

Larry White Is New LL President

Little League held its closing ceremony for the year Tuesday, June 26th.

Benny Melton, president of Little League, held an election of officers for next year. They are as follows:

Larry White, President; J. C. Sims, Vice-President; Christi

Barnett, Secretary - Treasurer; David Seymore, T-Shirt Coordinator; Mrs. Philip Pursley, Ladies Auxiliary Chairman; Joyce Knight, Auxiliary Vice Chairman; and Mrs. John Brady, Auxiliary Secretary - Treasurer.

The Bankers won first place in Little League this year. John Brady, Manager, accepted the trophy for the Bankers.

There were 34 twelve-year-olds leaving Little League this year. There were 14 boys and three alternates chosen out of these for the All-Stars.

They were: Mike Brady, Bill Mashburn, Louis Deavers, and Jay Bowen of the Bankers; Bill Ray Higgins, Braves; Greg Hutchings and Craig Bowen, Kilowatts; Santos Pena Jr., and Weldon Day, Supers; Craig Land and Ellis Williams, Vets; and Mike Sims, David Clyburn, and Benny Beaver, Willes. Alternates were Wendy Beaver, Willie; David Baruch, Bankers; and Rusty Watts, Supers.

Trent First Baptist Plan Revival

The First Baptist Church of Trent will hold a revival beginning Monday, July 9 at 8 p.m.

Guest evangelist will be A. T. Ilse, pastor of the New Testament Baptist Church in Dallas. He is a graduate of Howard Payne University and has attended Baylor, SMU and Christ For The Nations Institute. For 15 years, he pastored churches in the Southern Baptist Convention.

Songleader will be Vernon Law of Dallas. Mr. Law has conducted music at many crusades in the United States and Canada.

Everyone is invited to attend these services.

TCYH Show Said Success

A Benefit Show presented by the Taylor County Young Homemakers Monday night, was termed a success by club members. The group cleared \$522.

The Ray Pack Show entertained a near capacity crowd, with proceeds going to the Abilene State School Volunteer council. Proceeds will be used to send residents of the school to summer camps.

The Faith Singers presented several gospel hymns.

About 75 residents from the State School were present at the show.

Mrs. Mac Seymore, president of the club, expressed appreciation "to all who supported this worthwhile project."



ALL STARS — Sitting, from left to right, alternates Wendy Beaver, Rusty Watts and David Baruch, Kneeling, Craig Land, Santos Pena Jr., Mike Brady, and Lewis Deavers. Third Row, Ellis Williams, Craig Bowen, Dale Ray Higgins, Mike Sims and Jay Boyd. Fourth Row, Assistant Manager Finley Barnett, Benny Beaver, David Clyburn, Weldon Day, Craig Hutchings, Bill Mashburn and Manager John Brady (Photo by Kaye Lanham)

Boy Scout Troop 18 Holds Election of Officers

Troop 18 had their weekly meeting Saturday afternoon.

New officers were elected. They were as follows: Brad Wade, Patrol Scribe for the Bat Patrol; Mike Jordon, Patrol Scribe for the Eagle Patrol

Alan Mawson, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader; Churck Knight, Senior Patrol Leader; and Terry Reed, Junior Assistant Scoutmaster.

Alan Mawson spent last week at Camp Tonkawa for his second week. He earned Conservation of Natural Resources, and Nature Merit badges.

Roger Reed completed swimming and Citizenship skill awards and Basketball and swimming Merit badges.

Welch Has \$648 Win

DENVER, Colo. — Ken Welch Rt. 2 Merkel, emerged the high money-winner in saddle bronc riding at the North Platte, Neb., rodeo, which ended Saturday night, the Rodeo Cowboys Association said.

Welch had the high-marked ride in his event to win \$548. He had his most successful year in 1972, winning \$11,690, and finishing 15th in the world championship saddle bronc riding standings.

