation. W. T. Dupree will give the welcome address and response will be by Bill Lipham of Abilene. Department Vice Commander Arnold Pieper of Roscoe will bring greetings. Principal speaker will be Tom Beville, Fourth Division President of The American Legion Auxiliary. Mrs. Elvie Williams, will also bring greetings. Joe Rex Brown will have charge of the Memorial Service at 11:30 a.m.

Lunch will be served at 12:00 noon at the Post Home.

Swine Short Course Set At Texas A&M April 2-3

COLLEGE STATION — Discussions on providing a favorable environment to boost pork production will highlight the 22nd annual Swine Short Course at Texas A&M University April 2-3.

Registration for the short course will begin at 8 a.m. at the Ramada Inn, according to Dr. Bill Thomas, swine specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and program chairman. About 250 pork producers from across the state are expected to attend.

Among the keynote speakers will be Dr. S. E. Curtis of the University of Illinois; Roger Rebert, Aerovent Fan and Equipment Co., Inc., Cape Girardeau, Missouri; and Dr. Gene Waddill,

Martin Sponsored Resolution Passed By Texas House

The Texas House of Representatives unanimously approved two resolutions co-authored by Representative Elmer Martin of Colorado City Tuesday.

"The resolutions were directed to the President's impoundment of funds which affects agricultural programs," Rep. Martin said.

"The first resolution which included the (REAP) Rural Environmental Assistance Program and the Rural Electrification Assistance Program asked Con-

gress to reinstate these programs; and the President to release the funds for the operation of these programs," Martin said.

The second resolution was directed to the President's recent decision to consolidate many ASCS offices, and simply asks the President to change his decision.

The resolutions are being sent to Texas Congressmen and Senators along with Secretary of Agriculture Earl Butz.

Angus Cattle Note 100th

A unique opportunity to relive cattle history, meet national beef industry leaders, hear from internationally known spokesmen and have a good time doing it, will be part of the action of the 100th Anniversary Celebration and Birthday Party of Angus in the United States at Victoria, Kansas, on May 17. The event will mark to the day 100 years since the first Angus cattle arrived in the United States from Scotland in an importation made by George Grant for crossing on native Longhorn cattle.

Keynote speaker will be Dr. A. D. Weber, executive vice-president, Kansas Livestock and Meat Industry Council, Manhattan, with a presentation on the "Impact of America's Beef Industry," a summary of the cattle business as viewed from his many years of experience.

Another highlight of the event will be the re-dedication of a large limestone monument placed in honor of George Grant in 1943 for his contribution to the beef cattle business in the U.S.

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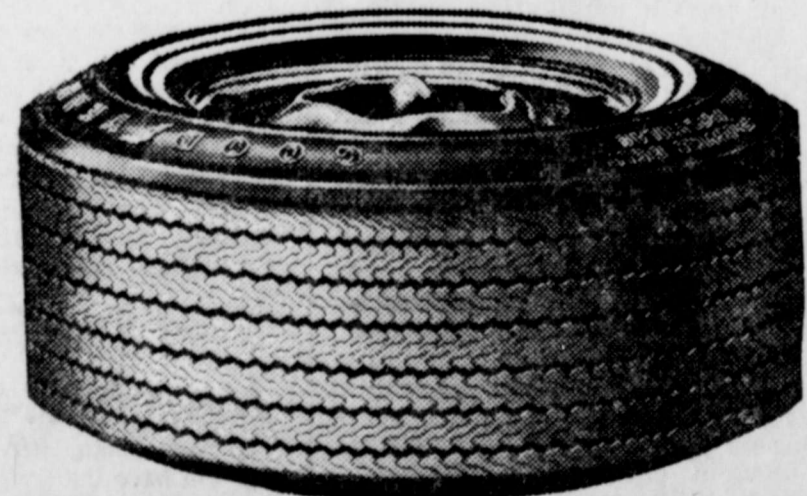
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THE STATE OF TEXAS

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.

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in said court, on the 10 day of Jan. A.D. 1973, in this cause, numbered 7769 on the docket of said court and styled Ex Parte Deborah Anne Hughes and Suzanne Marie Hughes.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Adoption 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 the 22 day of Feb. A.D. 1973.

