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MARK CLEMMER was presented the Agriculture Award at the All-Awards Banquet last Saturday night. Son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Clemmer, Mark was cited for his work in feeding lambs, and winning state on judging teams. Mark plans to attend Texas A&M University.



1st Awards Banquet Honors MHS Students

first annual All Awards Banquet Saturday night, April 28, at Barton Cafeteria in Abilene. A large crowd of students teachers and school administrators were present for the affair. Also attending the banquet were several members of the Merkel School

Master of Ceremonies for the banquet was Merkel High School Principal Travis Davis. Davis pointed out that the banquet was designed to recognize every student that has been active in Merkel High. "I was very pleased with the banquet as I feel that a lot of deserving students were recognized for their achievements that do not normally get the recognition they deserve," Davis said.

Davis called on various faculty members to present the different awards.

Students recognized were: Band-Patsy Button, Band

Captain: Dennis James, 2nd Lieutenant; and Steve Teaff, 1st Band Lieutenant.

Twirlers-Kathryn Murrell,

Christi Boone, and Janie Clark.

Drum Major-Chris Childers. Rodeo Club-Bobby Barnes, president; Lesli Reddin, vice president; Rufus Welch, secretary; Clndy Whisenhunt, registrar; Mark Clemmer, parlimentarian; and Cindy Whisenhunt, sweetheart.

Library Club-Linda Black, president.

National Honor Society-Sue Castille, Don Clyburn, Mary Beth Boyd, Glenda Tuckey, Linda Black, and Patsy Button.

Drama-Albert Castillo, president; Tonja McAninch, vice president; Marsha Thompson, secretary; and Liz Corley, re-Future Homemakers-Linda

Black, president; Tonja Mc-Aninch, vice president; Liz Corley, secretary; Sherry Bratcher, treasurer; Mary Beth Boyd, degree chairman; Janie Clark, song leader; Patsy Button, parliamentarian; Roseann Noster, historian; and Jerrie Stephan, reporter.

Cheerleaders - Linda Black,

Merkel High School held its Patsy Button, Kathy Hendricks, Tonja McAninch, Anna Hughes, and Becky Acuna.

> Pep Squad-Sharla Dean, president; Debbie Fincher, secretary; Ofelia Costillio, reporter; and Liz Corely, treasurer.

> Future Farmers of America-Andy Stephan, president; Leslie Reddin, vice president; Steve Gentry, secretary; David Robertson, treasurer; and Steve Cochran, reporter.

> UIL Events-Prose Reading, Steve Walker, 1st regional; Poetry Reading, Neilon Ely, 1st regional; Prose Reading, Tonja McAninch, 2nd regional. Play-'Androcles and the Lion,' 2nd in district-Neilon Ely, best actor; Tonja McAninch, all star cast; members of cast - Linda Black, Neilon Ely, Tonja Mc-Aninch. Anna Hughes, Terry Reed, Ronnie Sanford, Danny Higgins, Jimmy Land, Steve

Walker, and Andy Hart. Speech and Drama-Neilon Ely and Tonja McAninch. Mathematics-Ronnie Sanford

and Tonja Crenshaw. Science-Jeff Cox and Becky

Band-Steve Walker and Pat-

Santee.

Business-Jeff Cox and Kathy Cypert.

Social Studies-Beverly Gilmore and Don Clyburn.

Home Economics-Debbie

Physical Education-Steve Castille and Sue Castille.

Athletics—Steve Teaff and Patsy Button. Vocational Trades-Mark

Clemmer. Agriculture-Mark Clemmer. English-Don Clyburn and Patsy Button.

Foreign Language-Paul Dur-

Citizenship—Albert Castillo

and Linda Black.

Also introduced at the banquet were the class officers of each of the four grades. They are: Senior Class - Dennis James, president; Albert Castillo, vice president; Mary Beth Boyd, secretary; and Liz Corley, business manager. Junior Class - Jeff Cox, president; Steve Donaldson, vice president; Tonja Mc-Aninch, secretary; and Susan

Donaldson, business manager. See AWARDS, Page 4

Merkel Country Club Sold, Major Expansion Planned

Construction Underway

Joe Babits, manager of the Hilton Inn in Abilene, has purchased the Merkel Country Club from Bill Wood, effective as of April 21. The sale includes the club house and the 9-hole golf

A \$50,000 expansion and remodeling program is currently under way, with another \$50,-000 to be spent by January of next year, according to Babits.

Plans call for the first phase of the construction to include a golfers lounge, pro shop, dining area, and swimming pool.

The schedule calls for the club to be open June 1. Construction will start by Friday on the 20 x 45 foot swimming pool and diving board. Planned in connection with the pool is a new building housing lockers, showers, and a concession stand to be open during summer months for the convenience of swim-

Gerry Magee, of Abilene, has been named general manager of the Club. He and his family will reside in Merkel. The Magee's

T-Shirt Coordinator is Jimmy

Managers for each team are:

Calvin Wolf and Jimmy Lev-

erich, Braves; Billy Lucas and

Pat Williams, Eagles; Roy

Kimbrell and Billy Patton,

Yankees and Felix Boyd and

Elton Freeman, the Mustangs.

teams are: Braves - Lambda

Beta, Beta Sigma Phi; Eagles-

First Baptist Church; Yankees

-Merkel Drug; and Mustangs-

BRAVES-Ricky Biera, Joe

Ortega, Randy Leverich, Kyle

Wolf, Ronnie Williams, Billy

McKeehan, Jerry Jowers, Carl

EAGLES-Steven Waldon,

Jeffery King, Russell Lucas,

Scotty Alves, Billy Williams,

Mike Hagar, Jeff Scott, Donan

Justis, Michael Tutt and Donald

YANKEES-Scott Adair, Stev-

en Davis, Tommy Hays, Howard

Battreal, Jay Gibson, Wayne

Horton, David Vinson, Rusty

MUSTANGS-Brooks Boyd.

Tim Brady, Calvin Cooley, Craig

Cooley, James Freeman II, Ed-

dy Harris, Chris Mashburn and

Toney, and Jerry Miller.

Carlton Kincade.

Wilson's Food Store.

includes:

Players for each

Jowers, and Mike Pape.

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have three children, a son, 14 and two daughters, 12 and 8. Two tennis courts will be built for club members with con-

struction to be completed by the end of summer. "We plan to build another 9 holes for the golf course if volume warrants it," Babits said. "By the end of January we will have the facilities to water the present fairways, which will be a big improvement for the golf course," Babits continued.

A private club, the 'Merkel Country Club 10th Hole', will be operated in conjunction with the Country Club.

There are presently 72 charter members of the club. New memberships will be \$125 yearly with no monthly dues. "Present members of the Country Club will continue to pay monthly if they wish," Babits

"We plan for the Country Club to have a family environment, with Special emphasis on good food," he said. Dining will be offered on weekends to club members and the general public. Live entertainment wiff also be offered on weekends.

"On our menu will be a spec ial dinner which consists of a tossed salad, shrimp cocktail (all you can eat), fried chicken, fish, scallops, deviled crab, baked potato, rolls and honey served family style on a big platter for \$5.50," Babits said. A Sunday buffet will also be offered.