Vacation Bible School To Begin Monday

Vacation Bible School will be held at Merkel's First United Methodist Church beginning July 9 through 13. Time will be from 8:30 to 11. All children are invited to attend from kindergarten through 6th grade.

Mrs. L. S. Tipton will be in charge of Kindergarten; Mrs. Dewel McLean, Bible Study; Mrs. Phil Seymore, Crafts; Mrs. Mac Seymore and Mrs. Obie Coker, Music. Mrs. Gary Douglas will be in charge of refreshments. In charge of games will be Janie Clark, Kathryn Murrell and Cindi Whistenhant.

Casady Assigned To USS Edison

Navy Seaman Apprentice Shelton D. Casady, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Casady of Rt. 2, Merkel, is on deployment with the U.S. 7th Fleet in the Western Pacific aboard the USS Edison destroyer.

A former student of Merkel High School, he joined the Navy in February 1972.

Senior Citizens Have Luncheon

The Senior Citizens held their monthly singing Monday night. Approximately 40 attended the singing.

The Allday Senior Citizens Luncheon will be held Tuesday, with covered dishes being brought by the Senior Citizens. After the luncheon, there are games and visiting.

Medicare Insurance Increase Off

Medicare medical insurance premium, scheduled for an increase in July, has been rolled back in keeping with President's Nixon's 60-day price freeze policy, according to Glyn Hammons, Assistant District Manager for the Abilene Social Security Office.

"The higher amount will continue to be charged until the premium record for each beneficiary can be corrected," Hammons said.

"Refunds in full will be made at a later date. This also applies to Railroad Retirement beneficiaries and Civil Service annuitants who pay premiums for medical insurance under Medicare," he said.

Medicare medical insurance helps pay for doctor bills and many other medical expenses of almost everyone 65 or over and disabled people under 65 who have been eligible for monthly social security disability payments for 2 years or more.

Pvt. Brown Completes Marine Basic

SAN DIAGO — Marine Pvt. Calvin D. Brown, son of Mrs. Betty Potevint of 1700 Alabama, Big, Tex., graduated from basic training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot here.

He is the grandson of Mrs. Ione Adams of Route 2, Trent.



CALVIN BROWN
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Bank Deposits At All-Time High

For the first time in its history, Farmers and Merchants National Bank surpassed \$6 million in deposits.

Booth Warren, president of the bank, said, "Farmers and Merchants is proud to have reached this important milestone of \$6 million in deposits."

The bank's statement of condition showed deposits at \$6,107,746 at the close of business on June 30, 1973. The March 28 Statement showed deposits at \$5,683,312. This represents an increase in deposits of \$424,434.

Loans meanwhile showed a decrease. In March loans totaled \$1,493,501. They now stand at \$1,339,321, a decrease of \$64,180.

"We have had one of our best wheat crops in history, cattle prices continue to show strength and crops are in good shape at this time," Warren said. "The economic outlook for Merkel is good as of now," he continued.

Farmers and Merchants is a member of The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Farmers Union President Calls Farm Bill 'Mediocre'

"It is most unfortunate that the House Agriculture Committee has bowed to pressures from Secretary Butz and the Administration and approved a mediocre farm bill at a time when a good farm program is so necessary to the consumer as well as the farmer," Texas Farmers Union President Jay Naman of Waco said.

In a statement from the Waco office of the statewide farm organization, the Farmers Union expressed disappointment at the reduced target prices in the House version of the farm bill. The House bill reduces the target price of what approximately a hundredweight off the price of grain sorghum, and reduces the target price of cotton by 5 cents per pound. These reductions lower the target prices substantially blow the 70 per cent of parity level in the Senate-passed farm bill.

"The purpose of the farm bill is to provide an incentive for farmers to produce in abundance by assuring them a target price which will enable them to pay high production costs and still retain a realistic profit. This objective is in the interest of the consumer as well as the farmer, if threatened shortages materialize," the spokesman for Farmers Union said.

