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**AT AUSTIN MEET** — Attending the 13th Annual Nuclear Science Symposium sponsored by WTU at The University of Texas in Austin last week was Miss Rebecca Santee, left, student, and Mrs. Colonna Willis, center, both from Merkel. Pictured at right is Bill Tedder, WTU representative from Abilene.

## Miss Santee Merkel Representative At Science Symposium Held in Austin

Twenty-one outstanding students and teachers from the area served by West Texas Utilities Company attended the 13th Annual Nuclear Science Symposium at the University of Texas in Austin. The conference got underway Monday,

June 4th and ended Thursday, June 7th. The Symposium was jointly sponsored by the Texas Atomic Energy Research Foundation and the University of Texas West Texas Utilities is one of the sponsoring companies for TAERF.

The 500 selected high school science students and teachers who attended the session were offered the rare opportunity of hearing lectures by some of the nation's outstanding nuclear scientists.

The Foundation was formed for the primary purpose of conducting the world's first and largest privately financed research effort in the field of nuclear energy. Currently, the Foundation and General Dynamics Corporation are jointly sponsoring a program in nuclear fusion research aimed at controlling thermonuclear reactions for the production of electric power. Fusion is the energy process of the sun and the stars.

The goal of the Foundation and WTU is not research alone, but to also assist in the advancement of the knowledge of nuclear science in Texas schools. Of special interest to the sponsors is bringing to students and teachers a realization of the privileges, responsibilities and opportunities which scientific discoveries in the field of nuclear energy presents.

WTU paid all expenses for the 21 students and teachers attending from schools in the area served by the company. Lecturers at the Symposium were chosen from top men in their field.

There are over 1,000 accredited senior high schools in the state of Texas. Merkel can be justly proud of its high school for having been chosen by the University of Texas as one of the 150 high schools in the state invited to send a student and teacher to the Symposium.

## Larry Howard Awarded Master of Divinity Degree

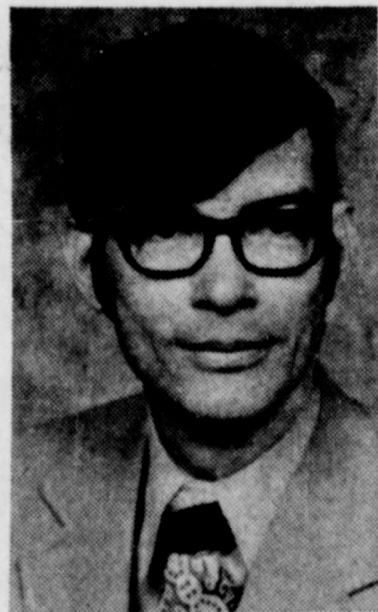
Larry C. Howard of Merkel was awarded the Master of Divinity degree during the June 1973 graduation exercises at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky.

He was one of more than 200 students who received a degree from the seminary during the spring commencement.

Howard, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Howard of Merkel is a 1968 graduate of Texas Tech in Lubbock. He is married to the former Mary Martha Robinson of Union City, Ind. Howard has served with the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board as a US-2 missionary to Indiana where he served as campus minister at the University of Evansville.

Owen Cooper, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, was speaker for the commencement exercises, held June 1 in the Alumni Memorial Chapel on the seminary campus. Duke K. McCall, president of the seminary, presented the degrees.

Southern Seminary was founded in 1859 in Green-



LARRY C. HOWARD  
... gets degree

ville, S.C., and the school moved to Louisville, Ky. in 1877. The school, with a faculty now numbering about 80, provides graduate instruction in theology, church music, and religious education to more than 1,200 students from 37 states and 12 foreign countries.

## Merkel IDS Agent For Program

The Merkel Independent District is acting as agent at the local level for summer employment for disadvantaged youth and Vietnam-era and disabled veterans. The program is a project of West Central Texas Council of Governments. Participants may be employed in State, County, City, Public Schools and any other public non-profit organizations. No enrollees may be employed by a workstation which is a component of a sectarian or religious institution.

Eligibility is as follows: (1.) disadvantaged youth who are not less than 14 year of age nor more than 22 years of age. A disadvantaged person is a member of a family whose income is below the poverty level. (2.) Vietnam-era and disabled veterans who are not more than 29 years of age. (3.) students on vacation from school who are disadvantaged.

All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, creed, color, national origin or sex, age, political affiliation or beliefs. The program, which started June 11, will end on August 11, 1973.

Persons interested in the program or wishing more information, should contact Mack Fisher or Ida Mae Strickland at Merkel High School.

## WWI Vets Convention Is Saturday

The Veterans of World War I and the Ladies Auxiliary of The 17th District will meet for their final 1973 Convention in Abilene. Barracks 1667 and Auxiliary will sponsor the convention.

All Barracks and Auxiliaries from the district are expected to convene.

The meeting will be held at The Bartons Cafeteria in River Oaks Shopping Center, So. 14th St. June 16th.

Registration will start at 9:30 a.m. There will be no charge. Lunch will be served Cafeteria Style.

Meeting will be called to order at 10 a.m. by Albert Haile, Commander of Barrack 1667 in Abilene.

Judge Owen Thomas will give the welcome address. Past Barracks Commander Frank Z. Rennels will deliver the response.

Commander Haile will turn the meeting over to Karl Bonneaux, District Commander and Lucye Bonneaux, District President. The Bonneaux's have been District Commander and President since 1969. This will be their last meeting. The Incoming District Commander and President will be George and Myrtle Loden, Barracks 588 of Stephenville, Tex. They will be elected and installed at the convention.

Guest speaker will be William Duke, Sr., of District 6.

A memorial for all deceased members for the preceding year will be held at 11:00 a.m.

The election and installation of District officers will be held at 1:30 p.m. and afterwards, the convention will be adjourned.

## BASEBALL PICTURES

Persons wishing to order individual prints of the baseball teams may do so At The Merkel Mail. The 5x7 black and white prints are \$1.84 each.