(Seal)
Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD
Clerk, Domestic Relations Court, Taylor County, Texas
By Marie Gill, Deputy.

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"IF YE LOVE ME . . ." (John 14:15) part 3

Jesus showed great compassion for those who suffer in body, he healed the blind, dumb, palsied, epileptic and insane. He had an even greater compassion for those who were in spiritual affliction due to their sins. Jesus' enemies thought to indict him by calling him "a friend of publicans and sinners." How grateful we are that their charge was true. He does not approve the sinner's actions and encourage him to continue in his sin, that would not be friendship at all for it would not be in the sinner's best interest to counsel him to persist in the thing which is causing him so much grief and misery and which will ultimately cause his soul to be cast into hell. He is the friend of sinners in that he carries to them a message of hope and deliverance. "For the Son of man came to seek and to save that which was lost." (Luke 19:10) He came to show the path to holiness, happiness and heaven to men who were without God.

The Lord ultimately expressed his love for sinners in the supreme sacrifice of himself on Calvary. Christ died for sinners! He made possible our escape from the wrath of God which will be revealed against sinners in the last day (cf Romans 5:8, 9, 10).

In view of the love which he has demonstrated toward us, how can we fail to love him in return. "We love him because he first loved us." 1 John 4:19.

God does not ask us to believe blindly, so he has given us incontestable proof that the claims of Christ are true. God does not ask us to love blindly, so he allowed Christ ample time and opportunity to prove his sincere love for men to a skeptical world. Therefore, in view of the evidence which is clearly set before us, let us say with one voice: I BELIEVE THAT JESUS CHRIST IS THE SON OF GOD AND I LOVE HIM FOR HIS MERCY SHOWN TOWARD ME, AND I WILL DO HIS WILL WITH ALL THE FORCE WITHIN ME.

But do not let that profession of faith and love be an end in itself. Faith and love are not genuine unless they are proved by deeds. A man may say he has absolute faith in his doctor's judgment but refuse to take the medication which the doctor prescribes. HIS DEEDS DENY HIS WORDS! So it is with regard to our relationship to Christ. One may say that he believes in Christ with all his heart and that he loves the Lord supremely, but if that same man refuses to do what the Savior has commanded in his word, 1 John 1:6 and 2:5 and 4:20 and 5:3 show that he proves himself a liar.

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"COME VISIT WITH US"

FARMCAST

By John C. White
Commissioner

Of the more than 200 different commodities produced in Texas, only six are above effective parity, according to the records of the Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service.

"This is something we need to keep in mind when we hear all those glowing stories about increasing farm prices," Texas Agriculture Commissioner John C. White notes. "It's good that farm prices are increasing, but let's keep them in their proper perspective. The fact remains that farm parity is still lagging about 20 per cent behind the rest of the economy," he said.

Devaluation Should Boost Ag Exports

"It's going to cost more to flavor the soup. But agricultural exports should get a boost from the recent devaluation of the U.S. dollar."

That's the opinion of Dr. Roland Smith, grain marketing specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"The 10 per cent dollar devaluation will mean higher prices for certain imported food and fiber products such as spices, vanilla, pepper, coffee, tea, bananas, cocoa, silk and rubber. These changes should be immediately apparent.

"On the other hand, the agricultural export situation is difficult to analyze as world money markets are still unsettled. However, the devalued dollar means that U.S. products are now cheaper abroad so we may be able to sell more agricultural commodities in foreign countries," points out Smith.

The specialist contends that any increased export of agricultural commodities will not adversely affect the already tight supply situation on most products. "If foreign sales increase, they will come primarily from products that will be produced this summer and fall. U.S. farmers are increasing plantings this year due to increased demands, and total harvests are expected to reach record levels."

Transportation problems — congested ports and rail car shortages — are presently providing a cushion against any major changes in exports due to the cheaper dollar, notes Smith.

Would an earlier devaluation have boosted export sales even more than those recently consummated?

"Not necessarily," says Smith. "The U.S. was the only country that had sufficient grain supplies to meet the increased demand due to failing crops. Most countries had few alternatives to satisfy their needs."