"We have land adjoining the club and golf course that we hope to make available for homesites in the near future."

Babits and his wife. Arlene, moved to Abilene from Dallas where he was Catering and Convention Manager for the Adolphis Hotel. He has served in the same position with the Statler Hilton in Dallas. A native of New Jersey, Babits was stationed at Dyess Air Base in Abilene, where he recieved his discharge in 1965. The Babits have two daughters, Nancy, 5.

and Debi, 9 weeks.

T-Shirters to Begin Play on Saturday, May 5

Atkinson.

T-Shirt League will begin play Saturday, May 5, with the Yankees vs. Eagles at 6:15. The 8:00 p.m. game will pit the Mustangs against the Braves.

DATEBOOK

THURSDAY MAY 3

6:15-Kilowatts vs. Vets;

Braves vs. Supers

8:00-Bankers vs. Braves FRIDAY MAY 4 6:15-Vets vs. Willies; 8:00-

SATURDAY MAY 5 T-Shirt Seasons begins. 6:15-Yankees vs. Eagles; 8:00

Mustangs vs. Braves MONDAY MAY 7 Braves vs. Eagles, 6:15;

Yankees vs. Mustangs, 8:00. Senior Citizens will have their singing at 7:00 at the Senior Cit-

izen Building. Ladies Auxiliary to the Merkel Fire Dept. will have their regular meeting at 7:30 in the

TUESDAY MAY 8 Vets vs. Bahkers, 6:15; Kilowatts vs. Braves, 6:00.

meeting room of the fire station.

Merkel Garden Club Has Large Crowd At Annual Spring Flower Show Sat.

The Mellinger Building in downtown Merkel was transformed into a garden of flowers as the Merkel Garden Club held its Annual Spring Flower Show last Saturday.

A large crowd turned out to inspect the beautiful arrangement and flowers that were on display. There were approximately 40 entries in the show.

Gin Gives **Donation To** Cemetery The Merkel Cemetery As-

sociation has received from Farmers Co-Operative Society No. 1 Merkel, Texas a check for \$500.00.

The Directors of the Cemetery Association, indeed all those people who are interested in the maintenance and up-keep of the Cemetery are most grateful to the gin for its continued

President Booth Warren and Secretary Fred Starbuck expressed the associations thanks to Joc C. Higgins and his as-

Winning first place in the Tri-Color division was Mrs. John Shannon. Her entry of Lillies and a Madonna, despicting our faith won the award for her. Mrs. W. L. Brown won first

place in creativity. Award of Merit was won by Mrs. R. M. Ferguson.

Mrs. Odis Griffin, club president, expressed her delight with the fine turnout for the show. "In view of the late freeze we had, I was particularly proud of the beautiful flowers. I didn't think there was this many flowers left," she said.

Other winning entries in the

ROUNDUP

A recent weekend visitor in the Ralph Miller Sr. home was Mattie T. Murray of Carson City, Nev., who flew in because of the illness of their father, B. B. Reynolds of Abilene.

Other homes she visited in were the Ray Reynolds Sr. and Ila Mae McLean.

Mr. Reynolds is improved at this writing and at home at the Windsor Hotel in Abilene.

ARTISTIC DIVISION

Blue Ribbon Winners-Mmes. W. L. Brown (4), R. M. Ferguson (1), John Shannon (1), Harold Odum (1), Oda Clark (1) and Ora Griggs (1).

Red ribbons - Mmes. Oda Clark (4), John Shannon (1), W. L. Brown (1), Ora Griggs (1), Dee Grimes (1), Mack Fisher (1) and Johnny Cox (1).

Yellow ribbons - Miss Christine Collins and Mmes. R. M. Ferguson, Lottie Everett, Mary Russom, Ora Griggs and Odis

HORTICULTURE

Blue Ribbons - Mmes. R. M. Ferguson ((6), Allen King (5), Johany Cox (3), Ora Griggs (3), Earl Hughes (2) Odis Griffin (2), John Shannon (2), Mack Fisher (2), Oda Clark (1), Charlie Sherrill (1), Aaron Sudderth (1) and Miss Nora Foster

Red Ribbons - Miss Nora Foster (1), Mmes. R. M. Ferguson (1), Earl Hughes (1), Odis Griffin (1) and Oda Clark (2). Mrs. Oda Clark was Flower Show Chairman.

Judges were Mrs. Fred Newman and Mrs. Ernie Ledford, both of Clyde, and Mrs. Dwight



MRS. JOHN SHANNON won first place in the Tri-Color division with her entry of Lillies and Madonna portraying our faith. Merkel Garden Club held their annual Flower Show last Saturday.



MRS. W. L. BROWN is shown with her Creativity entry which won first place in the flower show sponsored by the Merkel Garden Club.

MENU SCHOOL

MONDAY

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FRIDAY

Hamburger, oven french fries, onions, pickles, lettuce, tomatoes, milk, peanut butter cake.

Missionette News

By SUSAN WHEELER

The Missionettes met Friday April 27 at the Assembly of God Church. Four or five songs were sang. We also practiced a play which will be held this Friday at 7:30 p.m. at the church. Everyone is invited to attend. Attending the meeting were Susie Davis, Susie and Benny Allgiaer, Oleta and Ray Walters, Betty Lindsey, Janet Wade,

Gwen Teaff, Jean Cypert, and

Pam and Susan Wheeler.

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MRS JUDD McREYNOLDS PRESENTED the Social Studies award to Beverly Gilmore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs, Loyd Gilmore.

Jr. Conference Track Meet

By Coach GEORGE MARTIN It was a fight to the last event in the boys division last

Saturday between Merkel and Wylie. Merkel was just onethird of a point ahead going into the 1320 Relay. Wylie won the Relay and the Jr. Badgers took second, thus giving the team trophy to Wylie.

This is the type of competition that has been going on all this school year with these boys and girls, and they just will not give up at all. The community of Merkel should be proud of our girls and boys and give them a pat on the back because they have really represented Merkel in every aspect this year. We would also like to thank all of the people who have helped us this year and say that it is encouraging to know that people still are interested as much in the boys and girls in our community.

BOYS DIVISION

440 Relay - 1. Merkel 50.3 Garland Childers, West, Larry Smith, Keith Aus-

660 Yd. Run - 1. Keith Wolf, 1:41.2; 2. Grant Murrell, 1:41.2. 100 Yd. Dash - 1. Keith Austerman, 11.0; 3. Garland Childers, 11.8; 4. Larry Smith, 12.0. 60 Yd. Dash - 1. Keith Austerman, 7.2; 3. Stanley West, 7.4; 5. Larry Smith, 7.5.

330 Yd. Dash - 2. Thomas Jones, 44.2; 5. Mark Steinert,

Shot Put - 3. Keith Austerman, 36'2": 4. Keith Wolf, 35'71/2". Long Jump - 4. Dana James,

Discus - 1. Larry Smith, 107'91/2"; 2. Keith Austerman,

High Jump - 4. Larry Smith, 4'10"; 4. Keith Wolf, 4'10". 1320 Relay - 2. Merkel, 2:58.0 (Stanley West, Keith Wolf, Garland Childers, Thomas

Points Scored: 53 and twothirds.

