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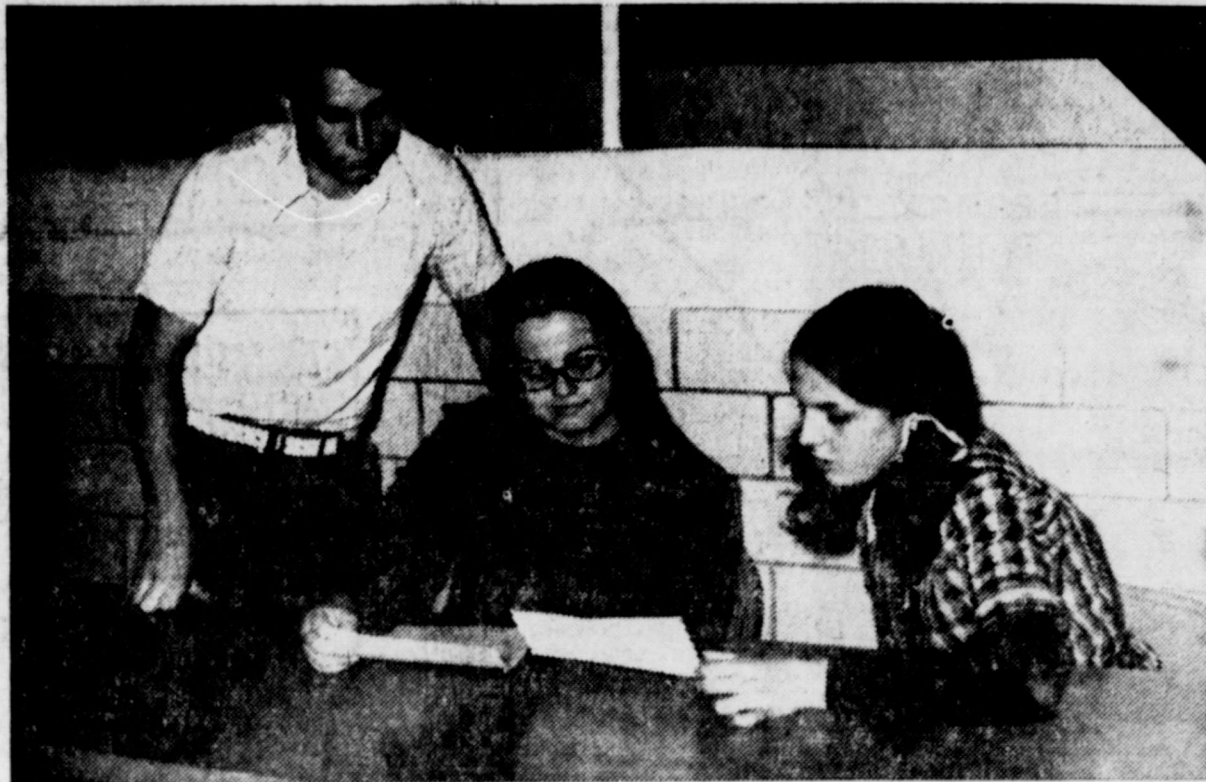
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PLANNING THE JUNIOR-SENIOR BANQUET are Junior Class Officers, from left to right, president Jeff Cox, son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen O. Cox of Tye, business manager Susan Donaldson, daughter of Margie Donaldson of Tye, and secretary Tonja McAninch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ted McAninch. Not pictured is vice president Steve Donaldson, son of Margie Donaldson of Tye. (Photo by Connie Harris)

WWI Vets Dist. Meet Saturday

The 17th District meeting of The Veterans of World War I Department of Texas, and The Ladies Auxiliary will be sponsored by The Merkel - Trent 2248, Merkel Texas Saturday, March 31 at the Tailor Electric Co-Op Bldg. Registration will begin at 9 a.m.

Karl Bonneaux 17th District Commander and Maggie Renfro, Auxiliary President will be in charge.

Mr. Don Hart, manager of Taylor Electric Co-Op will give the welcome to the guests.

Mrs. Jett Russell, President of the Department of Texas, Ladies Auxiliary will speak for The Auxiliary.

Mr. E. Art Northrup, Mineral Wells, Jr. Vice Commander of The Department of Texas will be the main speaker for the joint meeting.

Veterans County Service officer, Tom Bryun, will speak on Legislation as it affects World War I veterans.

Lunch will be served by The Ladies Auxiliary.

All Veterans and Auxiliary Members are invited to attend.

Large Vote Turnout Urged On April 7 School Consolidation Election

In little over a week, Merkel and Tye voters will go to the polls to vote on the proposed consolidation of the two schools. County judges of Taylor and Jones Counties have called the election for Saturday, April 7.

Due to Tye having less than 12 full grades, the school system cannot take advantage of many school aid programs.

Tye has only grades 1-6 now. Most students above grade 6-12 attend the Merkel schools.

Mack Fisher, Superintendent of Merkel Schools, urged all qualified voters to turn out and

vote. "It is very important to Merkel and Tye that we approve the consolidation. With the consolidation of the two districts, we will be able to further improve the quality of education now being offered in both schools," he said.

Should Tye and Merkel voters approve the consolidation, Tye elementary students in grades 1-6 would be able to continue to attend school in Tye. "The elementary school building in Tye is in excellent condition and can be maintained economically, and enlarged when needed," Fisher said.

Tye will have an advisory board, consisting of the current school board members, on the Merkel School Board the first year. The second year Tye would elect 2 regular members to the school board. "We feel this is very important to Tye school patrons," Fisher pointed out. If they should join another school under consideration, they would not necessarily have a member on the school board," he continued. "By consolidating with Merkel, Tye residents would be assured of a direct voice in the affairs of their school," he said.

Another important factor for consideration has to do with the academic rating of the school. We are happy to report that our schools, the high school and the elementary schools, are members of the Southern Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges, the highest rating a school system can have in the public schools of Texas. This means that our standards must meet the requirements of both the Texas Education Agency and the Southern Association. We are proud of this rating for we know fully qualified teachers are working with our boys and girls.

In addition to our conventional and vocational curriculums, we have been approved for additional Special Education courses. We are the fiscal agent, outside of Abilene, for Callahan and Taylor counties. This field will include programs to help students with language difficulties, speech defects, including therapy, physically handicapped, emotionally retarded reading difficulties, etc. Our cooperative program will involve 15-18 teachers and supervisors, plus supporting staff as needed. We have great hopes for this program.

The Merkel schools offer a complete schedule of intramural sports. "Sports is very important to a school. It not only develops the student physically but helps develop school spirit," Supt. Fisher said. "I feel that this is an important matter to be considered by the people of Tye. In a school of our size, any student that desires can participate in sports activities. This is not necessarily so in larger schools," Fisher said. The advantage of a smaller school system is also noted in just about every sector of school life. "We feel we can give the student more individual attention in Merkel. This is a real advantage for the student especially if he is having trouble in some area of his studies," Fisher pointed out.

Farmers Union Farm Sale At Merkel Gin April 7th

Taylor County Farmers Union will sponsor a farm equipment sale at 10 a.m. April 7.

The consignment sale will be held at Merkel Co-Op Gin according to Billy Bob Toombs, county Farmers Union president.

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 Toombs said.