In the long run, the fact that U.S. products are cheaper abroad may result in increased exports to the extent of causing some price reflection in the domestic market. This will vary from year to year according to the supply of the commodities involved. Typically, products in tight supply situations will be affected more by the dollar devaluation, explains Smith.

Charity Contributions Require Proof

DALLAS — Many taxpayers lost all or part of their deductions for charitable contributions last year because they didn't keep the necessary records.

W. T. Coppinger, District Director of Internal Revenue said that some Texas taxpayers also made the mistake of claiming the full amount paid for a ticket to a charity ball, theatre benefit, or banquet as a charitable contribution.

Mr. Coppinger said that only the part of the ticket price in excess of the value received by the purchaser may be considered a charitable contribution.

"When a person pays \$10 for a ticket to a charity banquet and the meal would normally cost \$4, then the tax law allows only \$6 as a charitable gift," he said.

To help taxpayers avoid this mistake on 1972 returns, IRS has asked all charitable organizations selling tickets to fund-raising affairs to clearly indicate on the tickets the amount that is deductible. Identifying the deductible portion of the ticket price should end this problem, Mr. Coppinger said.

Boat, Camping Equipment Need Thorough Checking

Those first balmy days of spring are going to catch a lot of folks by surprise, according to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department officials.

The impulse will be to get outdoors and have some fun, but there's one hangup. Recreational equipment, especially boats, trailers and skis, are likely to be in miserable shape after a winter's storage.

A little preparation while the air is still frosty will put you on your way more quickly when the urge to go strikes.

An overall check into the seaworthiness of your boat should be the first order of business. Seams should be recaulked if the caulking is cracked, and a little extra fiberglass on those worn spots may save some misery later.

Check your fuel lines for leaks and loose connections. And then check your steering cables for evidence of chafing where they run through sleeves and around drums.

Safety equipment should also be checked. Running lights are always vulnerable to the ravages of time, so the wiring should be checked for shorts and the bulbs should be checked for burn-outs. Make sure you have some extra bulbs on hand.

You say you've had those life jackets for a couple of years? Ask yourself, "Will these things save the lives of the ones I love?" Life jackets don't last forever. They mildew and eventually rot. The straps break or the material tears when you try to tighten the straps. If you have any doubts, spend a few bucks for new jackets and for your peace of mind.

Your fire extinguisher is prob-

ably due its annual check-up. Discharge mechanisms sometimes deteriorate through long exposure to dampness, and the contents may lose effectiveness as a result of wide variations in temperature, evaporation, chemical change or age.

Don't forget that engine tune-up. What's the point of driving half the day only to find you can't get your engine started? Or worse yet, what could ruin a perfect day faster than being stranded in the middle of a lake with engine trouble.

Clean your gas tanks and start the year with new gas-oil premix.

Then see to the care of the accessory items. Ski ropes should be checked, unknotted and neatly coiled. Skis have earned themselves a fresh coat of wax after last year's abuse, so don't begrudge them.

Now you're about ready for a carefree weekend, unless some forgotten detail fouls you up. That detail could be your trailer. The wheel bearings could probably use some attention. The least you could do is repack them with grease. And since wheel bearing are fairly inexpensive, new ones might be a good idea.

A burned-out wheel bearing on your trailer between here and there would ruin your weekend, plus part of the next week. Wheel bearings are notoriously hard to find a Saturday afternoon.

Lubrication of all moving parts, including the coupler, winch and tilting mechanism, should make your day go more smoothly.

Your tires could also need some attention. Flat tires are no fun. Carry a spare.

As a final test, hook the trailer to the car and check tail lights and brake lights.

Now you've given your boat and trailer the works. Step back. Do you feel right about it, or does some doubt linger in your mind? Trace the source of your doubts. Peace of mind will help your weekend outing immensely.

56,345 denied disability claimant carried their disagreements to a formal hearing before an Administration Law Judge in 1972.

SHORT SNORTS

Hunting and fishing license fees would be increased under a bill given House committee approval.

Governor Briscoe will present awards to five outstanding Texas manufacturers at the fourth annual Governor's Industrial Expansion Awards Conference here May 10.

New state banks are being sought at Sierra Blanca and Irving.

Revenue from cigarette taxes decreased from \$17.1 million in 1972 to \$16.8 million last month.

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