Naman charged that Secretary Butz has coerced the House

Agriculture Committee into including several crippling amendments in the House version of the farm bill by threatening a presidential veto. One of these, according to the Farmers Union official, is a provision that will offset the advantages of the escalator clause to increase target prices as farm costs increase.

"The Secretary of Agriculture insists on an 'efficiency index' that will drive the target price down if farmers increase their efficiency. In other words, it is a scheme to deprive farmers of the opportunity to receive any benefits from their increased efficiency," Naman said.

Farmers Union claims that its "fly-ins" of farmers to Washington have resulted in some improvements in the House version of the farm program. "Without some of the work which our farmers have done in Washington, it would be a much worse farm program, but at best, it is not something that Congress should be proud of," according to the farm organization spokesman.

"We hope that the Senate-House Conference Committee target prices and accept the recommendations which Farmers Union has made to strengthen the program. As it is, if the production costs continue to go up and export opportunities do not materialize, the American farmer will again be left holding the bag," Naman said.

Texas' First 4-H Congress Set July 10-12 at Houston

HOUSTON — Texas' first 4-H Congress, set for July 10-12 at the Shamrock Hilton Hotel, Houston, will be developed around the theme "Values in Transition."

More than 500 top teenagers representing every county in the state, according to Dr. Don Stormer, state 4-H and youth leader for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, the parent organization of 4-H.

"The 4-H delegates will focus attention on current social concerns and how these concerns can be a part of the ongoing 4-H programs," Stormer said. Texas 4-H Council members will preside during Congress.

Several nationally prominent authorities from business, government and education will join ranks with the teen participants to discuss values related to their particular field and society in general.

Harris County and City of Houston officials will be on hand to welcome delegates at the opening general assembly at 4 p.m. July 10. Dr. John E. Hutchison, Extension Service director, will be a featured speaker.

Dr. William Hale, Jr., associate director for continuing education with the University of Georgia, will deliver the keynote address at the opening session.

Speakers for the morning general session on July 11 will include T. Louis Austin, president of Texas Utilities, Dallas, who will discuss economic values; and Dr. Povi W. Tousseng, professor of child and adolescent psychiatry at the University of Oklahoma, who will speak on social values.

An election of 1973-74 council officers is set for 3:30 p.m. July 11. Committee assignments also will be made. New council officers will be presented at the final assembly July 12.



RECREATION SWIMMERS pose for a picture during recreation at the Merkel Restaurant and Motel swimming pool. Recreation director for the summer program is Ronny Aldridge. Assisting him is Mrs. Aldridge and George Martin. (Photo by Connie Harris)

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STARR NURSING HOME NEWS

By MARY OUTLAW
 Everyone is okay at this writing. We have been real busy working and canning and I'm sorry we haven't had any news. I especially like to write for the ones who live on farms and ranches and the elderly who can't visit the Nursing Home.

Mr. Irvin L. Woozencraft and Mrs. Cora Woozencraft of Olton Texas visited W. A. Woozencraft recently. Mr. Woozencraft has been ill but is slowly improving.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Fagan and daughter, Jane of Fort Worth visited Mitchell Fagan Sunday who recently moved from Stamford here. He is a real nice patient and we hope he likes it here.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyn Bridges of Breckenridge visited Mrs. Ollie Brookerson last week.

Rev. Billy Tucker, pastor of Hodges Baptist Church, filled their appointment Sunday at 3 p.m. Mrs. Billy Tucker played the Piano. Those helping with service were Mr. and Mrs. Bill

Warlick, Tammy and Todd, Dara Cook, Wayne Newman, and Lindell Lackey. There was an unusual large crowd to attend and there was a nice service.

Mrs. Phil Seymore of Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi brought gifts for those having birthdays in June. Happy birthday to Barbra Deatherage, Mr. Wines, Mrs. McDonald, Mrs. Anna Roberson and Mrs. Concha Tinoco. Mrs. Tinoco was 97 years young. They brought cup cakes for all which was really appreciated.