GIRLS DIVISION 440 Relay - 4. Merkel, 57.2 (Melinda Bowen, Rhonda

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880 Relay - 1. Merkel, 2:02.1 (Gayle Teaff, Retha Mattingly, Christie Fudge, Deborah White). 220 Yd. Dash - 1. Retha Mattingly, 29.2; 2. Melinda Bowen,

100 Yd. Dash - 5. Christie Fudge, 13.5.

60 Yd. Dash - 5. Deborah White, 8.3.

Long Jump - 5. Gayle Teaff, 13' 1-4". High Jump - 5. Teresa

Griffith, 4'2"; 6. Retha Mattingly, 4'2" Discus - 4. Patty Wood, 67'9". Triple Jump - 6. Gayle

Shot Put - 2. Melinda Bowen, 26'7"; 4. Freda Crenshaw,

25'334" Points scored - 27.

Girl Scout Round-Up

For the past 3 weeks the Brownies have been very busy making easter baskets from milk jars and having their egg hunt. There were several winners at the hunt. Rene Aiken won a chocolate rabbit for finding the most eggs, and Deneen Patton won a small chocolate bumny for finding her own personalized boiled egg first. There were several money prizes ranging from 25 cents down to 1 cent in plastic eggs, which they found.

Then last week they had a hand in learning to work with paper-mache. They made a little plaque from tree bark, flowwers and made paper-mache snakes and snails to trim them

The Junior Girls have been hiking; gathering wild flowers and learning to make wild flower notes from them with wax and saran paper and stationery. They are very unusual and cute. They had no meeting last week because of so many other school

activities going on. On Saturday, 'Keep America Beautiful Day', about 25 girl scouts, and boy scouts took part in this nationwide clean-up day by cleaning up in downtown Merkel and along interstate 20. These kids were treated to a hamburger, coke, chips, drink, and ice cream after 2 hours work. The merchants who donated to buy their food were: Crawfords, West Texas Utilities, Ben Franklin, Palmers, Barnetts, J.V. & Tessie's Snack Bar, Wilsons, Ann's Flower Shop, Starbucks, Norma's Beauty Shop, Merkel Drug, Farmers and Merchants Bank, Seymore Insurance, Toombs Real Estate, E. A. Conley Barber Shop, Sanduskys Feed Store, Ben Hicks Auto Supply, The Merkel Mail, Adcock Cleaners, Bullocks Hardware and Braggs Dept. Store.

The kids enjoyed all this and and thank these merchants. The money that was left was used to put in a new window & hailscreen wire on the girls end of the socut building. Everyone is invited to drive by and see our new windows which we are very proud of.

Farmers Union President Hails Loan Re-opening

and political pressure paid off ful in accomplishing the reopenfor farmers last week when the Farmers Home Administration announced the reopening of the Disaster Loan Program. Hundreds of farmers in over two hundred Texas counties who suffered crop losses as a result of a drouth between January 1 and June 19 of 1972 are now eligible to apply for the \$5,000 Disaster Loan at a low interest rate with a forgiveness provision.

Texas Farmers Union presidenth Jay Naman hailed the announcement of the program reopening as a "great victory for farmers." Naman

Cadette Heyday Held

On the weekend of April 14, 57 Cadette girl scouts and 9 adults camped out from Friday afternoon until Sunday, breaking camp at 12 noon. Troops were from Merkel, Abilene and one troop from Abilene State

Arriving at camp about 5:30, we unloaded gear and chose our camp area. Twenty girls and 2 leaders to each camp unit, and had free time until supper.

Our meals were eaten in the dining hall to save time and money except for Sunday morning breakfast. This meal of bacon and french toast was prepared on campfires in each unit with the scouts sharing the

Contests were held Friday night with loads of laughs. Things were determined such as who peeled a potato with the longest piece of peeling, who could drive nails faster, sack races, stilt races, cracker eating - (eat 3 crackers, then whistle — the first one to do this was the winner.) Each contestant represented a, person from the "town" such as the sheriff, Ma, Pa, school teacher, etc. Punkin Center won 1st.

Wide game of campass, lashing, knot tying and nature identification were participated in. Each group of girls spent one hour at each station. Also they took turns guiding the Brownie scouts. Over 300 brownies visited the camp that Saturday.

Oh yes! We began our day Saturday with a nature hike at 6:30 a.m.

Attending from Merkel were Tammy Marin, Mary Roeder and Peggy Helmer. Mrs. Boyd Baker attended with the girls.

In Fiscal Year 1972, there were 11,040 veterans and servicemen who pursued training under the G.I. Bill in approved foreign institutions of higher learing, the VA reports. A list of approved foreign schools and other information is available from any VA regional office.

Protest petitions, court action, said that farmers were successing of the important program because of their organized efforts using political pressure and court action. "Hundreds of family farmers who were stricken by disaster last year will now have a new lease on life and will be able to get the fi-

nancing that they need to con-

tinue farming," Naman said.

"Farmers Union never gave up when President Nixon announced the cancellation of the Disaster Loan Program. Texas farmers organized petition campaigns to show the Administration and members of Congress the need to restore the program. Minnesota Farmers Union coordinated successful legal action that was brought by a group of farmers in that state against the Secretary of Home Administration officials. The court action plus the organized political effort of farmers was responsible for the restoration of the Disaster Loan Program.

We urge that all farmers eligible for a disaster loan make application at their county Farmers Home Administration office before the May 8 deadline. We want to be sure that all farmers who suffered losses from disaster circumstances to take advantage of the gram," Naman said.

According to Veterans Administration estimates, there are about 74,900 American Indians among the nation's veterans population, who receive for various benefits some \$15 million

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Monbers of the Fortnightly Study Club met in the home of Mrs. Johnny Cox on April 24. The Texas Scene furnished background for the program. Mrs. Charles Eager gave a backward look at "The Cotton Palace" in Waco Texas. "A Heritage Museum Thrives in the Heart of Big Thicket" written by Jean Simmons was dis-

cussed by Mrs. Mildred Cypeprt.

The next meeting will be a covered dish Luncheon in the home of Mrs. David Gamble on May 12.

Those present were Mmes. N. S. Daniel, S. C. Dixon, Don Dudley, Lem Dudley, Stanley Toombs, Carl Hughes, Ray Wilson, Andy Shouse, Comer Haynes, David Gamble, Charles Eager, W. R. Cypert, Johnny Cox, Bryan Dunigan, Mack Fisher, and Christine Collins.

John A. Jones Rev. Row

TUSCOLA - John A. Jones, 56, of Tuscola, a farmer and mechanic, died at 7 a.m. Monday in the Veterans Administration Hospital at Albuquerque N.M., after an illness of six months. Funeral is pending with Fry Funeral Home in Tuscola.

Born Dec. 1, 1916, at Lubbock, he moved to Merkel in 1920 and to Buffalo Gap in 1932. He married Alice Stockton Dec. 22, 1937, in Abilene.

Survivors are his wife, Alice: two sons, Kenneth of Austin and Harvey of College Station; and a grandson.

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MORTON - Herbert Owen Row, 51, an elementary school teacher and Baptist minister of Bledsoe, died at 5:30 p.m. Thursday at Morton Hospital in Morton. Funeral was held 10 a.m. Saturday at the Morton First Baptist Church.