## T-SHIRT TEAMS



**EAGLES** — Kneeling, left to right, Steve Waldon, Jeffery King, Michael Tutt, Back Row, Manager Billy Lucas, Russell Lucas, Mike Hagar, Donald Tutt, Billy Williams, Scott Alves, Jeff Scott, and Assistant Manager Pat Williams. Not pictured, Donan Justice.



**YANKEES** — Left to right, David Vins on, Manager Roy Kimbrell, Wayne Horton, Stephen Davis, Tommy Hays, Jay Gibson, Doug Battreal and Assistant Manager Billy Patton (Staff Photos by Kaye Lanham)

## H. K. Hennigers Return To Thailand Mission Work

Missionary H. K. Henniger, wife Dodie, and daughters Ginger 15, Joy 13, and Julie 7, returned to Thailand June 12, 1973. The Hennigers were sent to Thailand in 1969 with other missionaries to establish a school of preaching in Bangkok.

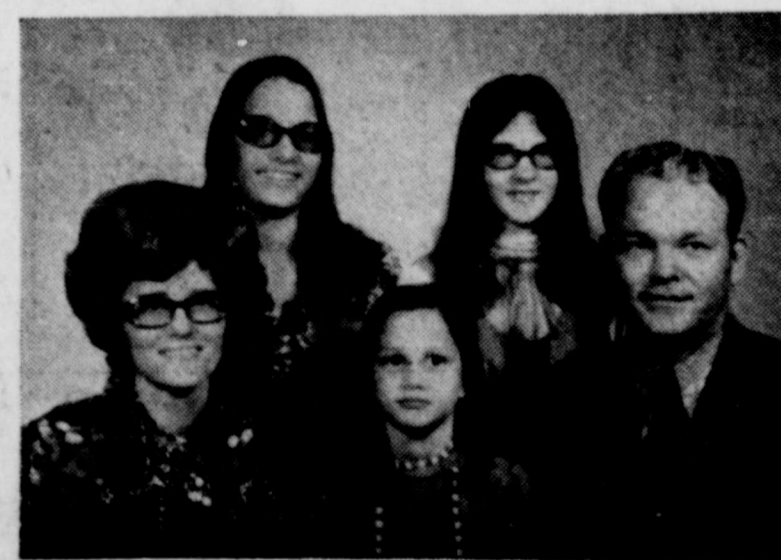
The Hennigers returned to Texas last June and have spent this year in reporting on the progress of the work in Thailand and in raising funds for another tour of work. They will be sponsored by the Church of Christ in Paducah, Texas with several other churches helping with their support.

Their support.

Mr. Henniger was a former Texas Highway Patrolman with 10 years of service. He is a graduate of A.C.C. Sunset School of Preaching, and Sunset School of Missions. He is the son of Mrs. Lera Henniger of Winters, Texas.

Mrs. Henniger is a graduate of the School of Missions and is the daughter of Mrs. Modell Eoff of Merkel.

The Hennigers address will be Box 11-101, Bangkok, Thailand.



REV. AND MRS. H. K. HENNIGER  
... and children, Ginger, Joy and Julie

## W. Criswell Services Held

Wilmer Criswell, 65, longtime Merkel resident and stock farmer, died at 10:45 a.m. Wednesday, June 6 at Hendrick Memorial Hospital where he was admitted Saturday June 2. Funeral was held Thursday in the First Baptist Church at Merkel.

The Rev. Price Mathieson, chaplain at Hendrick Memorial, officiated, assisted by the Rev. N. S. Daniel, associate pastor of the United Methodist Church at Merkel. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery under direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born Sept. 22, 1907, at Comanche, he moved to the Merkel area with his parents in 1924. He married Lena May Wilson Dec. 23, 1928, at Merkel and lived here since.

Mr. Criswell was a longtime member of the Merkel First Baptist Church.

Survivors are his wife; a son, Robert J. of Plainview; three daughters, Mrs. Jack (Mary) Boone of Merkel, Mrs. Ron (Virginia) English of Abilene and Mrs. Bill (Kathryn) Whisenhunt of Merkel; ten grandchildren; three brothers, Albert Criswell of Merkel, Elmer Criswell of Plainview and Wilber Criswell of Petersburg; a sister, Mrs. F. T. Hurt of San Angelo; and several nieces and nephews. A daughter died in 1938, and a sister preceded him in death in 1958.

## TC Young Homemakers Plan Thursday Meeting

The Taylor County Young Homemakers will meet Thursday, June 14, at 7:30 in the home of Mrs. John Baty. The program will be presented by Dr. John Baty and will be entitled, "Drugs — Myths & Witchcraft." The hostesses will be Mmes. John Baty, Bobby Toliver, and Stanley Toombs.

Each member is asked to bring 50 S&H Green stamps to help obtain an artificial kidney machine for Mrs. Joyce Abel, a former Young Homemaker state officer.

The Young Homemakers will also be helping to sponsor a

benefit where all proceeds go to the Volunteer Services Council for the Abilene State School. The program will include a Country Band & Gospel Quartet, presented by Ray Pack & the Ingates and the Faith Singers. They will be performing July 2, in the Merkel High School Auditorium, from 8-10 p.m. Tickets will go on sale June 15, with prices as follows: adults, \$1; children, 50 cents; and family, \$3 (if bought in advance).

To purchase tickets, contact any Young Homemaker or call 928-5235 or 928-5696. We want everyone to help make this a Merkel project.



DEBORAH SUE THRALLS  
... to wed in August

## Thralls-Holloway Engagement Told

Mr. and Mrs. Rex L. Thralls of Rt. 1, Billings, Oklahoma are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Deborah Sue, to Joseph William Holloway, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe W. Holloway of Rt. 1, Merkel.

The bride-elect is a 1970 graduate of Billings High School. She is a Senior at Oklahoma State University at Stillwater, Oklahoma, and is majoring in home economics. Deborah is a

member of the Student Home Economics Association, Phi Upsilon Omicron, national home economics honorary fraternity (current president), Omicron Nu, national home economics honorary fraternity, Delta Sigma Alpha, collegiate 4-H and was on the dean's and president's honor rolls at OSU.