We have a new patient, Nella Mitchell from Abilene. He is Addie McDonald's brother. We welcome him to our home and hope that his health will improve.

We were very sorry to lose Lucille Burleson by death. She had been our patient for about five years. We loved her very much but she was real sick for so long and God was merciful to take her home.

Mrs. Margaret Evans passed away Saturday at 3 p.m. She was a real nice patient. She was our only colored patient but everyone loved her and we will miss her. She had diabetes and heart trouble. She was 71 years of age.

Mrs. Nola Spratlin was admitted into our home last week. She is a very nice patient and we invite her friends to visit her.

We want to welcome Mrs. Loessa Allison (nee Loessa Simpson) from San Antonio, born and reared here. She is going to be our Director of Nurses. She replaces Mrs. Louise Dart of Abilene. She will be living in her home where she was born, where Mr. and Mrs. Fred Odell lived before Mrs. Odell died. So all of you who are her friends visit her and welcome her back home. I have contacted her minister from the Church of Christ, Wayman Adcock is her cousin. We are glad to have her back. She lost her husband in February.

We wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Warren Price of Baird for the nice beets, berries, frozen green beans, frozen okra, plums and currants they gave the Nursing Home.

Mrs. Minnich from Pennsylvania is visiting her son, Sgt.

Ted Minnich and his wife Joyce and she has been visiting in our Nursing Home. We always enjoy her visits. Ted will be going over seas for 1 year August 1. We will miss him.

Thank you Mrs. L. Allison for the 2 bushels of peaches and cucumbers you brought the home from Fredicksburg. We will make some fresh cobbles.

Last Sunday a week ago the Church of God people came and filled their appointment. Everyone reported a nice service. Thank you people for coming and bringing your gospel and song service into the Home.

We have Wade Enismenger as a patient here. We hope that he will soon be well.

Mrs. Cleo Douglas went home Sunday for lunch.

Mrs. Nola Spratlin had as

visitors Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Herman Doan of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Johnson and daughter-in-law, Kay Johnson of Lubbock, and Mr. and Mrs. Grady Bishop of Odessa.

We put 25 gallons of Dew berries in the deep freeze so we will have cobbles this winter.

Nine out of 10 girls will be employed at some time in their lives, according to Dr. Jennie Kitching, family life education specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System.

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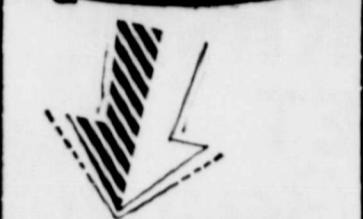
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Loans	\$1,339,321.13
Overdrafts	1,327.71
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	9,000.00
Banking House	50,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	10,000.00

AVAILABLE CASH:

U.S. Government Bonds	\$1,785,055.00
Obligations of Other U.S. Gov't. Agencies	202,902.49
Fed. Funds Sold	500,000.00
Municipal Bonds & Warrants	1,158,221.31
Cash and Due from Banks	1,819,399.47
Total Available Cash	5,465,578.27

TOTAL \$6,875,227.11

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 150,000.00
Surplus	150,000.00
Undivided Profits and Reserves	452,480.91
Dividends Payable June 30, 1973	15,000.00
DEPOSITS	6,107,746.20

TOTAL \$6,875,227.11

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Some Saw Fuel Shortage Coming

By OMAR BURLESON, MC
17th District, Texas

WASHINGTON, D. C. —
Things — like people — need to
be in the right place at the right
time.

This is the situation relative to
an adequate supply of fuels. As
has been opined in this space
before, there are sources of
fuels, if made available.

There is really no justification
for shortages in gasoline and
fuel oils, which now face many
parts of the Country and which
may become worse before it be-
comes better.

Those knowledgeable of the
background of circumstances
saw the shortage coming sever-
al years ago and warned of poli-
cies which have created the lack
of supplies now apparent.