Burial was in Stith Cemetery. directed by Morton Funeral

Born June 1921 in Gouldbusk. he was a graduate of Hardin-Simmons University and Southern Baptist Theogical Semiinary in Fort Worth.

Survivors are his wife, Pauline; three sons, Paul and Don, both of Lubbock, and David of the home; a daughter, Kay Lynn of the home: two brothers, Frank of Abilene and Charles of Yakima, Wash.; three sisters, Edna Lybrand of Fort Worth, Inez Barefoot of Abilene, and Margaret Crawford of Arkansas; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Row of Abi-

His wife, Pauline, is the former Pauline Bradley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Bradley.

J. C. Brown

TUSCOLA - Funeral for J. C. Brown, 57, of Tuscola, who died Friday at his home after an apparent heart attack, was held at 2 p.m. Sunday in the Tuscola First Baptist Church.

The Rev. Darrel Strickland, pastor, officiated with burial in Merkel Cemetery under direction of Fry Funeral Home.

Born Oct. 4, 1915, in Big Spring, he married Ora Lee Harris Nov. 10, 1938, in Big Spring. He worked as a pumper in

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Crossword Puzzle

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36. Equipment 39. Fish eggs 42. Ask alms 53. Act 44. Pinnacle 54. Course of 46. Limb action 47. Dread 48. State: abbr. 56. Slants 1. Shadow

49. Length unit 58. Trap 51. Girl: slang 59. Fruit Answer to Puzzle

3. Either 4. Horse of many colors 5. Printer's measures Obese 7. Indians

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2. Trees

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nickname 38. Schoolbook 39. Inclined. 8. Greek letter 9. Game bird 10. Insert 12. Scat! 13. Hunting trip 19. Cheer 21. Examine

platforms Bacon and -43. 12 dozen 45. Arabian

25. Tertiary 26. Yearns 29. Hail!

31. Employ

34. Insect

37. Boy's

covering 35. Edging

33. By mouth

47. Floating ice 50. Frost 52. High peak 55. Musical note 57. Dad

AWARDS

Continued From Page One Sophomore Class - Rudy Castillo, president; Billy Watts, vice president; Jerry Cox, secretary; and Steve West, business manager. Freshman Class - David West, president; Paul Tucker, vice president; Gayla Toliver, secretary; and Annetta Stephan, business manager.

Student Council Officers-Steve Teaff, president; Terry Reed, vice president; Ruth Ann Welch, secretary; and Patsy Button, business manager.

Annual Staff - Mary Beth Boyd and Glenda Tuckey, co-editors; Kathy Cypert, assistant editor; and Don Clyburn, business manager.

Cheerleaders for the 1973-74 school were also introduced. They are Gayla Toliver, head cheerleader; Jodey Barnes, Cindy Whisenhunt, Becky Santee and Becky Acuna.

the oil fields in Steph, moving to Lawn in 1960. He worked there eight years and moved to Midland in 1938. He moved to Tuscola in 1972.

Survivors are his wife: two daughters, Mrs. Glen (Fonda) Bicknell of Merkel and Mrs. Bobby (Shirley) Sullivan of Brownwood; a brother, Chester of Kamey; a sister, Mrs. Evadine Daley of Massachusetts;

J. P. Howard

Funeral for truck accident victim Jasper P. (Penn) Howard, 45, of Abilene, was held at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at the First Baptist Church in Merkel. Mr. Howard was dead on arrival at Simmons Memorial Hospital at Sweetwater after his

> of Sweetwater, about 12:45 p.m. Monday, on Interstate 20. The Rev. Kenneth Jones, pastor, the Rev. V. D. Walters, Baptist minister of Abilene, and the Rev. Russell McAnally, Methodist minister of Merkel,

truck overturned 13 miles east

officiated. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery with Starbuck Funeral Home of Merkel in charge of

arrangements. Mr. Howard resided at 2226 Melrose in Abilene and had been an comploye of the Industrial Solvent Division of Apco

Oil Corp. since June 1972. Born Nov. 2, 1927, in Abilene. he lived at Merkel until 1942 when he returned to Abilene. He had been employed by the Sunshine Biscuit Co. from 1954 to

1972, when he joined Apco. Survivors are a daughter, Ramona Jean Howard of Lancaster; his stepmother, Mrs. Minnie A. Howard of Merkel; and a stepbrother, Melvin-Howard of Fort Worth.

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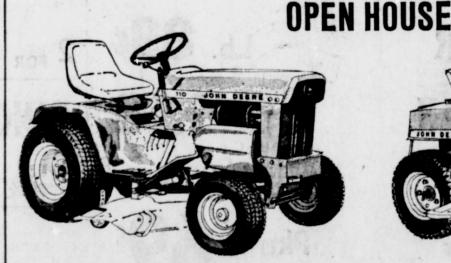
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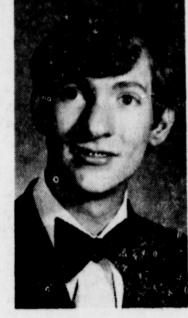
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NEILON ELY . . . going to state meet

Merkelites To Austin

Merkel will have two representatives in the state literary meets in Austin for the first time. The meet is scheduled for this weekend in Austin.

Representing Merkel will be Neilon Ely and Steve Walker. Neilon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Orval Ely, will participate in poetry interpretation. Walker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Walker will be participating in prose reading.

Also representing Merkel at the state track meet in the 880, with the states second best time of 1:57.8, will to Darrel Bunch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bunch.

Little League Schedule

Games listed first will begin at 6:15 p.m. Second game will begin at 8 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 4 Vets vs. Willies Braves vs. Supers

Vets vs. Bankers Kilowatts vs. Braves

TUESDAY, MAY 8

THURSDAY, MAY 10 Vets vs. Braves Willies vs. Supers

FRIDAY, MAY 11 Supers vs. Kilowatts Bankers vs. Willies

T-Shirt Schedule

Games listed first will begin at 6:15 p.m. Second game will begin at 8 p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 7 Braves vs. Eagles Yankees vs. Mustangs

SATURDAY, May 12 Eagles vs. Mustangs Braves vs. Yankees

MONDAY, MAY 14 Eagles vs. Yankees Braves vs. Mustangs

SATURDAY, MAY 19 Mustangs vs. Yankees Eagles vs. Braves



DARREL BUNCH . . . second best time

Despite the rich bounty provided to us by the land, Texas and the nation are described as

nutritional illiterates. Nutrition is a relatively new science. For this reason there is room for misunderstanding, and even intentional misrepresentation. Although much malnutrition is the result of poverty, a full pocket doesn't mean a nourished body, says the State

Health Department. Focus on the high price of meat has made Texans more aware of their eating habits. But one group of individuals - the food faddists - are willing to pay through the nose (and sometimes through their health) for items no better than those

offered in supermarkets. Like bobbysox, beeboppers, pointed toed shoes, ponytails and rock 'n roll, fads come and go. But for some the memory may linger on since food fads can affect health and quality of living for a long time.

A big fad at the moment is the weight reduction kick, which is tied in by food faddists with better health and some particular foodstuff which they say can cure all the ills of the benevers. Some reducing diets, when followed too long, can lead to permanent health problems.