Holloway is a 1965 graduate of Merkel High School. He received his B.S. from Abilene Christian College, Abilene, Texas, 1969; M.S. from Oklahoma State University, 1971; currently Ph.D. candidate at OSU in animal nutrition; member of Farm House fraternity at OSU, Phi Kappa Phi, Alpha Chi, and Delta Tau Alpha, national honorary societies and American Society of Animal Science.

The wedding will be August 24 at 8 p.m. at the Antelope Valley Church of the Brethren in Billings, Okla., which is located about 9 miles south of Billings.

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## Merkelites Kin Honored

Mrs. Lunelle Abercrombie Anderson of San Marcos, mother of Cheryl Kincaid of Merkel, is one of six Southwest Texas State University educators recently named to the 1973 volume of "Outstanding Educators of America."

Mrs. Anderson, dean of women and associate professor of English at Southwest Texas State, holds professional memberships in numerous organizations. She is currently Texas state vice president of Delta Kappa Gamma international women educators society, state parliamentarian of the Texas Association of Women Deans and Counselors, and SWTSU's corporate delegate to the American Association of University Women.

She is also chairman of the committee on status of women of the AAUW, and a past recipient of the Texas State Achievement Award of Delta Kappa Gamma and the Sadie Ray Powell Scholarship.

Mrs. Anderson holds degrees from Lon Morris Junior College, Sam Houston State University and Stephen F. Austin State University.

The "Outstanding Educators of America" awards program annually honors distinguished men and women for their exceptional service, achievements and leadership in the field of education. Selection is based on professional and civic achievement.



Stith News  
By MRS. FRITZ HALE

Mrs. Lena Dell Winegert of Sherman, spent two days last week with her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. John Browning.

The Brownings visited their son and family, the Billy Ray Brownings at Tuscola Thursday.

Mrs. Bill Butler and baby of Garland are visiting their parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Perry, while Mr. Butler is at a National Guard Camp for two weeks.

Mr. Butler visited in the Perry home over the weekend.

Mrs. Perry, Mrs. Butler and baby visited in Midland Tuesday with Mrs. Sandy Little and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Raney and children. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. James Perry at Clyde Sunday.

Melissa Stephenson of Midland is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McDonald and George.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley visited her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Alanzo Peterson at Merkel Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Ray and Christi of Odessa and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Malone and Monica and Haley visited Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hale Sunday.

The Malone family are living in the mobile home on his parents ranch south of Merkel this summer and Bob is working for his father, Robert Malone.

Bob and family will return to their home in Taylor this fall where he is a teacher.

The Stith Baptist Church called Rev. Ausia Watson of Abilene for their pastor Sunday.

Rev. Watson was a nephew of the late Fletcher Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley and F. J. McDonald attended the funeral of Charlie L. Sherrill at the First Baptist Church in Merkel Wednesday June 6.

Mr. and Mrs. Bradley and F. J. McDonald also attended the services of Wilmer Criswell held Thursday June 7.

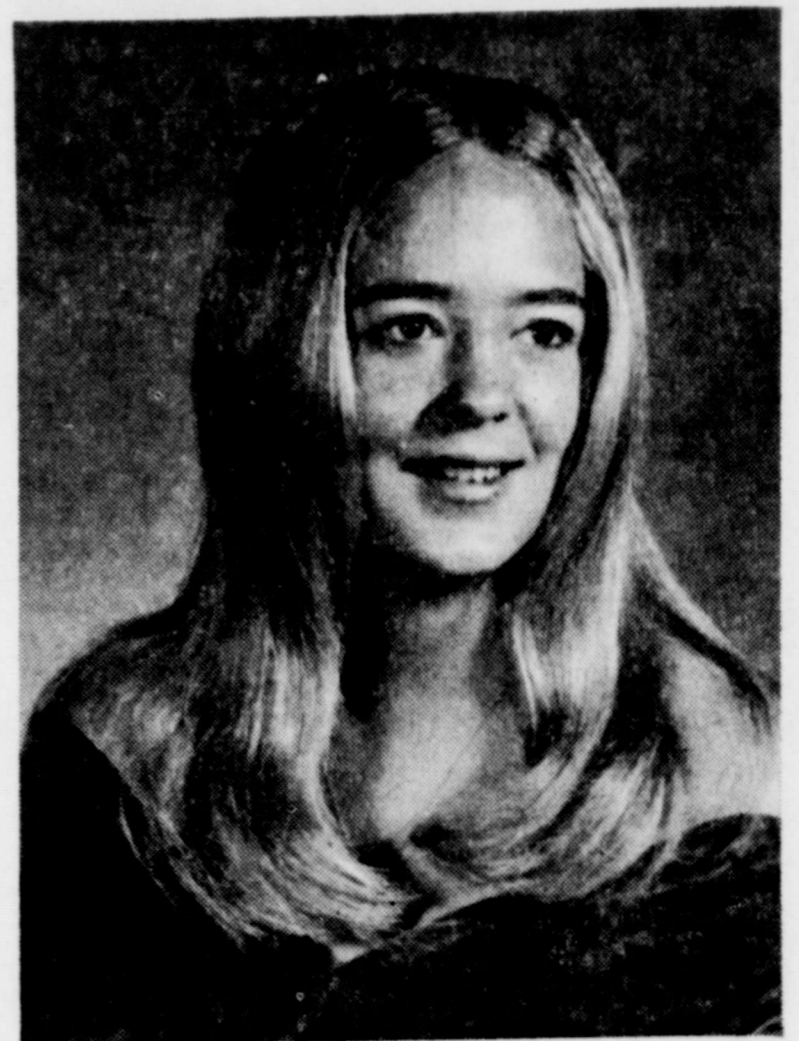
Both men grew up in the Stith Community.

We extend our sympathy to their families.

## T-Shirt Schedule

SATURDAY JUNE 9  
Yankees vs. Mustangs  
Braves vs. Eagles

MONDAY JUNE 11  
Braves vs. Yankees  
Eagles vs. Mustangs



SHARLA DEAN  
... engagement announced

## Miss Sharla Dean Plans July Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. James E. Dean announce the engagement of their daughter Sharla, to Rusty Holloway.