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

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

Mrs. Barnett Hosts Sorority

The Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met March 20, in the home of Mrs. Finley Barnett, with eleven members and two guests present. Two members of Theta Sigma Chapter in Abilene were present to enlist the aid of the Lambda Beta chapter on a fund raising project for the purchase of a commercial mixer for Abilene Boys Ranch.

Final plans were made for the Tasting Tea to be held March 24 in the Masonic Hall in downtown Merkel.

Election of officers for the 1973-74 year was held. The following officers were elected: President, Pat Neff; Vice President, Marie White; Corresponding Secretary, Kathryn Whisenhunt; Recording Secretary, Martha Sue Justice; Treasurer, Kathy Mansfield; Abilene City Council Representative, Glenda Teaff.

A program on People was held by Ann Wade and assisted by Sarah Lucas.

Owens Baby Fund Set Up

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Owen have established a fund in their behalf at the Farmers and Merchants National Bank to aid the Owen family with the medical expenses for their baby boy, who was recently burned in an accident at home.

The child, one-year-old Toby Wayne, suffered severe burns as a result of his pulling a pot of scalding water from the kitchen stove. First, second, and third degree burns cover more than thirty per cent of his body, medical authorities have reported. The accident occurred March 24.

The child was rushed to a local doctor, then to Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene. From there he was transferred to the Burn Center of Brooks Medical Hospital in San Antonio. Medical authorities in San Antonio are hopeful that further complications can be avoided.

Bro. Kenneth Jones said, "Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Owen have united in an effort to be of financial assistance, and therefore the 'Jimmy and Brenda Owen' fund has been established at the local bank. Those wishing to make contributions are encouraged to do so." The Owen family resides at 801 South First St., and are also the parents of a daughter, Tamrya Kay, age 4.

Firemen Extinguish Barn Fire

After the hail in Merkel Friday night there was a summons to the Merkel Fire Department. A hay barn, belonging to Bernell Teaff, probably struck by lightning, was on fire. Two units from the Merkel Volunteer Fire Dept. initially answered the call. Upon arrival on the scene, additional firemen were called. The Fire Dept. was there also with one truck. Taylor County Commissioner Joe McDuff made available one of the county's watertrucks. This was a tremendous aid to the firefighters by offsetting the necessity to return to the city for more water so frequently.

The barn contained 2,000 bales of hay was completely destroyed.

The Ladies Auxiliary furnished the firefighters, who were on the scene from 7 p.m. to 3:30 a.m., with sandwiches. This is one more example of how your local volunteer fire dept. and Ladies Auxiliary help to make Merkel and the surrounding area a safer place in which to work and play. Offer your support and aid whenever needed.

Firemen on the scene were: David Seymore, Billy Lucas, Roy Schultz, Jerry Horton, Waymon Adcock, Billy Fisher, Finley Barnett, Danny West, Johnny Montgomery, Dean Goodman and Robert Harris.

'Know Your Fire Department'

Have you ever been awakened in the middle of the night to find your home on fire? Have you been burning trash and caught your grass on fire? What is your first thought? CALL THE FIRE DEPT. What happens next? You are assured over the phone that help is on its way. A truck will roll only seconds after your call is received. But how and manned by whom? The men who answer your call are dedicated to the fire department. Their slogan reads "Always There" and this is what they are.

The men who respond to your call, be it midnight or high noon, come from all walks of life. There are farmers and la-

hors, businessmen and executives. Their aim is to be on the scene within minutes and to save as much of your property as possible.

The Merkel Volunteer Fire Dept. answer calls both in the city and from the surrounding area. This calls for a variety of equipment. This equipment is bought and kept up by your donations. They receive no other financial help and must depend entirely on private contributions.

To enable the public to know and better understand the Merkel Fire Dept., we are going to publish a series of articles designed to let you "Know Your Fire Dept." These articles will run the next six weeks.

West Texas Rehabilitation Center To Celebrate 20th Anniversary By Dedicating Building

Directors of the West Texas Rehabilitation Center voted to help celebrate the 20th anniversary of the non-profit facility next August by dedicating a new quarter-million-dollar education and training addition made possible by gifts from generous West Texans.

With smiles about to crack their faces, directors authorized Executive Director Shelley V. Smith to enter into a contract with Rose Construction Company of Abilene, which had submitted the low gross bid on the construction job, \$213,350.

The 9,075 square feet of new construction will include a classroom building with five rooms, a new occupational therapy

wing, a hallway to connect the two new units to the present building, and additional restroom facilities.

Smith said that there will be no formal groundbreaking ceremonies, so that the contractors could begin work immediately, but said that he hopes construction can be completed by August 15. "That's when we're really going to celebrate," he said. "It'll be our 20th birthday and we can dedicate our new addition, show off the rest of the facility, and kickoff the Cattleman's Round-Up for Crippled Children, all at the same time."

The board president, Chief Justice Austin McCloud of Eastland's 11th Court of Civil Ap-

peals, noted that the new addition will be worth more than \$250,000 by the time equipment is purchased, and noted that it will push the value of the physical plant of the WTRC past the \$1 million mark.

While the WTRC has the money in hand to construct the new wing, Judge McCloud reminded directors that they must still work to see that the charitable organization raises its half-million dollar budget this year. "We don't want people to think we have all the money we need," Smith said. He added that the generosity of thousands of persons, plus a federal grant, has made the new wing a reality and noted, "We've never built a

building that we didn't have the money to pay for when we started."

Judge McCloud said that the WTRC will need \$15,000 worth of equipment for the new building, plus a fence around the back of the property, and suggested to directors that some civic club might want to help in one of the projects. One unit of the new addition was assured last summer with a gift from R. W. McDonnell of Abilene of \$30,000, the local funds needed to qualify for a \$50,000 grant offered by an agency of HEW. This unit, which will include four classrooms plus a multi-purpose room, will be named the "Billy Mac Building" in honor of Mc-

Donnell's son, a cerebral palsy victim who was one of the Center's first patients.

An anonymous donor then gave \$57,024 to pay for a hallway connecting the new building to the south end of the present WTRC building, and for the construction of additional restroom facilities.

An occupational therapy wing, to be about one-third the size of the "Billy Mac Building," will be built onto the existing building, too. Smith said that \$100,000 of the funds needed for the new construction came from cash gifts by the American Assn. of University Women, the Pucket Foundation, Hamlin citizens, Mr. and Mrs. H. V. McCorkle,

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Connally, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Vinson, The Barber Foundation, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Osborn, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Shotwell, the L. F. Gilmer Estate, the Rosalee Bowyer Estate, and "other interested donors and friends."

He added that of the \$14,000 which will be taken from the Center's building fund, \$4,000 of that was in the form of memorial gifts to the late former President Lyndon B. Johnson. Judge McCloud also read directors a "thank you" note from Mrs. Johnson, who said it was "heartwarming news that so many of Lyndon's friends have honored his names and his dreams by contributing to the

WTRC. I know this outpouring of affection would have touched him, and it did me."

Rose Construction Company submitted the lowest gross bid of \$213,350, according to architect James Wheeler of Boone and Pope, which designed the new additions. Sub-contractors will be Abilene Air Conditioning, Galbraith Electric Company and Tate Plumbing Company.

Smith said that George Span, a retired vice president of West Texas Utilities, is volunteering his services to arrange the donation of appliances for a new kitchen which will be part of the new building.