Nutritionists say there is no one particular cure-all food, and they have scientific proof. Faddists, on the other hand, push hundreds of different contradictory food systems, including the current "organic" food theory.

Many diet or nutrition advocates are opportunists whose major motivations are economic. Some of these persons appear to be sincere, albeit misguided and close-minded in their nutritional beliefs.

High School Library Aides Enjoy Trip to San Angelo

brary Aides spent a most enjoyable five hours in San Angelo on Friday. Linda Black, Kathy Cox, Neilon Ely, Steve Walker, Seniors and Wanda Blair, Sherry Bratcher, Roseann Noster. Juniors, left school at 3:30 with their sponsor, Mrs. Ruth Wind-

The first stop was a guided tour of the Angelo State University campus by Mr. Prentiss Windsor, which included the Library, the Student Center, the Academic Building, the Gym, the Stadium, and a drive past all of the other campus facil-

Next, along the Concho River in the center of town students enjoyed wandering through the Civic League Park with its many flowers, bridges, and shady walks.

Dinner was at The Carmona as guests of the Windsors with entertainment furnished by Nei-

After a brief stop at the Windsor home to see the cat collection, rocks, books and play the old family pump organ,

All of the Veterans Administration's 168 hospitals are now affiliated with colleges and other schools to help train medical and allied health personnel.

Seven of the High School Li-

group headed for the Amusement Park. Everyone finally had enough of the Tilt-A-Whirl and other rides and no one had to be rocked to sleep when homes were reached about mid-

A look at the highly-publicized diets which have been put forth gives you an idea of the perplexing situations greetings those interested in dieting — either for weight loss or other health rea-

Accent On Health

The drinking man's diet, Zen diet, grapefruit and egg diet (misnamed the Mayo diet), vegetarian diet, cereal diet, lowprotein, high-protein, low carbohydrate diet - are all a part of the present-day food craze, says the Health Department. Scme, such as the Zen diet, can result in malnutrition.

And, there are the vitamins and food supplements faddists who push all types of supplement concoctions off on the willing indulger. Vitamin E and Vitamin C, both essential to the body, are among the vitamins being pushed at present.

Dr. Linus Pauling advocated great amounts of Vitamin C to prevent the common cold. Research has failed to substantiate his claim.

The State Health Department says you can get all the required nutrients, including Vitamins C and E, through a wise selection of foods. Selecting foods properly will also insure efficient utilization of the food dollar - something that can shrink rapidly in today's supermarkets. Supplements generally are expensive and unnecessary, unless prescribed by a physi-

The Nutrition Services Division of the State Health Department says the basic food groups still are the best guide for the average persons who needs strength and vitality to meet each day's challenges. These are divided into the milk group, meat and alternate protein group, fruits and vegetables group, and the bread and cereal group. While giving you sufficient energy, these groups also supply the trace elements of minerals which your body needs.

If these basic food groups remain unscientifically challenged, why do people succumb to faddism?

Nutrutional quackery appeals to desperate people who want to believe in the impossible and the

pizazz," writes an Ohio State nuvoices of the home economists incredible. In the case of weight-reducers, they want to believe in something simple and the often untrue and sensational easy, in a cure-all calling for no effort on their parts. Traditional calorie counting is too slow, teo

limiting for their appetites. Peo-Significant progress has been ple with illnesses want a miramade in the science of diet and cle to help them. its relationship to health, but "Compared to the exotic nutriscience advances by slow, diffitional advice, which borders on cult steps which are much too the occult or is rendered with slow for impatient, desperate spiritual fervor, normal everypeople who want immediate sol-

day nutritional education lacks tritionist. "That is why the - the dietitian - the nutritionist - food technologist - are not heard when they contradict health claims being made by those who so avidly degrade the American food supply.

their course, the accepted, scientifically approved four food groups still stand tall as the one way to receive proper nutrition from the foods you eat and drink, says the State Health Department. A place to look for reliable information about nutrition and health is your local physician or your local health department. You may go also to a home economics teacher, or the county extension agent. They too will be able to give you some help and printed informa-

But when the fads have run



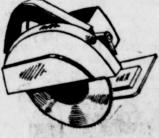




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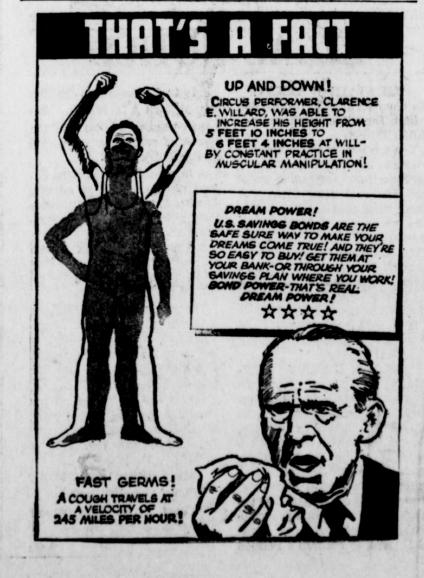
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Gin No. 1, met Saturday, April 28th at the school cafeteria for their annual Membership Meet-

A report on the condition of the Co-Op was given and dividend checks were passed out to

President is Berneil Teaff and secretary, D. L. Moore.

the Education and Legislative

Cotton Compress was given by J. W. Borders. He pointed out that the Merkel Gin sent a total of 1,231 bales to the compress during the 1972 crop year. He said that the Marketing Association has experienced one of its best years so far. A new market has been opened in China, he said. He reported that a ship load of approximately 400,000 bales would leave for china in early summer.

Kenneth Moss, a representa-

to support the Education and Legislative program with their

"Farmers are going to have to band together to meet the challenge ahead, ' he said. "With the increased cost that the producers face, he is going to have to fight for what he has coming. Every one is represented at the hearing Congress holds except the producers. If we are to stay in business, we are going to have to band together and pay the price to represent ourselves before the Congress," he contin-

Approximately 50 persons were present for the meeting.

Improved mental health care for veterans is resulting from an innovative program on Long Island, N.Y., where seven American Legion posts are cooperating with Veterans Administration's satellite mental health

New equipment developed by VA enables veterans paralyzed from the neck down to guide their wheelchairs, turn on TV, and play games.

By Removing Cover, Food

COLLEGE STATION - Make your home and yard an unattractive habitat for snakes get rid of cover and possible food sources and block access to your residence area.

According to Charles Ramsev, wildlife specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, the best way to get rid of snakes is to do away with their food and cover. Lumber and trash piles, tall grass or weeds and over-turned boats are among the favorite hiding places for the reptiles.

Most of our poisonous snakes feed mainly on rats, mice and other small rodents. Eliminating these rodents by poisoning and trapping, plus removing their food and cover, keeps snakes away from the home. Holes in yard fences and buildings should also be blocked.

'The best preventative medicine for snakes is to keep them away from people,' says the Texas A&M University specialist. "A snake alone is not a pest. Only when it comes in contact with human activities is a pest situation created." All snakes are beneficial since they feed on pests such as insects, grubs and rodents. For this reason, non-poisonous ones should not be harmed.