Holloway is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Truman Holloway.

Miss Dean is a 1973 graduate of Merkel High School, where she was a member of the bas-

ketball team and was voted Most Friendly.

Holloway is a 1972 graduate of MHS, and attended Tarleton State College. He is employed by Abilene Auction.

A July 14 wedding is planned at the Tye Baptist Church.

## Schultz-Beaird Vows Exchanged June 3rd

Becky Marie Schultz became the bride of Jerry Wayne Beaird Sunday June 3rd at 9:00 at the Hebron Baptist Church.

Rev. Kenneth Law officiated. Linda Black of Merkel and Tommy Law of Tye were their attendants.

The bride is the daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. Dors Schultz, 115 Air Base Road, Tye. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James M. Beaird, 1528 Sunset, Merkel.

The couple resides at 472 Merchant in Abilene.

Mr. Beaird is employed by Haack Drilling Co.

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We know a river cannot rise above its source. When we are content to limit ourselves to tradition received from our forefathers we are limiting our attainments to theirs. The appeal of tradition is that it is so easy to let someone else do our thinking for us, and it will not require any change within ourselves that study of the Word of God might require. This is not to say we should never consult the work of the "pioneers" but simply that we must not be content with that unless we are sure that they were correct and know all the truth of God's Word.

This subject was discussed between Jesus and the scribes and Pharisees in Matthew 15:1-20. Jesus' conclusion is brought out in verse 8 and 9 "This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. BUT IN VAIN THEY DO WORSHIP ME, TEACHING FOR DOCTRINES THE COMMANDMENTS OF MEN."

Each of us must make sure what we believe and practice in religion is from God not the tradition of men if we expect and desire the approval of God.

BILLY PATTON

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Supers vs. Willies

THURSDAY JUNE 21  
Braves vs. Kilowatts  
Bankers vs. Vets

## ROUND-UP

By KAYE LANHAM

MRS. LUCY FORD had visiting her last week her granddaughter, Brenda Stinson and two sons from Enterprise, Alabama and her daughter, Grovone Blair from Lawton, Okla. Visiting her this week will be her granddaughter and her family, Judy and Jim Scott and four boys from West Point, New York.

VISITING in the home of Lena Reeder for one week was Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Gray, Gayle and grandbaby from Mission Hill, California.  
Sunday visitors in her home was Mrs. Verna Harris and family, Mrs. Horstence Harwood, Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Merrida and family, all of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Glen Allison and family of Snyder; and a niece and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. John Stoko of Dallas.

## LEGAL NOTICE

### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

1. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:  
Project: Aluminum frame and glass partition for Taylor County Jail, Abilene, Texas  
Owner: Taylor County Texas  
Architect: Tittle, Luther, Loving - 340 Beech - Abilene, Texas  
Site: 341 Pecan Street - Abilene, Texas

2. GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF WORK:  
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3. TYPES OF PROPOSALS:  
Bids shall be submitted in one single lump sum category which shall include all portions of the work.

4. TIME AND PLACE:  
The Owner will receive sealed proposals until June 19, 1973, at 10:00 A.M. in the County Commissioners Courthouse, Taylor County Courthouse, Abilene, Texas. Proposals received after this time will not be accepted. All interested parties are invited to attend; proposals will be opened publicly and read aloud.

5. EXAMINATION AND PROCUREMENT OF DOCUMENTS:  
Plans and specifications may be examined at Architect's office. Prime contractors may obtain plans and specifications upon the deposit of \$25.00. The entire deposit will be refunded upon return of the plans and specifications in good condition within ten (10) days after receipt of bids.

6. OWNER'S RIGHT TO ACCEPT OR REJECT PROPOSALS:  
The Owner reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all proposals. The Owner reserves the right to award a contract within thirty (30) days following the bid opening. No bids may be withdrawn during this time.

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FOR YOUR MANY EXPRESSIONS OF love and sympathy, for the beautiful flowers, and for the food and refreshments, we sincerely thank you. You have made our burden lighter.  
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Mr. and Mrs. Wallace G. Hill and children  
Mr. and Mrs. Nolan  
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regarding the Conditions of Employment and the Minimum Wage Rate to be paid.

8. PAYMENTS:  
Payments of ninety percent of the value of the work executed will be made every 30 days and payment of 10 per cent retained will be made within 30 days after final approval and acceptance by the Architect and Owner, of all materials and work embraced in the Contract. Standard AIA Application and Certificate of Payment Forms will be furnished by the Architect and executed by the Contractor. 16-1tc

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## Vet Questions & Answers

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

Q — Will a veteran's compensation from VA be reduced if

Social Security benefits are increased?

A — No. VA does not count any income against compensation for service-connected disabilities, including Social Security payments. Income is a factor for pensions for non-service-connected disabilities, however.

Q — Do VA pensioners over 72 years of age have to file annual income questionnaires anymore?

A — No, they do not have to file. A recent law excludes pensioners 72 years old and older who draw benefits during two consecutive years from filing annual income questionnaires. However, they still must report changes in income.

Q — What should I do if my VA benefit check does not arrive on time?

A — Two things. (a) Wait long enough to be sure the mails have cleared. (b) Write to the VA regional office which has your claim file, including your name if you're a veteran or the deceased veteran's name if it is number. Never write the Treasury Department, as this will only prolong the delay in receiving your check.

## Missionette News

By SUSAN WHEELER.

The Missionettes met at the church and went to Mrs. Bairds Bakery in Abilene. We saw how the bread was made. Afterwards we went to Kirby Park.

Attending were Susie Davis, Billie, Leta and Ray Walters, Lisa and Mrs. Rayburn, Marie, Pam and Susan Wheeler, Gwen Teaff, Debbie Glascock, Kim Smith, William Martin and Jeannessa Cypert.

We thank Mrs. Rayburn for driving one of the cars to Abilene. We would also like to thank Mrs. Bairds Bakery.