A few glaring examples illus-
trate what is now happening. In
the first place, tax incentives
and tax policy have not encour-
aged new exploration for oil and
gas. More immediate have been
policies related to the environ-
ment. Everyone wants the envi-
ronment protected and it can be
protected with application of
some common sense.

The environment kick we
have been on the last few years
has prevented the construction
of new oil refineries. This is a
bottleneck in finished products
at this time.

Deep-sea unloading ports
have not been developed; nu-
clear energy plants have not
been built and, particularly, the
one from the North Slope of Alaska
where an ocean of oil was dis-
covered in 1968.

The argument over the con-
struction of a pipeline from
northern Alaska to the South
Port of Valdez has raged for
three years.

The contention of the environ-
mentalists has been, and contin-
ues to be, that a pipeline would
spoil the Nation's last true wil-
derness; another is that tankers
at the port of Valdez would foul
the Gulf of Alaska; another is
that a trans-Canadian pipeline to
our Midwest would be prefer-
able. Millions of dollars have al-
ready been spent in the most
painstaking research to insure
that a pipeline across Alaska
would not disturb the environ-
ment. Every contingency has
been anticipated from the needs
of caribou herds to the potential
effects of earthquakes.

Volumes of research have
concluded that a 789 mile pipe-
line from Prudhoe Bay down to
the ice-free Port of Valdez
would eventually be an invisible
harline in the awesome vast-
ness of Alaska's 586,412 square
miles. Its entire right-of-way
would not be as wide as a mod-
ern highway, of which, incident-
ally, Alaska has none.

Emotions are raised by the
notion that migratory animals,

such as the caribou, would be
unable to pass over the pipeline.

The facts are that more than
half of the pipeline would be
buried 7 to 10 feet underground.
Where it is above ground, un-
derpasses are provided and tssts
have been physically carried out
to show that migratory animals
readily use the trails under
them. Lines would be buried at
least 5 feet below each of the 350
stream beds which it would
traverse. It is planned that veg-
etation would be naturally re-
placed and that in a short time
any denuded area would be

healed over.
No doubt, some oil spillage is
bound to occur in any seaport
but every precaution is now
being made to prevent it.

A final argument against the
Alaskan pipeline argument is
that a trans-Canadian line would
be preferable. It is well docu-
mented that an Alaskan line can
be completed in 3 years, while it
would take a minimum of 10
years, even if all political prob-
lems were solved now, to bring
a pipeline across Canada. This
means that our oil-hungry Coun-
try could not get its own Alas-
kan oil until the early 1980's.

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Mr. and Mrs. Euel F. Lawson,
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Accent On Health

Each year approximately 200 children die and several thousand others are crippled by a disease most of us know little about. The disease? Lead poisoning.

Its victims may suffer blindness, cerebral palsy, kidney disease, mental retardation and other permanent brain damage, say state health officials.

Some 400,000 children are poisoned annually in this country by repeated intakes of lead-based paints, with 4,000 of this number receiving permanent damage. The tragedy of this silent, man-made threat is that it is preventable.

While most instances of lead poisoning in children is traceable to flaking paint on old houses, other sources also are suspect. These include automobile exhausts, innocent-looking playthings, and lead-glazed ceramic ware.

Americans are beginning to realize the potential danger that lies hidden in lead-based paint

— an unforeseen legacy from pre-World War II days. Even after the war, many paints were pigmented with durable white lead. Even though manufacturers of paint now must meet stringent regulations for indoor paints, millions of children throughout the United States still are exposed to existing toxic paint — in addition to the cloud of lead-laden exhaust fumes covering many cities and metropolitan areas. Research is underway now to determine the defects of automobile exhaust one and six years.

Lead poisoning occurs when children eat the sweet-tasting chips and flakes of lead-based paint from the walls and other surfaces of old houses. Most of the victims are between ages of one and six years.

The first nationwide survey of blood lead levels in children indicates that almost any city with decaying housing has youngsters in danger of lead poisoning. Investigators found

high blood levels of lead in 85 per cent of the communities tested. Studies indicate that 10 to 25 per cent of children in high-risk areas have blood levels indicating they are eating paint and absorbing dangerous amounts of lead. However, only two or three per cent actually display symptoms.