Avoid Snakes T.Sgt. Minnich Recognized For Assistance to AF Wing

ABILENE, Tex. - Technical Sergeant Theodore Minnich, son of Mrs. Helen Minnich of Rt. 3, Slatington, Pa., has been recognized for helping his Strategic Air Command wing earn the U.S. Air Force Outstanding Unit

Sergeant Minnich serves at Dyess AFB, Tex., as a supply specialist with the 96th Combat Support Group which received the award for exceptionally meritorious service from July 1, 1971, through June of last year.

His unit was cited for over-all professionalism, high standards of logistics and administrative support and for fulfilling widely varying requirements of several other major air commands.

The sergeant will wear a distinctive service ribbon as a permanent decoration to mark his affiliation with the wing.

Sergeant Minnich is a 1954 graduate of Slatington High School. His wife, Joyce, is the



T.SGT. MINNICH . . . receives ribbon

daughter of Mrs. Mary P. Outlaw of 1418 Heath, Merkel, Tex.

FARMCAST

By JOHN C. WHITE Commissioner

Wool and mohair producers are enjoying some of the best prices they've received in years. Mohair prices, for example, were 89 per cent higher in 1972 than in 1971. Wool prices are 32 cents per pound on the average higher for 1972 than for 1971.

Increased demand for the commodities plus a continuing decline in production are reasons for the price situation.

Texas mohair production during 1972 was down 32 per cent from 1971. The number of goats and kids clipped during 1972 totaled 1,521,000 head, down 31 per cent from 1971.

taled 1,521,000 head, down 31 per cent from 1971.

Average price for mohair during 1972 was 83 cents; this compared with only 30.1 cents per pound during 1971. Total 1972 value of mohair to Texas producers was \$8,458,000, up 89 per cent from 1971.

While mohair production was declining, so was wool. Texas sheep produced 29,400,000 pounds of wool during 1972, a decline of three per cent.

A total of 4,145,000 head of sheep shorn on Texas ranches averaged 7.1 pounds per fleece during 1972, down slightly from The average price per pound

of wool during 1972 was 48 cents: this is 32 cents a pound above 1971. Total value of wool produced was \$14,00,000 in 1972 compared with only \$4,900,000 in

Nationwide, the production of wool also declined three per cent during 1972. A one per cent decrease in number of sheep and lambs shorn was also noted in 1972.

IT'S THE same story for Texas and cattle on feed. Texas continues to be the number one cattle feeding state in the nation. During April, a total of 2,259,000 head of cattle were on feed in Texas feedlots. This is 22 per cent above the number a year ago, and three per cent above the total a month ago.

Indications now are that close to 4,000,000 head of cattle will be fed out in Texas this year,

which will be another healthy increase over last year.

Feedlot operators report intentions to market 1,320,000 cattle between now and June 30. This would be 21 per cent more than marketed during the April-June quarter of last year, again proof positive that cattle producers are expanding their operations and not holding back on cattle in an attempt to keep the price at high levels.

Large feedlots - those with 1,000-plus capacity - numbered 238 in Texas and held, 2,211,000 cattle on feed for slaughter market. Capacity for these lots showed a 76 per cent occupancy.

Steers account for the bulk of cattle on feed with a total of 1,462,000 head, heifers and cows totaled 797,000 head.

Nationwide, cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in 23 major feeding states is five per cent above a year earlier. Marketings now through June are anticipated to be five per cent higher than year ago.

SALES of cattle, calves, and sheep increased in Texas during March, while sales of hogs de-

Cattle and calves marketed through auctions in Texas during March was 38 per cent higher than a year ago, and nearly 50 per cent higher than a month

Homemakers Set Thursday Meeting

The Taylor County Young Homemakers will meet at Merkel High School, Thursday, May 3, at 6:30 where they will go to Abilene for a salad supper and to see the play production of "Gypsey." The hostesses will be Mines. Spencer Taylor, Richard Caton, and John Beasley. All members and guests are invited to attend.

There will also be a tea held for the senior girls and their mothers, Tuesday, May 8, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Jarrett Williams.

Brazelton Named BM, Tax Collector By Trent Schools

THE MERKEL MAIL, MERKEL, TEXAS

The Trent Independent School District has employed Mr. Clayton D. Brazelton as Tax Assessor-Collector and Business Manager. He assumed duties on April 24.

Mr. Brazelton is a 1963 graduate of Newman High School in Sweetwater, and Tarleton State College of Stephenville. He graduated in 1969 with a Bachelor of Science degree, majoring in General Business.

Mr. Brazelton and his wife, Wanda, have been residents of Trent for 21/2 years. They have one child, Dollie Jean, three years of age.



Thursday, May 3, 1973

CLAYTON BRAZELTON ... accepts position

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

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Freddy Dean Austin, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HERBEBY COM-MANDED 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 fortytwo days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 21 day of May A.D. 1973, to Plaintiff's Petition filed

in said court, on the 23rd day of Feb. A.D. 1973, in this cause, numbered 7872 on the docket of said court and styled Sandra Ann Austin, Plaintiff, vs. Freddy Dean Austin, 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

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 4th day of April A.D. 1973. (Seal)

Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD Clerk, Domestic Relations Court, Taylor County, Texas By Marie Gill, Deputy. 7-4tc

LEGAL NOTICE

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THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: Jerry L. Plemons, Individually, and as Administrator of the Estate of Marguerite Plemons Merryman, et al; and John Merryman, Defendants,

Greeting: YOU ARE HEREBY COM-MANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District 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 28 day of May A.D. 1973, to Plain-

tiff's Petition filed in said court,

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION

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YOU ARE HEREBY COM-

Marlene E. Zebb, Defendants,

MANDED to appear before the

Honorable Domestic Relations

Court of Taylor County at the

Courthouse thereof, in Abilene,

Texas, by filing a written an-

swer 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 4th day of June A.D. 1973, to Plaintiff's Petition

below following is a true copy.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

GREETING:

GREETINGS:

1973, in this cause, numbered 34,086-A on the docket of said court and styled Southwest Savings and Loan Association, Plaintiff, vs. Jerry L. Plemons, Administrator of the Estate of Marguerite Plemons Merryman, et al, Defend-A brief statement of the na-

on the 31 day of January A.D.

ture of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Foreclosure of Deed of Trust Lien as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit. If this citation is not served

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Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 11 day of April A.D. 1973. (SEAL)

Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD Clerk, 42nd District Court Taylor County, Texas By Marie Gill, Deputy.

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TO: Darla Gene Gorsline Zaviska and Leo Zaviska, defendant, GREETING:

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1973, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 26th day of April A.D. 1973, in this cause, numbered 8061 on the docket of said court and styled In Re; Adoption of Minor A-146.

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.

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Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 26th day of April A.D. 1973.

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

filed in said court, on the 19th day of April A.D. 1973, in this cause, numbered 8041 on the docket of said court and styled

In Re: Minor A-148. 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 19th day of April A.D. 1973. (SEAL)

Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD Clerk, Domestic Relation Court, Taylor County, Texas By Marie Gill, Deputy

Members of the Merkel Co-Op dressed the group, urging them 35 cents per bale assessment.