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KILCATTS -- First Row, left to right, Greg Beasley, Dwayne Sloan, Eugene Ford, John Townsend, Mike Jordan. Second Row, Willie Townsend, Gilbert Rivera, Danny Freeman, Kerry Patterson. Back Row, Craig Hutchings, Kelly Wolf, Todd Robertson, Manager Finley Barnett, and Robert Cunningham. Not pictured, Robert Freeman and Craig Bowen. (Photos by Kaye Lanham)

## As It Looks From Here

### Nations School Children With Best

By OMAR BURLESON, M. C. 17th District, Texas

WASHINGTON — There is now some pretty good evidence that students in our schools are not hopeless slob, probably up to no good, and that trusting the fate of the Nation to their witless hands will be a final disastrous downfall.

A new world-wide study shows that American school students are right up there with the best of them. In spite of the fact that this Country's classrooms are kept open for at least twelve years to all wanting to attend, elsewhere in the world they would have been shunted out at an early age.

The director of the International Association for the Evaluation of Achievements, Dr. Torsten Husen of the University of Stockholm, has warned that the study might be a sort of an "Intellectual Olympics" but nevertheless there is more than a grain of satisfaction in the study. It embraced nineteen nations and revealed what has been noted before — that home atmosphere is more important than anything else in producing scholastic excellence. The report also referred, as often has been done, to the presence of reading materials in the home as having a very great influence. School efficiency does make a difference, according to the findings, in the quality of public school education. This is in contradiction to the conclusions reached by Harvard's Christopher Jencks who maintains that schools make little or no difference in, for instance, social inequality.

In some countries, West Germany being the best example, youngsters are weeded out of the academic program starting around the age of ten. This tends to make those remaining in school an "elitist" bunch with

similar backgrounds and cuts fore they have developed enough to show their capabilities.

One might think that these pruned "elitists" would swamp the American pupil in the later reaches of their scholastic training but it doesn't work out that way, according to the study. In the final overall comparison of the top groups' ability, the United States' schools still had on our rolls some 14 per cent of what is called "lower class" starters who could still go on to better things because they hung in there and kept trying. This compares to only 1 per cent from such beginnings still in German schools.

It can be assumed that just about anything can be improved but in the process some things have been ruined. There are deficiencies, of course, in our secondary educational system and, while this study referred

to may not be all gospel, it shows by comparison to our teachers, our school facilities, and the end product — the student — in fact the entire system deserves commendation.

## Old Fiddlers Contest Set

The Oldtimers of the Texas Cowboy Reunion Association are again staging their annual "Old Time Fiddlers Contest," beginning Wednesday morning, July 4th in the Roundup Hall, Reunion Grounds in Stamford.

Mrs. Lou Cannon, Secretary, states: "This is strictly for non professional fiddlers, 50 years old or older, and we are counting on having a great many Oldtimers in attendance and playing. Prizes of \$125.00 are offered and we are looking for fiddlers from all of Texas and New Mexico. Each fiddler gets a free chuckwagon dinner, and there are public free seats for up to 1,200 people this July 4th in Stamford.

## Mrs. Peachey CofC Holds Visits In Thailand Meeting

Mrs. George Peachey recently returned from a months visit with her husband in Thailand. They celebrated their 23th anniversary together.

While in Bangkok they toured the Emerald Buddha, Marble Temple and several other wats. They visited the Rose Garden, which is a small replica of all Thailand. There they saw Thai dancing, cock fighting, bull fighting, Thai boxing and many other interesting sights.

They also went on a tour of "floating market" and shopped and ate in Chinese and Thai Restaurants.

Mrs. Peachey would like to say Sawadee (hello) to Sgts. Berggen (Bergie), Lang, Inman and to "Toy" and all the other friends she made while there.

CMSgt. Peachey will be returning home from a years tour at U-Tapao AFB Thailand in August.

The Merkel Chamber of Commerce held its regular monthly meeting Tuesday night in the Chamber office. Chamber president Don Hart presided.

Various committee reports were given by members present. Bill Button reported that his committee on New Industry had worked on securing an industry that had inquired about financing. The board voted to discontinue pursuit of the prospect as it would require too much money to get them to move to Merkel.

The Board voted not to sign a long term contract with a sign company to keep the signs along Interstate 20.

Benny Melton, Chamber Manager, speaking for Herman Carson, Membership Chairman, said that a membership drive is planned for the last of this month. Carson is out of town.

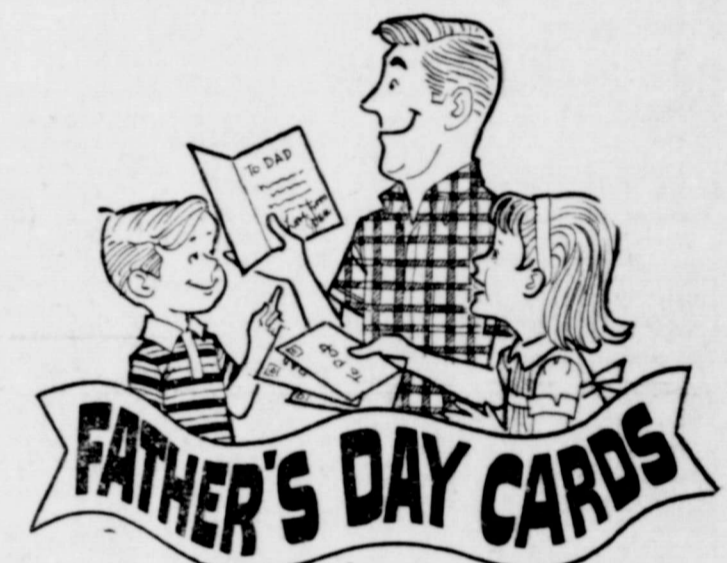
Fred Starbuck, Retail and Promotions Chairman, told the group that entertainment has been secured for the "First Saturday Trades Day and Flea Market" planned for July 7th. He reported that comments have been favorable concerning the recent "Trades Day."