MHS STUDENTS CAUGHT BY THE CAMERA DURING DRESS REHEARSAL for the UIL contest to be presented at Western Texas College Tuesday are, from left to right, Neilon Ely as Androcles, Tonja McAninch as Megaers and Linda Black as The Lion. (Photo by Connie Harris)

As It Looks From Here

Gun Control Laws Not Stopping Crime

By Omar Burleson, M.C.
17th District, Texas
WASHINGTON, D.C. — Opponents of the 1968 Gun Control Law had a slogan saying, "Guns don't kill people — people kill people."

The truth in that line is now pretty obvious. In spite of the law governing gun registration and transportation across State lines — in spite of sizeable Federal funds to upgrade local law enforcement — in spite of additional law enforcement officers in many places, crime is still rampant. It is true that some categories of major crimes have shown a decline in the last two reports. Crimes committed with firearms continue to be a major concern. This situation gives rise to arguments on both sides of the question on gun control. The more criminal acts committed with firearms, the more the anti-gun proponents claim the need for more control, even to the point of some wanting to deny every citizen the right to own a gun. The other side is that we have the requirement for registration of certain types of guns, which has shown no improvement in the rate of crime in which guns are used. Each instance of heinous crime gives impetus to the gun

controllers. Immediately after the vicious shooting of Senator Stennis of Mississippi, newspaper editorials appeared in many city papers advocating more gun laws and more legislation was introduced in the Congress for this purpose. In a robbery in Washington, D. C., this past week, the robbers shot five people and pistol whipped others for no cause other than to demonstrate their viciousness.

A simple fact is seemingly overlooked by those who think that firearms can simply be eliminated. This is that firearms can be home produced without any great ingenuity. The criminal is going to have possession of guns while law-abiding citizens would not be permitted to

Xi Nu Chi Officers Elected

Xi Nu Chi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met for their regular meeting at the Asteroid Restaurant.

Elections for officers and the chapter's Man and Woman of the Year were held.

Elected as officers for next year are: Mrs. Edgar Tipton, President; Mrs. Glenn Teaff, Vice President; Mrs. Glenn Robertson, Rec. Secretary; Mrs. Mamie Steck, Cor. Secretary; Mrs. Jack Boone, Treasurer; Mrs. Bobby Dubose, Extension Officer and Mrs. Weldon McAninch, City Council Representative.

Honored as Woman of the Year is Mrs. Mamie Steck. She is currently serving as President of Xi Nu Chi Chapter and Abilene City Council of Beta Sigma Phi. She will be presented at the Founders Day Banquet, May 5. The Man of the Year's name will be revealed at the banquet. Until then, his identity will be kept secret.

The program "Stimulants to Thoughts" was presented by Mrs. Steck and Mrs. John Brady.

Cadette News

By BECKEY PAGE

The Cadettes had their regular meeting Monday.

Refreshments were served by Mary Roeder. We talked about our camp out we will have in April. We also talked about a party we will have for a younger group of children in May.

own one under some legislative proposals. The police recently warned people to lower their radio antenna when parking their automobiles on the street. This is because hoodlums can come by and with little effort, break off the antenna which can be used to fashion into a firearm. This is how easy it is to make a weapons and it will never be difficult for the criminal to find even easier ways to acquire a gun. Just as liquor was provided in prohibition and narcotics are provided today by organized crime, so would organized crime find guns for anyone who could pay the price while legitimate owners were denied the right of private possession.

The President sent a pretty rough anti-crime bill to the Congress last week. Many of you probably heard his radio announcement. The recommendations emphasized deterrents to crime, including the restoration of the death penalty for certain Federal offenses. Probably no stronger language has been used on the subject than that contained in the message.

It is time we observe what is going on around us and go after the criminal and not the gun. All too often the law violator who has been apprehended in crimes of violence with firearms are returned to the streets, either under a light bond, probation, or parole after serving a brief time in prison. The number of repeaters is appalling. Those who contend that punishment of crime is not a deterrent indulge in strange reasoning. The individual who carries a gun during commission of a felony does so with absolute premeditation and with a willingness to use it to kill.

Crimes committed with guns in those states which have had stringent gun regulations for some years are no different from those which have no laws. Advocates of gun licensing and the prohibition of private ownership of guns say that if one city, such as New York City, is ineffective it is because surrounding areas have no laws. Apply this same argument to London, England, where the strictest regulations are known and we find the city is now facing a truly alarming increase in crimes committed with firearms. Ireland, a nation with years of strict gun controls, has managed to acquire enough weapons to carry on a civil war.

There is simply no way firearms can be eliminated but the fear of severe punishment can eliminate at least some of the criminals who use them.

Gardening Good Hobby

A good garden contributes to the well-being of the family by supplying foods that might not otherwise be provided. Besides providing wholesome food, vegetable gardening is an interesting hobby in which the whole family can participate in the planning, planting, cultivating and harvesting. Gardening also provides healthful outdoor exercise, offers productive activity for handicapped or disabled persons and is an excellent way to teach children about growth and reproduction.

All forms of gardening — vegetable, flower, fruit, landscaping — are fascinating pursuits which will be valuable to a young person all his life. Many homes have available space for a garden and more parents may want to encourage their children's interest in some phase of gardening.

Successful gardens do not just happen. A practical guide for growing vegetables in the home garden is available to you from The Pennsylvania State University's correspondence course office. Titled, Home Vegetable Gardening, the course includes ideal planting dates for various vegetables, spaces between rows, amount of seed needed for so many feet of row, kinds of fertilizers and rates to use, and how to control insects and diseases.

For a copy of the course, send your name and address with \$3.20 to Home Vegetable Gardening, Box 5000, University Park, PA 16802. Make Check or money order to Penn State.



MRS. JIM CLARK
... formerly Debi Corder

Deborah Corder, James Clark Exchanged Vows Saturday

Deborah Corder became the bride of James Martin Clark Saturday at the Merkel Church of Christ with Bill Patton officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Corder. Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Martin Lee Clark of Dallas.

Mrs. Bob Leffel of Lewisville was her sister's matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Lyn Hunt of Galveston and Mary Lee Noster of Merkel.

Music was presented by a choral group consisting of Mrs. Hugh Baker, Mrs. Lee Tucker, Mrs. Billy Bob Toombs, Mrs. Charles Jacobs, Ron Chaney and Wyman Wilkerson.

Flower girl was Kristi Kitchen of Dallas and ring bearer was Wesley Foster of Lubbock.

Candlelighters were Karl Winter of Arlington and Karen Tartt of Lorraine.

Charles Womack of Lubbock was best man. Groomsmen were Jack Stewart of Dallas and Randall Bryant of Austin.

The bride wore a gown of white silk peau which was designed with a brief front yoke with circlet neckline and long cuffed sleeves. The Watteau train was held with a butterfly bow at the empire back. Rows of guipure lace outlined with braid scrolls and pearl centered rosettes ran full length down

and around the skirting, neckline, and cuffs.

Her attendants wore yellow crepe gowns with empire waists, lace bodices and puff sleeves.

Following a trip to Santa Fe, N.M., the couple will live at 6901 W. 34th, Apt. 24, Lubbock.

The bride is a graduate of Merkel High School and received a BS in education from Abilene Christian College where she was a member of Kappa Delta Pi, Ko Jo Kai, Sigma Tau Delta and was on the Dean's List. She is employed by the Lubbock Public Schools.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School, Dallas, and is a senior at Texas Tech majoring in mechanical engineering. He is a member of the Society of Engineering Technology and on the Dean's List. He is employed at Therm-Mech Sales.