Members elected 3 new board members to serve three year terms. Elected were Curtis McAnninch, A. L. Moore and Leroy Teaff. Members also voted to assess 35 cents a bale for Farmers Union to support

A report on the Sweetwater

tive of the Farmers Union, ad-

BANK BALANCES

Quarterly Report of Taylor County

On April 24, 1973, The Commissioners Court met in regular session, compared and examined the report of Mrs. Hayden Thomas, County Treasurer, for the quarter ending March 31, 1973, and found it to be correct and for the amounts received and paid out to be correct since the preceding report. Received Paid Out Ralance

FUNDS	Ltst.Qtr.	This Qtr.	This Qtr.	This Qtr.
Jury \$	2,944.74\$	46,708.81	12,641.32	37,012.23
Precinct 1.	25,462.27	88,112.80	17,383.92	96,191.15
Precinct 2.	48,959.27	88,151.36	39,908.81	97,201.82
Precinct 3.	31,340.81	88,186.74	48,505.86	71,021.69
Precinct 4.	40,568.41	88,712.28	21,879.20	107,401.49
General	87,183.39	668,616.53	330,893.67	424,906.25
Pauper	13,973.86	40,303.00	51,406.37	2,870.49
Road Fund Series '47	230.00	.00	.00	230.00
Road Fund Series '53	5.20	.00	.00	5.20
Road Dist. 1. Skg. '53	5,528.45	274.32	.00	5,802.77
Officers Salary	15,976.71	223,168.18	209,509.48	29,635.41
Lateral Road	25,056.27	187.50	.00	25,243.77
Road & Bridge R.O.W	7,445.40	.00	.00	7,445.40
Perm. School	2,494.77	1,596.00	596.00	3,494.77
Payroll Account	1,050.00	253,608.01	253,508.01	1,050.00
Perm. Imp. Skg. Ser. '54	8,482.93	51,861.15	55,434.50	4,909.58
Library	2,892.94	2,155.00	2,856.13	2,201.78
Perm. Improvement	6,932.85	.00	.00	6,932.85
Road Bond Ser. '55	685.40	.00	.00	686.40
F.I.C.A. Tax	48,356.84	14,831.65	22,248.09	40,940.40
Ref'd. Bond Skg. Ser. '57	1,383.29	32.50	.00	1,415.79
Special R. & B.	500.00	.00	.00	500.00
State Comodity Food Plan	1,281.62	3,885.75	4,185.57	981.80
State Criminal Justice Plan	3,558.05	3,877.50	3,731.52	3,704.03
Coliseum Skg. Ser. '67	10,860.65	63,535.69	34,462.50	40,333.84
Special Tax Fd. Courthouse & Jail Skg.	653,130.00		652,414.20	.00
Series 1967	22,407.16	188,014.21	151,690.20	58,731.17
Revenue Sharing	127,463.00	122,309.00	.00	249.772.00

\$1,196,155.28 \$2,047,822.18 \$1,923,355.38 \$1,320,622.08

Citizens National\$	112,865.45
Abilene National	100,000.00
Bank of Commerce	45.54
First State Bank in Tuscola	179,109.58
First National	479,362.70
First State, Abilene	449,238.81
Total Bank Balances\$	1,320,622.08 983,472.00
Total Checking\$	337,150.08
Securities Owned By Taylor	County and by Permenent School Fund
	ned by the S chool Fund

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State of Texas Veteran Land Bonds (face value \$2,000.00)

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Issues Bond Issue Series 1954 . \$	riginal Issues 850,000.00	Bonds Redeemed \$ 794,000.00	Bond Outstand \$ 56,000.00
Courthouse & Jail Bond Series 1967	3,000,000.00	465,000.00	2,535,000.00
Coliseum Bond Series 1967	,750,000.00	.00	1,750,000.00
	600,000,00	\$1 259 000 00	\$4 341 000 00

\$1,259,000.00 \$5,600,000.00 \$4,341,000.00 The Requirement of Art. No. 401 P.C. have been complied with, and a Tabular. statement has been filed as required.

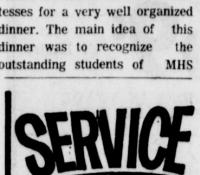
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Commissioner Precinct 4

MRS. CHESTER HUTCHISON ROY SKAGGS **Taylor County Judge** Taylor County Clerk Seal) Commissioners Court, Taylor County, Texas

BADGER **TRACKS**

The All Awards Banquet was held at Bartons Cafeteria last Saturday night and I believe it was the first of many exciting events to come in the future. MHS's cheerleaders were hostesses for a very well organized dinner. The main idea of this dinner was to recognize the outstanding students of MHS





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Last Friday was the date for electing 1973-74 cheerleaders. Head cheerleader next year will be Gayla Toliver. Others are Jodey Barnes, Cindy Whisenhunt, Becky Santee, and Becky

The annual Spring Band Concert will be held sometime soon so be prepared to attend one of the more outstanding band concerts of Merkel High.

UIL State Contest will be held tomorrow in Austin. Darrel, running in track, Neilon, reading poetry, and competing in prose, left today to hopefully bring Merkel High the greatest honor of UIL, a first in State. Keep your fingers crossed.

See ya next week.

Arts, Crafts Show May 6

The Abilene Recreation Department is sponsoring an Arts and Crafts exhibit-sale for artist and craftsmen on Saturday, May 5 and Sunday, May 6.

Approximately 100 booths of art work and various type crafts will be displayed and available for sale.

This event is being held in the exhibit hall of the Abilene Civic Center. It will be open free to the Public on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.pm. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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A cheap and easy orthodoxy this is indeed to which a person may attain, without so much as turning over a single leaf of his Bible. A person may, by this short and easy method become in the eyes of some "religious" and a "fine church member" without ever once consulting the Bible, God's Word.

As for the Bible, many are but little attached to its words outside a few selected passages they hold dear, they have learned little from it, they know little about it, and therefore depend as little upon it. They will even tell you it would be of no use to them without their "formula" or creed or traditions. They cannot show the difference of what they believe and others who differ with them believe, they could not by the Bible either keep themselves nor their church right for a single week. You might preach to them what you please, they could not distinguish truth from error.

Only by a return to the original simplicity, the first century purity of the church doctrinally, by taking up things just as we find them upon the sacred page can this problem be eliminated. There would have never appeared division and corruption of public profession and practice of Christianity had men kept close by the expressed letter of God's word, had they held fast that form of sound words contained in the holy Scriptures, and considered it a duty to do so.

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." II Timothy 2:15.

BILLY PATTON

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Stith News

By MRS. FRITZ HALE

Ghronda Tarpley of Lewisville and Mr. and Mrs. Buster Tarpley of Stephenville spent the Easter holidays with their pparents, Mr. and Mrs. Babe

Sunday April 22nd the Tarpley family attended a birthday party for Mrs. Ed Kelso, 96, in Abiler... She is Babe's grandmother. Approximately 40 attended including her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchil-

Visiting the Tarpleys Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. Toney Castille and children of Garland and Kathy Holloway of Stith.