Steve Lanham, Publicity Chairman, stated that Mr. and Mrs. Irl Walker had agreed to call in rain reports to the Abilene Reporter-News.

Members present for the meeting were: Mrs. Ray Wilson, Truett Thompson, Fred Starbuck, Bobby Dubose, Steve Lanham, Don Hart, Bill Button and Benny Melton.

### TRAVELING MAN

Wives of traveling businessmen are experts in the art of packing. These days he needs more than a few clean shirts to present himself successfully. To take care of his pressing problems, buy him one of the new mini steam wrinkle removers. Keep his samples from falling out of his portfolio by sealing the bottom of the acetate carriers with Scotch book tape to form a pocket. Clean his attaché case with Scotch desk and office cleaner. (You can learn something from his secretary!) Tuck an encouraging note in his suitcase — a little inspiration may be just what he needs to get him through a difficult meeting.



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ACROSS

1. Goddess of discord  
5. Mimic  
8. Skills  
12. Slope  
13. Gloomy  
14. Caution  
15. Allotted sum  
18. Porches  
19. Tendencies  
20. Urge  
21. Discovers  
22. Fares  
24. Card game  
25. Prefix, two  
27. Appends  
28. Preserve  
29. Bird  
31. Mother  
32. Boy's name  
33. Large body of water  
34. Pointless  
36. relief  
37. Channels  
39. Glass-making tool  
42. Public servants

44. Chinese money  
45. Neither  
46. Bulb  
47. Does wrong

48. Golf term  
49. Girl's name

22. Water barrier  
23. Asian mountain  
25. Sheep's bleat  
26. Hotel  
28. Approval  
29. Scandium oxide  
30. Occidental  
32. Toilet powder  
33. Greek coin  
34. Induce  
35. Fastens  
37. Shed  
38. A distance  
39. Opening  
40. Ireland  
41. Existence  
43. Farm tool

DOWN

1. Epochs  
2. Transported  
3. Inflicted  
4. Plant shoots  
5. Snakes  
6. Accepted standard  
7. Published literary form  
8. Performed  
9. Showers  
10. Trampled  
11. Japanese coins  
16. Opens poetic  
17. Italian river  
21. Blaze

Answer to Puzzle

S	N	N	V	E	E	L	S	R	S	E									
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### CEMETERY FUND

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### FAMILY REUNIONS Grayson Knight

The Grayson Reunion will be Saturday and Sunday, June 16 and 17 at the Lions Club Building. Old friends and family are invited to come by.

The Knight Reunion was held June 9 and 10th at the Merkel Lions Hall. Sixty-seven attended the reunion which is held annually honoring Mrs. Betty Knight on or near her birthday. She is 83 years old.

All nine of her children were present this year, including a son, O. R. and family from Abadaba Beraea in the Arabian Gulf.

Others attended from Merkel, Burk Burnett, Midland, Cisco, Childress, Odessa, Garland, Dallas, Arlington, Temple, Ashdown, Ark.; Oklahoma, Abilene, Amarillo, Snyder and Glen Rose.

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### FARMCAST

Of nine selected categories of vegetable production, Texas is first in three of them, giving the state a .333 batting average. Texas is first in the nation in production of cabbage, spinach, and watermelons for the year 1972, according to the Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service.

In production of fresh market vegetables, Texas is third in the nation outranked by California and Florida. In total vegetable production, Texas is in fourth place; California, Wisconsin and Florida are ahead of the state in that category.

Watermelon production in Texas last year totaled 70,000 acres; spinach production totaled 5,500; and cabbage production totaled 19,000 acres.

On a county basis, Hidalgo County is Texas' leading vegetable producer with a total of 60,000 acres. Other counties in the top 10 in total vegetable production are Frio, Zavala, Cameron, Deaf Smith, Starr, Castro, La Salle, Willacy, and Duval.

Hidalgo County is the state's leader in production of cabbage, cantaloupes, carrots, onions. Frio County is the state's leader in production of watermelons.

show the importance of Texas to vegetable production for the nation.

Texas is second in cantaloupe production, second in carrot production, fourth in green peppers, second in onions.

Total vegetable acreage in Texas during 1972 amounted to 213,100 acres. Complete details on the vegetable industry in the state are included in the 1972 Texas Vegetable Statistics.

SALES of cattle, calves, sheep, goats and hogs showed moderate declines in Texas.

Cattle and calves marketed through auctions numbered 427,000 head, 33 per cent below a month ago.

Sheep sales at 79,000 head were 38 per cent below a year ago. Goat sales at 30,000 were 25 per cent below a year ago.

Hogs sold at 34,000 head were 32 per cent below a year and a month ago.

EGG production in Texas during April showed a 10 per cent reduction from a year ago and one per cent less than the previous month.

Texas hens are still not quite up to the national average on a laying basis. Texas eggs laid daily per 100 hens averaged 62.6 during April. Nationwide, the average was 63.8 eggs laid daily per 100 hens.

Egg-type chicks hatched in Texas during April increased two per cent from last year. The national total was virtually the same as a year ago.

FUEL shortages are being reported from various parts of Texas by agriculture producers. Farmers who run short of fuel are requested to report it to the Texas Department of Agriculture or to their county Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service office.

Agriculture industries have first priority in the use of fuel, according to federal guidelines on a voluntary compliance basis. More stringent regulations are to be enforced if necessary.

### LEGAL NOTICE

#### Notice to All Persons Having Claims Against Estate of Jasper Penn Howard

Notice is hereby given that original letters of administration upon the estate of Jasper Penn Howard, were issued to me, the undersigned, on the fourth day of June, 1973, in the proceeding indicated below my signature hereto, which is still pending, and that I now hold such letters. All persons having claims against said estate, which is being administered, in the county below named, are hereby required to present the same to me respectively, at the address below given, before suit upon same are barred by the general statutes of limitation, before such estate is closed, and within the time prescribed by law. My residence and post office address are 2004 Gettysburg, county of Tarrant, state of Texas. Dated this fourth day of June, 1973.

Warren L. Howard Administration of the Estate of Jasper P. Howard, No. 11156 in the County Court of Taylor County, Texas.