Martin Says Farm Bills Of Interest to Taylor Co.

Representative Elmer Martin of Colorado City said Friday that the House of Representatives Agriculture and Livestock Committee, of which he is a member, had several bills and resolutions pending before it which would be of special interest to Taylor County citizens.

Martin explained that House Bill 825 would amend the present statutes concerning the methods of treatment of certain diseases for certain animals. "This bill," Martin said, "will allow submerging of livestock in a vat, spraying livestock, or any other sanitary treatment of livestock as may be determined by the Texas Animal Health Commission."

"Another bill which has a definite effect on Taylor County Martin said, "is H.B. 765 which adds the insect known as the Boll Weevil into the statute chapter pertaining to the control and eradication of the pink bollworm."

"H.B. 765 was passed out of the Agriculture committee after testimony was heard from several reputable sources which included Herman Propst, of Stamford, the current President of the Rolling Plains Cotton Growers Association, as well as representatives of the Farm Bureau, Farmers Union, and the Texas A&M Entomology Department.

The boll weevil bill authorized the Commissioner of Agriculture John C. White to deal with the

pest insect (boll weevil) much in the same way he has dealt with the pink bollworm.

"We also passed from committee a resolution which requested Agriculture Commissioner John White to study livestock identification laws, or the laws concerning branding," Martin said. "The resolution established an advisory committee to study the identification laws in other states and make a comprehensive report back to this legislature concerning itself with whether Texas laws are adequate or not," Martin said.

Martin also mentioned that he had recently been appointed to the Environmental Affairs subcommittee on parks.

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Don't regard a landscape plan as a unnecessary expense, nor its results ornamental. Planning deals with a family's manner of living and as such is essential to your well-being.

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Merkel High Honor Roll

Principal of Merkel High School, Travis Davis, released the names of the following "Honor Roll" members for the third 9 weeks of school.

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Seniors - Linda Black, Mary Beth Boyd, Patsy Button, Susie Castille, Don Clyburn and Debbie Fincher.

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Sophomore - Mary Jo Barnes, Dana Bowen, Wanda Braune, Janie Clark, Steve Gentry, Lisa Gregory, Andy Hart, Randall Howes, Terry Jones, David King, Susie Kromas, Sara Rister, Jerrie Stephan, Shelia Wade, and Billy Watts.

Freshmen - Shellie Baker, Christy Boone, Roy Bratcher, Karolyn Davis, Jackie Harris, Becky Kanbrell, Nancy Linthicum, Kathryn Murrell, Melody Regeon, Netta Stephan, Gala Toliver, Rita Watts and Rhonda White.

CARD OF THANKS

WE WANT TO EXPRESS OUR THANKS and appreciation for the kind deeds and sympathy that was shown us in our sorrow by our neighbors and friends. It will always be a precious memory. For the nice service and for the delicious food and the beautiful floral offerings. May God bless each of you, is our prayers.
The Sisters and Brothers of **Essie Mae Floyd**

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WE WOULD LIKE TO express our deep appreciation and gratitude to those who sent food, floral offerings and for all the many other acts of kindness and sympathy extended to us in our hour of sorrow.
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WE WISH TO SAY "Thanks" to our many friends and neighbors for the kind deeds that meant so much to us in the loss of our brother, J. D. Jones of Lubbock. Thanks for the many cards, telephone calls, food, flowers, visits and prayers.
The **Jim Richards**

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I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE this opportunity to thank everyone who was so thoughtful during my stay in the hospital after my freak accident.
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TUESDAY

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ped Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Butter, Milk, Fruit Jelly, Honey and Syrup.

WEDNESDAY

Baked Turkey, Giblet Gravy, Corn Bread Dressing, Mixed Vegetables, Apple Rings, Hot Rolls, Butter, Milk, Sweet Potato Pie.

THURSDAY

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FRIDAY

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Sr. Citizens Game Night

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Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Gentry have announced the engagement of their daughter, Patricia Gail, to Joe Darrel Jenkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Eugene Jenkins of Lake Dallas, Texas.

Miss Gentry is a graduate of Merkel High School and is presently a sophomore at North Texas State University in Denton.

Jenkins, a graduate of Lake Dallas High School, attended Tarrant County Junior College and is now employed by Gentry's Paint and Body Shop in Denton.

Wedding will be June 2 in the First Baptist Church, Merkel.

Schools Take Survey

The Merkel Public Schools is now in process of taking a family survey.

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NTIAC Bonneville 4 door also, air & power, goldom Taylor and Callahan Counties have joined themselves together in a cooperative effort to help children who have some special problem that may keep them from learning normally—with other children in a regular conventional classroom. It will be important that the school, have information on how many three, year old and four year old children there may be in the school district that plans may be made at least through 1975-76. Plans for the cooperative program will make it important to know what types of occupations are filled by the parents of the children attending school.

Survey materials have been sent home by children who are now attending school at Merkel. These should be completed and sent back to the teacher or principal. Other families do not have children in school. It is important that these parents call Leon Walker, principal of the Merkel Elementary School, and give him information regarding the school survey.

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Letters to the Editor...



To School Patrons and Friends of The Tye and Merkel School:

I am writing in behalf of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce, interested patrons of the Merkel schools, and for all those people interested in helping maintain a school of the first class in the Merkel-Tye area. We want to take this opportunity to greet each of you individually and to let each of you know that we have appreciated the opportunity which we have had working with your boys and girls during the past several years, and we truly hope that you will continue to be one of us in the future. Yours boys and girls are regarded by the Merkel faculty as being an important part of the Merkel-Tye school system including athletics and academic activities.

We are now facing an important decision, the consolidation of our two school districts. This is the first planned step leading to a possible school system of some 1500 students within a short period of time. The plans involve using the Tye School as one of the elementary schools of the system. Your buildings are in excellent condition and can be maintained economically. As Tye grows, additions to the buildings can be made as needed. If we combine our schools, we will be able to offer a course of study which will interest the boys and girls, and at the same time offer many electives. One phase of our program, our counselor service, is becoming more and more important. We plan to expand this program next year. This will allow us to give more help to the Tye school children. There are plans to add additional courses in the near future offering courses which would enable the students to become efficient in some particular

trade. Some of our graduates may not be interested in attending liberal arts colleges, but all would be interested in those courses which prepare them for some field of work. To give you an idea of one phase of our program, the vocational carpentry courses involve building houses. If you would be interested, we would be happy for you to visit and observe a class in actual operation some afternoon. The boys are now constructing a three-bedroom house.

Another important factor to take into consideration has to do with the financial status of the district. If the ratio debt of a district compared to its valuations approximate 5 per cent, it is considered to be an average condition. If it goes above 5 per cent, its financial condition becomes weaker. If it falls below 5 per cent, the condition grows stronger. Our ratio is less than 1 1/2 per cent which is rated excellent by bonding companies. This makes our bonds salable at low interest rates.

A comparison of school taxes will show that the costs are lower in the Merkel School District than in another school district being considered.

Another important factor for consideration has to do with the academic rating of the school. We are happy to report that our schools, the high school and elementary schools, are members of the Southern Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges, the highest rating a school system can have in the public schools of Texas. This means that our standards must meet the requirements of both the Texas Education Agency and the Southern Association. We are proud of this rating for we know fully qualified

teachers are working with our boys and girls.