Wanda Maxwell and two daughters of Abilene have bought the Clemmer place here and will move this summer. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bedford

and children of Arkansas visited their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Browning at-

tended the 5th Sunday singing at the Hodges Baptist Church Sunday afternoon. Mr. & Mrs. Bob Malone, Mon-

ica & Haley of Taylor and Mr. Mrs. David Hale of Shephard AFB, Wichita Falls, Mike Hale, North State University in Canyon, Myrna Hale and Ethel Canida, of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Anderson and Roger Newton of Lubbock, and Charles Hale of Merkel spent the Easter weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hale. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hill of Las Cruces, N.M., and Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Hill of Anson spent Friday with the Hales.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Perry spent Friday and Saturday in Garland with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Butler and Jennifer Lynn.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Reddin and boys visited Mrs. Ruby Reddin Sunday.

Sam Burns of Abilene visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Burns and Mamie Hardin

Fletcher Jones entered Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene Thursday and is in intensive care at this writing. Mrs. Jones is staying at the hos with him.

Thursday April 26 at 5 p.m. the Rev. Herbert Row, 51, died in Morton hospital of a short illness. He was pastor of Bledsoe Baptist Church and was a teacher in the Bledsoe school. His funeral was held in the First Baptist Church in Morton at 10:30 a.m. Saturday and burial was in Stith Cemetery at 5:30

Surviving are his wife, the former Pauline Bradley and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley, three sons, Paul 5 and Don of Lubbock and David, 8, of the home; one daughter, Katie of the home and one granddaughter, Barbara Lea, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Row, his parents, Rev. and Mrs. M. O. Row of Abilene; three sisters and two brothers.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family.

J. C. Brown, 57, died Friday at his home in Tuscola of an apparent heart attack. Mr. and and Mrs. Brown and daughters, Shirley and Fonda lived in Stith Community several years before moving to Tuscola.

Mrs. Doug Stephenson and Melissa of Midland spent the Easter weekend with Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McDonald and

George. The monthly Friday Night singing will be held at the Hodges Baptist Church Friday night, beginning at 7:30. All singers and persons who like to hear good singing are invited to attend.

Refreshments will be serv-

Pete Tanner is president.

Vet Questions

Q - Can a veteran get VA help in dealing with his family and job problems even though he isn't sick?

A - Yes. Some of VA's veterans assistance centers are staffed with social workers (now called community service specialists) to help meet the veteran's total counseling needs. Specialists are on duty in Boston, New York, Chicago, St. Louis, Detroit and other principal cities, and VA plans eventually to place them in all centers.

Juniors and Seniors Invited To 'Get Acquainted Day'

ABILENE - High school juniors and seniors from Merkel are being extended an open invitation to attend the special Get Acquainted Day Saturday, May 5, at McMurry College.

The object of this event, according to McMurry College President Thomas K. Kim, is to inform students about concentrations of interest, career opportunities and college in gener-

"A lot of seniors just don't go to college with much advance information, and they flounder around considerably their first year before they get oriented," says Glenn Stanberry, who

counsels incoming students. "We'd like to see them come

WWI Vets, Auxiliary Meet May 8th

The Veterans of World War I Barracks and the Ladies Auxiliary will meet Tuesday May 8th at 7:30 p.m. at the Taylor Electric Co-Op Bldg.

The order of business will be The Election of Officers for both the Barracks and Auxili-

The Barracks Commander and The Auxiliary President urge all members to be present. If you draw a pension and you are not a member you should be. Come and help us restore The Cut in Your Pen-

The Ladies Auxiliary will serve a Pot-Luck Supper.

go this pre-orientation should be valuable," says David Dillman, . Stanverry's counseling col-

Registration of students from Merkel will begin at 8:45 a.m. and continue to 10 a.m. in the lobby of the Amy Graves Ryan Fine Arts Building at McMurry.

There will be a general session at 9 a.m. with Dr. Kim welcoming, Dean Allen Cordts discussing academics, and other officials discussing such matters as scholarships, loans and grant programs.

Then at 10 a.m. students will have a two hour period in which they may meet informally with professors in the fields in which they are interested.

These faculty-student sessions may well prove the most rewarding for the visitors, Dillman says. Students can ask questions about the courses they must take to lead to any given field and the career opportunities open with various majors.

The juniors and seniors will be guests of McMurry for luncheon at noon in Iris Graham Dining

Guides will also be on hand to give students a tour of the Mc-Murry campus, including science laboratories, library, media center and other points of

"It's the time of year when juniors and seniors are worrying about future study," says Stanberry. "I didn't know the things we will take up when I came to college, and I would have certainly appreciated a chance to learn these things back then."

Fred Starbuck, a fireman

since 1965, credits all his fire

fighting experience to "on the

job training." Owner of Star-

buck's Funeral Home and oper-

ator of Starbuck Furniture

Store, he is also the Civil De-

fense Director for the City of

Merkel. He and his wife, Naomi,

have one son, George. He is a

member of the Masonic Lodge,

Scottish Rite Masons, a Shriner,

Order of the Eastern Star, and

These six men, all totaled.

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er they are needed, regardless

of the time of day or night or

the weather or road conditions.

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the Merkel Fire Dept.

Know Your Fire Department dent of the Ladies Auxiliary to

(Third in a series of articles)

This week's article concerns the 1954 Ford fire truck, and is classed as a Pumper. It is known as city fire truck No. 2. When the men and women practice team races for the district conventions of the Midwest Texas Fire Marshalls and Firemen's Association, this is the truck they use. This truck carries 500 gallons of water, 1,000 ft. of 21/2 inch hose, 600 ft. of 11/2 inch hose, and 100 ft. of one inch booster hose. It may be pumped independently or from a fire hydrant. There is a two-way radio for fast communication. This truck was bought new to replace a 1927 Dodge and worked with a

Second Assistant Fire Chief Robert Harris is Public Works Director for the City of Merkel. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Harris, he is married to the former Connie McCarty. They have one daughter, Melissa Ayne, 3 yrs. Joining the department in 1960, he has served as hose captain number 1 and 2 in 1961 and 1962, and second assistant chief since 1968. Connie serves the Ladies Auxiliary to the Merkel Fire Department as its Secretary. Robert is president of

Lone Star Water Assn. Albert Chancey has been a volunteer fireman since 1952 and served as its president and as chaplin. He has attended three fire fighting schools at A&M University. He is employed by Montgomery Wards as a parts salesman. He and his wife, Aletta, have three children, Ann, Jack, and Ronnie.

Johnny Montgomery is another of the new members, joining in January. The son of Mr. and Mrs. John Montgomery, he has three children, Peggy, a first grader, Tammy and Ronny.

David Seymore, son of Mr and Mrs. Tom Seymore is truck driver for the fire department. His wife, Dianna, is the vicepresident of the Ladies Auxiliary. He has one son, Philip, age

Walter Harris, City Policeman and electrician, has been with the department since 1971. He has served three years in the U.S. Army, four years electrical school, radio school, fire school while in the army, F.B.I. school and first aid school. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. Harris, he has one son, Eddy, a 2nd grader. Walter believes "the fire department is the best in the State of Texas. I'm very proud to be a part of it. We hope to continue to serve this city and rural area to the best of our abilities." His wife Nita is PresiHERBICIDES - Treflan, Caparol, Miloguard COTTON SEED - Lankart 57 . . per 100 \$20.50 Lx571 per 100 \$20.50

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