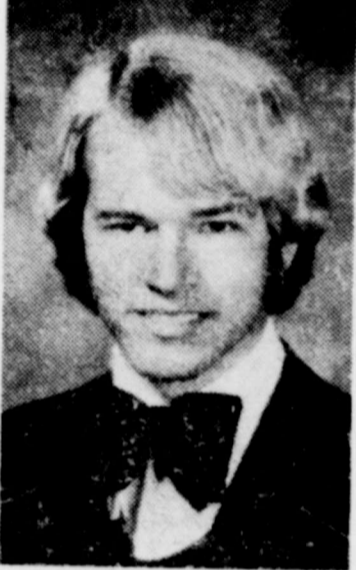
### LEGAL NOTICE

#### NOTICE TO PUBLIC

Whereas BROWN ELECTRIC SERVICE, a sole owned proprietorship of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, has been and is now incorporated as

BROWN & SONS ELECTRIC SERVICE, INC. and, whereas, said Brown & Sons Electric Service, Inc., shall continue to do business at the same location at the address of 910 Oak Street, Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, and, whereas, notice to the public is required by Article 1302-2.02, V.A.T.S.;

You are hereby notified of such incorporation of such firm, its new firm name and its compliance with such law.



TOM McLEOD first in U.I.L.

### McLeod Wins UIL First

Tom McLeod, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. McLeod received a first division rating in the U.I.L. Piano Solo Competition last weekend. The event was held on the University of Texas campus at Austin.

Tom is a student of James Petty of Abilene, whom he has studied with for the past four years. He graduated from Trent High School this past spring and plans to attend Baylor University next fall.

### LEGAL NOTICE

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

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

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: Sperland F. Stone, Defendant, GREETING:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 2nd day of July A.D. 1973, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 7th day of May A.D. 1973, in this cause, numbered 8102 on the docket of said court and styled Janey Twila Stone, Plaintiff, vs.

day of July A.D. 1973, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 14 day of May A.D. 1973, in this cause, numbered 8118 on the docket of said court and styled Frances Lancaster, Plaintiff, vs. Ace Lancaster, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: A suit for divorce. 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 18th day of May A.D. 1973. (SEAL)

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

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: Ace Lancaster, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED 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 2

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Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 16 day of May A.D. 1973. (SEAL) Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD Clerk, Domestic Relations Court, Taylor County, Texas By Marie Gill, Deputy



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# STATE Capital NEWS

By BILL BOYKIN

AUSTIN, Tex. — While the 1973 Legislature managed to avoid a tax bill, outlook for 1975 is "bleak," with new revenue needs ranging up to \$700 million, according to Texas Research League.

came up with a similar gloomy estimate of a \$533 million tax boost during the next regular legislative session, but Gov. Dolph Briscoe declined to agree. According to Texas Research League, state spending from key funds is expected to increase by \$550 million in 1976-77, and the increase could run as high as \$850 million to \$1 billion.

Revenues, meanwhile, are due to rise \$550 million to \$625 million over the present biennium.

However, TRL cautions these factors must also be considered: —Federal revenue sharing funds (which accounted for \$316 million of 1974-75 income) will drop by at least \$100 million, because Texas received a three-year allocation to spend in a two-year period for the current budget.

—An estimated \$156 million surplus at the beginning of the next biennium will decrease from \$75 million-to-\$100 million depending on bills signed by Governor Briscoe.

"With the highest projected spending increase (\$1.050 billion) the 1975 Legislature apparently would find itself faced .. with the need to find \$600-\$700 million in additional biennial revenues," said a new TRL report. "Even (an \$850 million spending hike), means projecting a biennial revenue need of \$400-\$500 million."

If the next legislature decides to overhaul school finance formulas, a biennial cost increase of perhaps another \$300 million can be anticipated, TRL concluded.

Briscoe, at the national governors conference in Nevada,

refused to be pessimistic and promised budgeting innovations and other economy moves which he feels can check a tax boost.

**DIM VIEW OF CONSTITUTION CHANGE** — County officials are getting together to fight any constitutional change which would drastically alter county government, according to Judge Robert W. Calvert, chairman of the Texas Constitutional Revision Commission.

Following hearings in Corpus Christi, Calvert said he sees "an incipient opposition to any suggested changes in county government."

"He cited three letters from county officials expressing a dim view toward tampering with their jobs. Calvert said the Commission is committed to no course on the subject.

The 37-member body is concluding its hearings over the state and will make recommendations to the legislature next November. Lawmakers will sit as a constitutional convention next year. Calvert will sit as a constituent urged legislators to attend the hearing in eight cities this month. Committees will begin drafts on conclusion of the public discussions.

The remainder of the constitutional hearings are set as follows: Friday, June 15, Beaumont, Orange and Port Arthur; Thursday, June 21, Abilene; Friday, June 22, Wichita Falls; Thursday, June 28, Waco; and Friday, June 29, Austin.

**COURTS SPEAK** — Unsafe conditions in public housing units are grounds for suits where tenants are injured, the State Supreme Court held in a case growing out of a death due to a defective heater.

In another case, the High Court upheld lower court judgments of \$197,500 in damages against Mobil Pipeline Company on behalf of the family of a Mobil Oil Company employee who died in a Beaumont explosion.

The U.S. Supreme Court in Washington, meanwhile, upheld a Texas law requiring immunization of school children against several diseases. The top court ruled 7-2 that states cannot indirectly tax liquor sales on U.S. military bases.

**AG OPINIONS** — County commissioners can spend county funds to provide for parking and a service building for county-owned vehicles and parking for the public having business in the courthouse, Atty. Gen. John Hill held.

In other recent opinions, Hill concluded: —In an election contest, on notice of appeal, district clerks should prepare a transcript and forward it to the court of civil appeals clerk before delivering it to attorneys for the appellant.

—The Board of Chiropractic Examiners can adopt rules limiting the size of newspaper advertisements by chiropractors.