In addition to our conventional and vocational curriculums, we have been approved for additional Special Education courses. We are the fiscal agent, outside of Abilene, for Callahan and Taylor counties. This field will include programs to help students with language difficulties, speech defects including therapy, physically handicapped, emotionally retarded, reading difficulties, etc. Our cooperative program will involve 15-18 teachers and supervisors, plus supporting staff as needed. We have great hopes for this program.

With Tye and Merkel pooling their strengths, we will be able to take advantage of more programs involving state aid. Our combined strength will also be increased by the addition of a sizeable area of the Noodle-Horn School District.

Recognizing the value of our present school system, and also, recognizing how much more effective it could be by Merkel and Tye combining their programs, we earnestly hope that you will see fit to vote for consolidating Merkel and Tye districts on April 7.

Thanking you for taking time to read this lengthy letter, I am

Sincerely yours,
Benny Melton, Manager
Merkel Chamber of Commerce

Brownie News

By LOYCE BAKER

Tuesday, March 20, the Brownies and their mothers were invited to a roller skating party at Sweetwater. They used the money earned from the cookie sales to pay their way in. The girls enjoyed skating for two hours.

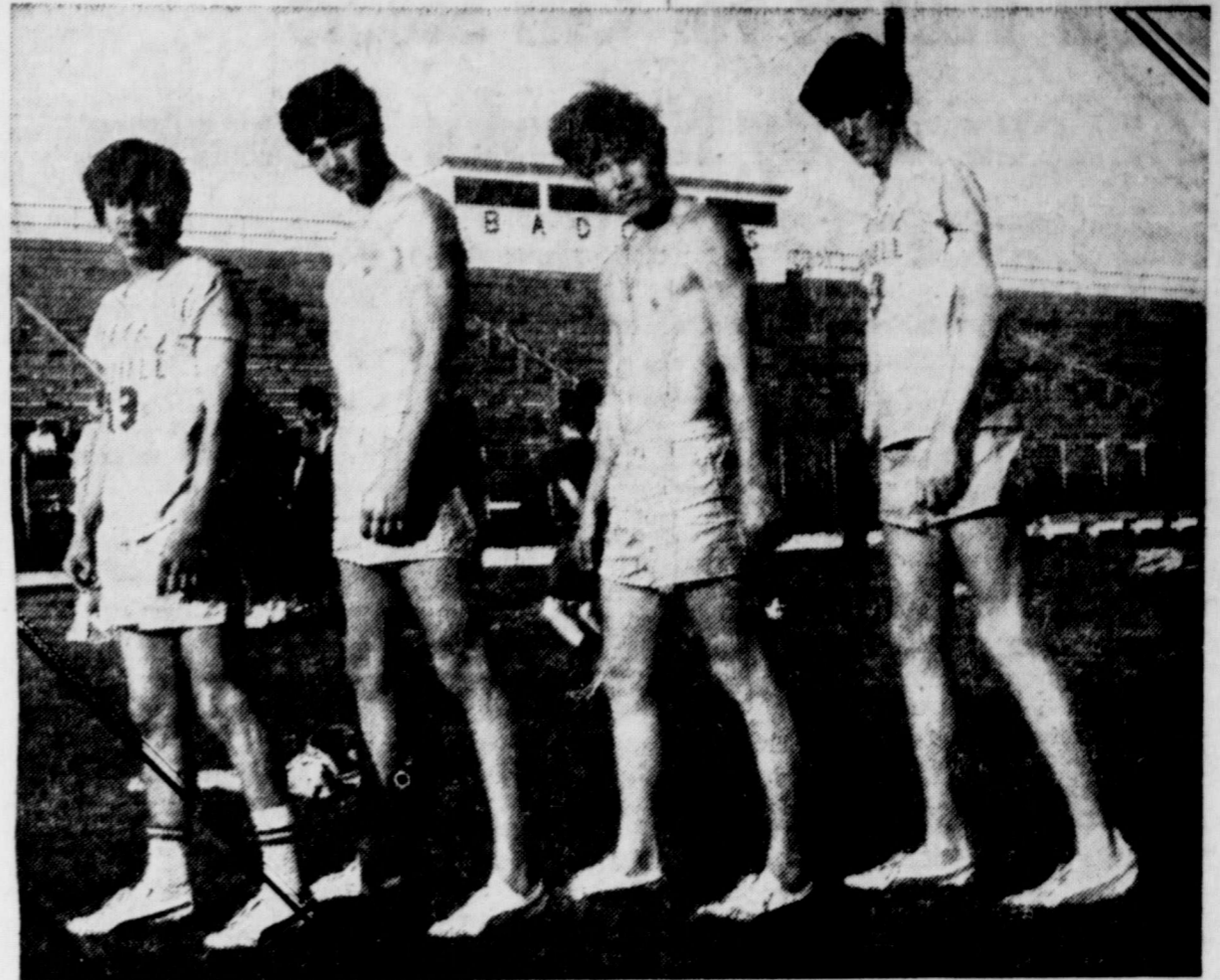
After members got through skating they went to the city park and ate a picnic supper.

2nd Annual Tasting Tea

Saturday, March 24, the Lambda Beta chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held its second annual Tasting Tea in the Masonic Hall in downtown Merkel.

Eighty-five guests from Merkel, Abilene, & Anson enjoyed tasting 15 main dishes and 25 appetizers, vegetables, salads, desserts, breads and punches. Decorations carried out a spring theme with spring artificial arrangements furnished by Ann's Flowers. Cookbooks were on sale at the Tea. The 66 page book 'Steps to Queenly Cooking' contains recipes of all dishes prepared for the Tea plus other favorites of the Lambda Beta members. A few cookbooks are still available. Cost of the book is \$1.00. Cookbooks can be obtained by calling Darla Mawson 8-5661; Minyon Seymour, 8-5505 or Connie Harris at the Merkel Mail.

"Lambda Beta wishes to thank all who attended. We were very pleased to see as many men attending this year," said Darla Mawson, president.



MERKEL HIGH SCHOOL MILE RELAY TEAM members came in third in Saturday's meet at Albany are, from left to right, Albert Costillo, Larry Toliver, Steve West and Darel Bunch. (Photo by LaVonne Bunch)

BADGER TRACKS

By STEVE WALKER

Last week was a good week for our track teams. Both boys and girls were out of town for track meets. The girls came up with a very good show as they came out 11th out of 22 schools. Their meet was at Knox City. The boys attended the Albany meet and came out 10th out of 18 schools. The girls will meet in Anson on Friday for another track meet.

Report cards were handed out last Wednesday. The school seemed a little quieter than usual and it wasn't from being over excited.

We will be meeting in an all school assembly Friday morning Dave Workman, a popular musician, humorist and television star will present a program of sensational musical variety including the world famous collection of swiss bells, cow bells, sleigh bells and swiss marimba. It will be a very educational program.

The district meet is the topic of the students this week as 3

teams compete for district and bi-district. The boys will compete for the number one spot in track Saturday at Anson. They have a good team this year and we wish them alot of luck. The girls volleyball team will leave for Anson to capture bi-district championship. They will play Corwell.

Also, MHS UIL drama team will leave Monday and Tuesday afternoon for the annual one-act play.