—County clerks are not authorized to set filing fees for discovery proceedings if an action is still pending on the docket at the time the proceedings are instituted. If no action is pending, clerks are entitled to a fee of \$3 for each instrument issued but not for filing instruments prepared by others.

**CLAYTON JOINS SPEAKER'S RACE** — Rep. Bill Clayton of Springlake, 44, veteran of a decade of service in the House of Representatives, made his candidacy for speaker official last week. Clayton is a conservative Democrat.

Other candidates include Reps. Fred Head of Troup, James Nugent of Kerrville, Carl Parker of Port Arthur and Dave Finney of Fort Worth Rep. DeWitt Hale of Corpus Christi is also regarded as another strong possibility.

**APPOINTMENTS** — Tom Browning of Athens was named acting director of the Parks and Wildlife Department law enforcement division after Executive Director Clayton T. Garrison fired Stetson Reed.

Governor Briscoe designated Ronald Thomason of Weatherford as Texas State Artist for 1973-74. A. C. Gentry Jr. of Tyler was selected alternate state artist and Bette Lou Voorhis of Austin as alternate for 1974-75.

Omer F. Poorman of Houston will succeed W. E. Carmichael as Houston district highway engineer June 30 when Carmichael retires.

Elray N. Hardy of Wichita Falls has been picked as outstanding veterans employment representative for 1973.

Dale Steitle of Austin is new administrative assistant on the Texas Mass Transportation Commission staff.

**EMPLOYMENT STEADY** — Unemployment in Texas remained at 2.8 per cent during April. Texas Employment Commission said the jobless rate has remained the same for three straight months — the first time that has happened.

The 1972 rate for the same time of year was 3.3 per cent. About 139,500 Texans were job hunting in mid-April. Lubbock and Austin had the lowest rates of unemployment — 1.7 per cent and 1.8 per cent.

**SHORT SNORTS** — U. S. Rural Electrification Administration has approved a \$3 million loan to Guadalupe Valley Telephone Cooperative Inc. in New Braunfels. Governor Briscoe set July 17 as the date for a special election to fill the vacancy created by resignation of Sen. Charles Herring of Austin to become Lower Colorado River Authority general manager. Farmers are having trouble getting diesel fuel for harvest vehicles, according to Agriculture Commissioner John C. White. The Office of Economic Opportunity approved nearly \$1.5 million in grants to nine Texas cities — San Antonio, Amarillo, Corpus Christi, Austin, Dallas, El Paso, Fort Worth, Houston and Lubbock. Briscoe was named to the executive committee of the national governors conference at the recent meeting in Nevada. Cigarette taxes dropped off \$34,186 last month below 1972. Total take was still more than \$21 million. Reduced fire, extended coverage and homeowner insurance rates were approved for 12 more companies operating in the state. New federal requirements for "need surveys" were announced as a basis for allocating fiscal 1975 sewage treatment facilities.

## Accent On Health

By J. E. PEAVY, M.D.  
Commissioner of Health

Vacation time is a happy time, but it also can be a time for tragedy, says the Texas State Department of Health.

Spring and summer weather go hand in hand with recreation in Texas, which has something to offer for everyone — from seashores and lakes to forests and rugged mountains.

In most cases, recreation is associated with water for swimming, boating and fishing. While great for recreation, water poses a serious threat to the safety of young and old alike.

Last year, for example, 601 persons lost their lives in water-related accidents in Texas. Not all of these drownings involved swimmers and boaters. In far too many cases individuals fell from a place of presumed safety — say a dock or river bank — into the water and were drowned. Children are most susceptible to this type incident. A good safety rule is to put a life jacket on a child playing near the water — just in case of a sudden, unplanned dip.

Two children drowned this year in the Colorado River near Austin after being warned of the treacherous nature of the river bank on which they played.

What can you do to make your vacation or a weekend trip a happy, safe one? The State Health Department and Texas Safety Association have some life-saving pointers.

First, make swimmers out of all children and adults. The Red Cross throughout Texas offers free swimming instruction. Or, you may enroll for swimming lessons with a private instructor. Being able to swim is your best insurance for coming out of an accidental dunking alive.

Always swim in marked areas if possible, and never swim alone. If you get into trou-

ble, your companion could toss you a life jacket or rope or extend you a pole to help you reach safety. Never swim when chilled, over-tired or overheated. Stay out of the water if a thunderstorm threatens. Rough water and lightning take their toll.

Always supervise small children constantly. They need your protection.

Boaters should make certain their boats are in perfect shape and meet safety and state regulations — which include having a Coast Guard approved flotation device on board for each person. Many of these devices are cushions — which could float away if a boat overturns. If there are children aboard, make them wear a life jacket or ski belt. If you're on the water at night, you must have running lights.

Certain regulations apply only to larger boats, so don't get caught short, says the State Health Department.

Rough weather and overloading are particular hazards for boaters. If you're on the water when a storm threatens, head for the dock immediately. Even the best of boaters and swimmers have perished in foul weather. If your boat should capsize, stick with it — chances are that it will stay afloat.

When pulling skiers, boat drivers should be aware of swimmers, other boats and obstacles above and below water. Don't be a showoff on the water. Life is too precious to lose.

Skiers have safety rules, too, including the wearing of a flotation device. Even good swimmers can be dazed by a hard fall while skiing.

A good procedure is to have

at least two persons in the ski boat — one to drive and the other to watch the skier. Learn the arm signals prepared specifically for skiers — and use them. It's hard to hear above the noise of a motor, but a hand signal can get the message across. For instance, a skier who falls should raise an arm to signal he's okay.

When a person is entering the water, being picked up or having a towrope moved into position to grab, the motor should be in neutral. Whirling propeller blades kill several people every year.

If you're in the water, be on the lookout for other boats. If one approaches, raise a ski into the air as a signal. It's much easier to see this signal than the head of person bobbing in the water. Summer in a time for fun and there's enough recreation pursuits for anyone. So when you're planning your outing, the State Health Department says, put a little thought and planning into safety.

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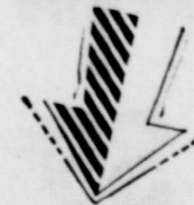
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