Stith News

By MRS. FRITZ HALE

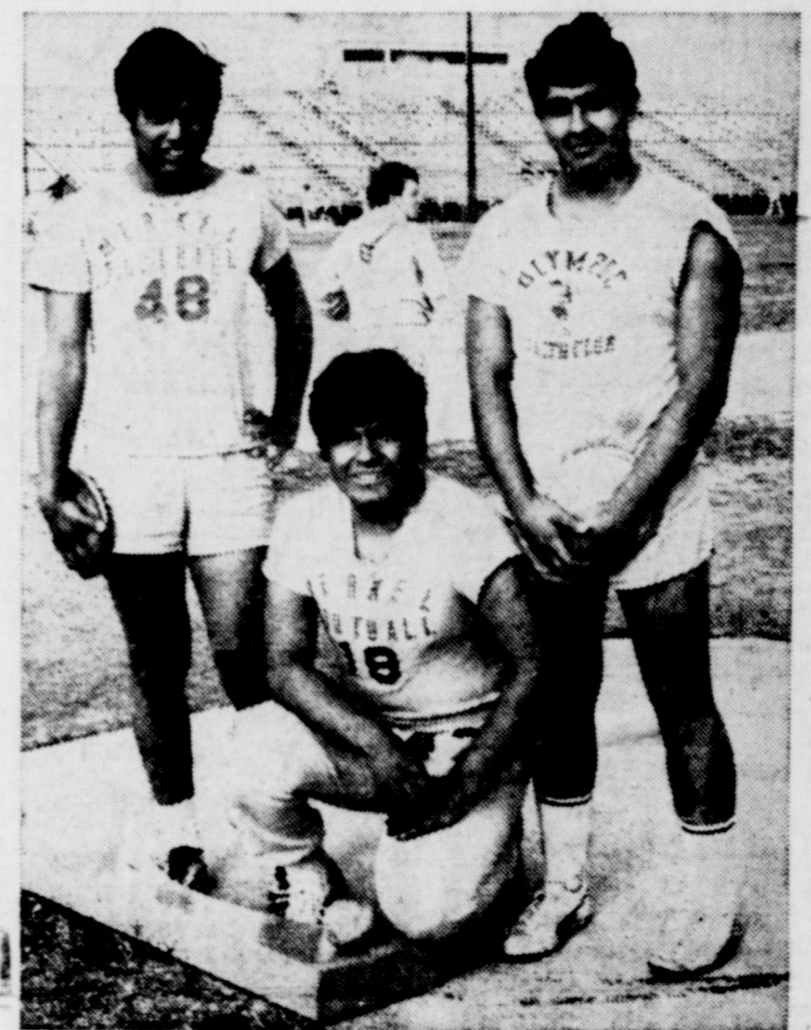
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley and Mr. and Mrs. J. F. McDonald visited Mrs. Tom Busby at the Leisure Lodge at Anson Sunday afternoon.

Becky and Angie Kimbell of Merkel spent Sunday with Debbie Hobbs.

Mr. and Mrs. Benny Hobbs and son, Ronny and Mike Hudman visited the James Fulbright home in Abilene Sunday afternoon.

Ruby Reddin and Sam Burns spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Burns and Mamie Hardin. David Hale of Sheppard Field AFB, Wichita Falls Tex. and his wife, LeeAnn spent the weekend with his father, Charles Hale and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hale. Lee Ann remained for a longer visit with the Hales.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Shaw of Gainesville spent the weekend with his mother, Mrs. Mattie Shaw and his sister, Mrs. Royce Mashburn of Greenfield, Mass., who is visiting her mother.



MEMBERS OF THE MHS TRACK TEAM will compete in District competition Saturday will be Paul Duran, Mendez Moreno and Junior Ascencio. The boys will compete in the discus and shot put events. (Photo by LaVonne Bunch)

Badgers Track News

By LAVONNE BUNCH

The Merkel Badgers collected enough points to place second in Division I, in the Red Dog Relays, hosted by 1st place winner Ranger, Saturday, Mar. 17.

Whether it was the Luck or the Irish or not, Darel Bunch made his first attempt at the 880 yd. run and set a brand new stadium record of 2:04.8.

The sun blistered team came home with a second in the mile relay and the 440 relay.

Jeff Cox gained 3rd in the 220, 4th in the 100 yd. dash. Rudy Costillo hustled to 3rd

place in the mile run. Albert Costillo had a 3rd shot in the 880.

Merkel's Purple and Gold cleared the high jump bar — Derrell Riggins 3rd, Johnny Gray 4th, Kenny Stewart 6th. Pole Vault — Darel Bunch 4th, John Frazier 5th.

Paul Duran gathered points as he hurled the discus to 5th place and the shot to a 6th spot.

Andy Hart, injured during football, sitting out basketball season, placed 6th in the 440 run.

According to Coach Jerry Jones, Roby and Lubbock Christian High will be hosted by Merkel in Thursday's Tri-meet. Saturday, the Badgers will travel to the Albany Invitational Events.

Saturday, March 24, against the weather played havoc with track and pits being saturated with cold blowing rain most of the day. According to Coach Jerry Jones, "We've had one good day for a track meet thus far in the season. I believe our boys could make some real good showings if the weather would cooperate."

Rudy Costillo ran 3rd in the mile.

Merkel's mile relay team came in 3rd; Freshman Doug Hutchings ran ailing Steve West's usual quarter. The team includes West, Albert Costillo, Larry Toliver and Darel Bunch.

Bunch sliced 3.1 seconds off his 880 run for a 2:01.5 time and a blue ribbon in the event. He rated as top half-miler in the all-area box.

Coach Jones says, "We're looking forward to Saturday's District meet at Snyder. Our boys are ready for the stiff competition there and we're to bring home some weather permitting."

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"Special events like Texas Industry Week go a long way toward making new manufacturers feel welcome and have a significant effect on attracting new industry to the state, Chester Wine of Corpus Christi, chairman of the Texas Industrial Commission, said.

In recent years, Texas has grown from a predominately rural society to one with a booming industrial growth record. Last year a near record total of 355 new industrial firms moved to the state, only 56 short of the 1969 total of 411 which made Texas the nation's leader in industrial growth.

"We can look with pride at our achievement, but we can-

not rest on our laurels and expect to find a bed of roses in the future," Wine said. "Specific programs developed in recent years will give us the vehicle for future industrial growth, but only through our own initiative and hard work can we assure the continuation of this healthy growth."

Junior Scouts

By LUPE ORTEGA

March 22 was fun for the Junior girls. The Girl Scouts went skating at the "Roller Rama" at Sweetwater.

They left at 3:30 and got there around 4:00. They got to skate for two hours. They left from the skating rink and went to the park at Sweetwater. They arrived home around 7:30.

The Girl Scouts would like to say thank you to everybody for buying the Girl Scout Cookies. If the people hadn't bought the cookies we wouldn't have had such an enjoyable trip.

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New Vaccine For Calf Scours Announced By Nebraska Laboratory

A new vaccine for the prevention of reovirus calf scours has been announced by Norden Laboratories of Lincoln, Nebraska. The vaccine, trade-name Scourvax-Reo, was jointly developed by Norden and the University of Nebraska, and is now available through the veterinary profession. Scourvax-Reo prevents the early, or neonatal, form of calf scours that University scientists found to be caused by a reovirus agent. The vaccine is given in an oral 4.9 ml. dose, and is most effective if administered to the calf as soon as possible after birth.

After lengthy research, the University of Nebraska scientists isolated a specific viral agent, now identified as a reovirus, that causes calf scours. They found that the reovirus destroys the cells that line the intestine, thus producing the diarrhetic condition. Bacteria present in the gut, primarily the E. coli organism, can then penetrate the damaged intestine and enter the bloodstream, increasing the

severity of the disease. During their experimentation the University scientists discovered a second viral causative agent of calf scours — a coronavirus — which produces diarrhea in slightly older calves, usually 5 days to 6 weeks of age. Although Scourvax-Reo is the first commercial product resulting from the calf scours research, the coronavirus is the subject of continuing study by both the University of Nebraska and Norden Laboratories.

After the reovirus was isolated, the University developed an experimental vaccine that successfully protected calves from reovirus infection. Norden refined the experimental vaccine by producing it in desiccated, or freeze dried, form for maximum stability and by greatly increasing its potency. As a safety precaution, the modified live vaccine virus was propagated on an established bovine cell line that was thoroughly evaluated for freedom from contaminating agents. The results was a vac-

cine of great dependability and safety.

During the field trials for Scourvax-Reo, the incidence of scours from all causes was reduced from 50 per cent to 16.1 per cent in vaccinated herds, and the death loss dropped from 9 per cent to 1.2 per cent in the same herds. The 20,000-dose field trial administered by Norden to 56 beef and dairy herds in 14 states is thought to be the largest ever conducted for a bovine vaccine.

A survey of an independent group of cattle owners indicates that the cost of treating a scouring calf is \$30 per head, while a dead calf conservatively represents a \$90 loss to its owner. The cost of Scourvax-Reo to herd owners will be about \$1.50 per dose. Based on these figures, the expense of a vaccination program with Scourvax-Reo would be offset by preventing reovirus scours in only a few calves. Expectations based on the field trial, however, are that the vaccine will greatly reduce the incidence of the disease.

U.S.D.A. licensing of Scourvax-Reo was granted following thorough testing and evaluation of the vaccine. Scourvax-Reo is now available and in most cases can be obtained overnight by veterinarians from their respective Norden branch offices.

Editorial

There is pending before the House and Senate of the Texas Legislature a bill titled 'Habitual Traffic Offenders Act'. The bill calls for any person with four traffic violations of a serious nature within a five year period to have their license revoked. The bills are sponsored by Sen. Traeger and Rep. Lombardino.

Passed offenses would not count under this bill. A person would be classified as an Habitual Offender if convicted of four of the following violations: negligent homicide from the operation of a motor vehicle; driving while under the influence of drugs or alcohol; driving while license is suspended or without a license; failure to stop and render aid and disclose his identity at the scene of an accident in which he is involved; perjury committed in a prosecution for a violation of a motor vehicle law; or a felony involving use of a motor vehicle.

Five years from date of conviction as an habitual traffic offender, a person could petition the court where he was convicted, for restoration of his right to apply for a new driver's license.

Fifteen other states have statutes covering Habitual Offenders. Many others are considering passing this kind of bill.

Every Texan has a vital interest in this act. Persons who continually violate the traffic laws of our state, show no regard for the safety of others, and caused untold property damage should be denied the right to drive on our highways. According to the Department of Public Safety, there are 10,000 persons driving on Texas streets and highways today that would qualify as Habitual Traffic Offenders, had this law been in effect for several years.

Another benefit should be the reduction of car insurance rates.

Gov. Dolph Briscoe has sent a special message to the Legislature requesting the passage of such an act.

Everyone should urge their representatives in the Legislature to pass this bill. It could very well be you or your children that are killed or crippled for life due to the negligence of a person that has no business operating a motor vehicle on our streets and highways.

FARMCAST

By John C. White
Commissioner of Agriculture

Texas continued its number seven ranking in the nation in broiler production during 1972. In recent weeks, broilers have become more popular than ever and prices to producers and at the retail level have shown dramatic changes.

Prices have increased as much as 10 cents per pound during recent weeks, a situation never before heard of in the broiler industry.

The value of the 1973 broiler segment of the state's agriculture industry should be considerably higher than in 1972.

Average price received by broiler producers in 1972 was only 14.2 cents per pound. Gross income from broiler production during this past year amounted to \$93,790,000. This is about \$5,000,000 higher than during 1971.

Total production in Texas during 1972 was 187,441,000. This is seven per cent above a year

ago, but two per cent below the record of 1970. Weekly placements of broilers during 1972 ranged from a high of about 4,000,000 to a low of 2,000,000.

Although broiler prices to producers have increased substantially, production costs have skyrocketed. Costs of feed have more than doubled in many instances.

Nationwide, broiler production during 1972 in 22 key states which produce 97 per cent of the nation's broilers, showed an increase of five per cent.

Broiler prices to consumers are now at about the levels of 20 years ago. Until recently, the retail price of broilers has been 15 to 20 cents per pound under prices paid by consumer 20 years ago.

IF YOU like onions, you'll be happy to know that this year's onion crop in the Rio Grande Valley is estimated now to be five per cent above last year's crop. Yield per acre is down this year due to weather conditions.

The South Texas spring onion crop has been delayed two weeks because of the weather conditions. In the Lower Rio Grande Valley where the majority of the crop is planted, adverse weather conditions have prevailed since Christmas.

WEATHER continues to delay other crop production too. Cantaloupes will be a month later than normal in South Texas; the same is true for watermelons. Citrus harvest, which usually is concluded in South Texas in April, is expected to continue into June.

TEXAS, naturally, retains its leadership as the nation's top beef cattle feeding state. There are 2,184,000 head of cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in Texas as of March 1. This is 18 per cent above a year ago, but one per cent below a month ago.

Placements into Texas feedlots during February totaled 341,000 head, which is 13 per cent above February of last year but four per cent below marketings for January. Nationwide, in the seven major cattle feeding states — Texas, Arizona, California, Colorado, Iowa, Nebraska and Kansas — there were 9,698,000 head on feed, a four per cent decrease from a month ago, but eight per cent more than a year ago. Iowa is closing in on Texas; it has 2,018,000 head of cattle and calves on feed.

MILK production in Texas during February was down five per cent below 1972 and 10 per cent below the previous month's production. Nationwide, milk production also showed a decline of four per cent compared to a year ago.

Eric Anderson Rites Held Last Thursday

Justice of the Peace H. R. Buchanan of Merkel has ruled death by self-inflicted gunshot wound in the death of Eric V. Anderson, 76, a retired carpenter, who was found in his truck Thursday, March 22, at 4:30 p.m.

A .22 rifle was found in the truck at Anderson's side, according to Merkel Police Chief Boyd Baker.

Mr. Anderson was taken to Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene, where he was pronounced dead on arrival.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Starbuck Funeral Home Chapel.

Rev. Kenneth Jones of the First Baptist Church in Merkel officiated, with burial in Rosehill Cemetery under the direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born Aug. 19, 1896, in De Berry, he married Marifrances Mason on June 19, 1933, in Carlsbad, N.M. They moved to Del Rio in 1933, where they ranched before moving to Merkel in 1953.

Survivors include his wife of the home; one daughter, Mrs. Carl (Lane) McKeeber of Roland Heights, Calif.; two sisters, Mrs. William Pillar of Hallettsville and Christine Anderson of San Angelo; and three grandchildren.



Bob Leamon Jr. On Honor List

Robert J. Leamon, Jr., son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. David Gamble, has been congratulated by Sinclair Black, Acting Dean of the School of Architecture on his grade point average of 3.4 for the fall semester which qualifies him for the High Honors List.

Leamon is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Leamon Sr. of Imperial, Calif. and the nephew of W. H. Leamon of Merkel.

Mrs. Robert (Bronwyn) Leamon, Jr. is teaching in the Child Development Center, The Windsor School of Austin.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Ronald William Bratt, 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 30th day of April A.D. 1973, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court,

on the 19th day of March A. D. 1973, in the cause, numbered 7931 on the docket of said court and styled Ex Parte Joseph Kenneth Bratt, A Minor Child.

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 19th day of March A.D. 1973.

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

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TO: Keith Lewis Carter, Sr. Defendant, GREETING:

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filed in said court, on the 13th day of March A.D. 1973, in this cause, numbered 12,287-B on the docket of said court and styled In Re: Keith Lewis Carter, Jr.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: change of name as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 19th day of March A.D. 1973.

(SEAL)
Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD
Clerk, 104th District Court, Taylor County, Texas
By Marie Gill, Deputy 4-4c

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TO: Danny Robinson, Defendant, Greeting:

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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.

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VD had become an epidemic, as literally millions of Americans and thousands of Texans contracted the disease. Health authorities, who had been quietly attacking this public health problem for years, began to focus some of their energies on public awareness — education and information. They hoped to bring the disease out into the open so it could be treated for what it is — a serious communicable disease now occurring in epidemic proportions.

Until recently, VD patients were treated by society as social outcasts. The social stigma at-

tached to these diseases prevented people from seeking education about the prevention or treatment of VD. Thus, the chain of transmission was almost impossible to break, for many individuals were unaware of the symptoms and dangers of VD. For every case brought to the attention of health authorities, four more cases were occurring but not brought to treatment.

Now, the tide may have begun to turn. The Texas State Department of Health reported a 27 per cent decrease in the occurrence of infectious syphilis statewide in 1972. Gonorrhea showed a 14 per cent increase. To combat this continued increase, a massive new gonorrhea screening program was launched by the State Health Department just last year. Still, gonorrhea is striking four new victims in Texas every minute.

As part of their efforts to bring the untreated, previously undiagnosed, or asymptomatic cases of syphilis and gonorrhea to treatment, state health authorities have launched a "VD Awareness Campaign" aimed at reaching the target population and educating the general public. Hopefully, such an effort will motivate individuals who think they may have been exposed to VD to contact their private physician or local Public Health Department clinic for early diagnosis and treatment. The educational aspects of the campaign will try to bring the disease "out of the woods" and into the realm of present day reality. It will also apprise the public of the seriousness of the disease as a health problem, that there are ways to prevent VD, and of the need to seek immediate treatment upon suspected contact.

April, 1973, has been set aside as "VD Awareness Month" in

Texas in an effort to focus public attention on the syphilis and gonorrhea problem in the State. The Texas Medical Association, Texas Pharmaceutical Association, and Texas State Department of Health have joined hands in coordinating several "awareness" events during April.

The campaign will include the use of posters inside buses of municipal transit systems, billboards along major highways and in metropolitan areas, "symptom" stickers for use in public restrooms, TV and radio public service spot announcements, a series of 12 full-page newspaper public service "awareness" ads that the State Health Department is trying to get the cooperation of local newspapers throughout the state to run, a series of posters for use in schools and in public locations, and detailed information made available to local mass media for development of their own news stories and programming.

Governor Dolph Briscoe has thrown his support to the effort by designating the month of April, 1973, as "VD Awareness Month." Mayors and county commissioners are being urged to join in the effort at least to the point of adopting local proclamations and calling attention to local efforts.

Texas certainly does have a VD problem, along with the other 49 states in the nation. In 1972, the total number of cases of gonorrhea officially reported in the state climbed to 57,247 cases. Syphilis showed a slight drop but still totaled 5,519 cases. But these figures tell only part of the story. Experience shows that only about one in five cases is actually reported to health officials.

In 1972, in the United States the number of reported gonorrhea cases exceeded 755,615, according to the U.S. Public Health Service. Some 95,997 cases of syphilis were recorded.

In this country it is estimated that there are a half-million people with syphilis who don't even know they have it. Health authorities say from two to six million cases of gonorrhea actually occurred last year. Of these, it is estimated that some 250,000 occurred in the State of Texas.

In its public awareness campaign, the State Health Department is striving to make the extent of the problem clear to everyone, along with the knowledge that VD can happen to anyone. Secondly, the campaign is emphasizing the method of transmission — from one infected person to another person through close, intimate sexual contact. And, thirdly, it is stressing the necessity for immediate treatment should disease symptoms appear.



More than 64,000 Future Homemakers of America in Texas are celebrating National FHA Week, April 1-7, 1973. The theme of FHA Week is EXPLORE ROLES - EXTEND GOALS. Activities are designed to show that Future Homemakers of America members are interested in exploring the multiple roles individuals play in family, community, and career life.

Future Homemakers Will Hold National FHA Week

The Texas Association of Future Homemakers of America will observe National FHA Week, April 1 through 7. Focusing on the theme Explore Roles - Extend Goals, they join half-a-million other members throughout the country in exploring the multiple roles individuals play in family, community and career life.

The results of their efforts are active involvement in home, civic and school projects, growth in individual leadership, team work experience and vocational orientation.

For more than a quarter of a century, the organization through its FHA and HERO-FHA chapters has provided worthwhile experiences which have helped young men and women prepare for the important responsibilities of their future as parents and adult citizens.

Paula Julian, President of the Texas FHA State Association explained why there is a National FHA Week. "We observe National FHA Week," she said, "because we are proud of our organization and wish to develop a public consciousness of some of the values we gain from membership."

"During this week we have an opportunity to express our appreciation to our advisors, parents, school, and community for helping the organization move forward. Because the organization is integrated into the home economics classroom work, it makes learning mean something tangible and affords us many opportunities to make a direct contribution to society. It plays an effective role in the educational system by keeping us involved in activities that benefit us not only as individuals but as family and community members. In other words, the organization of Future Home-

makers of America serves as a bridge between the classroom, the home and the community and is the key for developing the potential of each individual member for a productive life in our society."

FHA was founded June 11, 1945, as an incorporated, non-profit organization supported by membership dues.

Essie Floyd Funeral Held

Essie Mae Floyd, 80, native of Taylor County died at 11 p.m. Friday at her home after a long illness. Funeral was held at 3 p.m. Sunday in the United Methodist Church.

The Rev. Russell McAnally, pastor, officiated and the Rev. N. S. Daniels, associate pastor assisted. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery under direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Miss Floyd was born April 20, 1893 in Abilene. She had lived in Taylor County all her life.

Survivors are five brothers, Bowie H., Louis B., Price R., and Hollis, all of Merkel, and Hall C. of Abilene; two sisters, Mrs. Dewey F. Garmany and Miss Lillian Floyd, both of Merkel; and several nieces and nephews.

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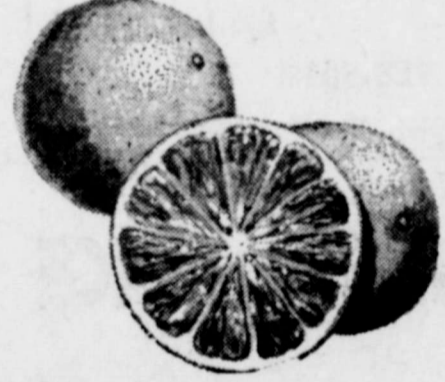


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