Experts say children eat paint chips because it has a sweet taste with a sort of alcoholic aftertaste. But even if paint had a bad taste, children probably would eat paint chips for their crunchiness, say health experts.

An underlying reason for eating chips of leaded paint — and such things as paper, cigarette butts, crayons, matches and clay — may be that children have "pica." Pica is a little understood but compulsive urge to eat strange things even when a person is not hungry.

Lead poisoning can be prevented. Parents and others living in homes where lead paint may be a problem should be warned of the dangers. Children should be prevented from chewing on painted articles or picking up chips from the floor.

Mass education and information is being focused primarily on residents in deteriorating housing — such as ghetto areas. Although lead poisoning isn't limited to poor people, they are most likely to be living in such buildings. But even better-quality homes may have been painted with lead-based paints. Also important is the matter of toys and atmospheric lead from pollution.

Public health nurses, sanitarians, parents and others need to be on the lookout for early symptoms of lead absorption. These vague symptoms include irritability, poor appetite and chronic constipation. While can detect lead's presence, as well, these are indications that medical advice should be sought.

Is there hope for a lead-poisoned child? Yes, say state health officials, if the malady is detected soon enough. Laboratory analyses of blood and urine can detect lead's presence. Another ingenious method of finding lead — by a process called spectrophotometry — is in a snippet of the victim's hair.

Lead poisoning can cause severe handicaps and a costly malady. Health authorities estimate that a moderately brain-damaged child needs about 10 years of special education and care at a cost of \$1,750 per year — or \$5.6 million for 3,200 of the children who are annually afflicted by lead poisoning. The other 800 children permanently damaged require life-time, institutional care costing some \$4,000 per year — or \$3.2 million during their life spans.

Often the symptoms of lead poisoning go completely unnoticed. But lead, like other metals, accumulates in the body. State health authorities estimated that it takes only two or three paint chips little bigger than a fingernail, chewed daily over a period of some three months, to cause severe illness.

Farmcast

Compiled From Sources Of The Texas Department Of Agriculture
John C. White, Commissioner

Texas, already recognized as a giant in agricultural production in the nation, will become a major factor in international agriculture in the years ahead. With exports becoming an increasing part of this nation's agriculture, Texas will be a key state in supplying farm products as well as providing facilities from which commodities will be shipped.

Texas has excellent port facilities along the Gulf Coast. The Port of Houston was utilized in shipping the 400,000,000 bushels of wheat to Russia. Texas now has excellent export livestock pens which will increase the state's dominance in the livestock industry.

The pens are already in use in Houston, Del Rio and Eagle Pass. Additional pens are to be built soon at Brownsville, El Paso, and Laredo.

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"Through use of these pens, you can be assured Texas will be a leader in the world in international agriculture affairs," Texas Agriculture Commissioner John C. White said.

The Texas Department of Agriculture is responsible for operating the pens. Texas livestock export business this year is expected to exceed \$40,000,000.

Throughout the nation, Texas continues to be the number one livestock station. Texas has more than twice as many cattle and calves than the second times more beef cows than the second ranking state.

The cattle and calf production population for Texas as of Jan. 1 this year is 15,350,000 head; this is an increase of about 2,500,000 head from 1972.

Beef cows — the factory of the livestock business — numbered 6,320,000 in Texas; this compared with second place Oklahoma's 2,283,000 head.

Texas is also first in the nation in cattle on feed and first in the nation in numbers of sheep and lambs.

THE MAY hatch of egg-type chickens in Texas is down nine per cent from a month ago. The May hatch of broiler chicks is down two per cent from a month ago. The total turkey poult hatch was up eight per cent from a month ago.

Egg production in Texas during May was seven per cent below a year ago, but four per cent above a month ago.

Nationwide, egg production during May was three per cent below a year ago. Layers on hand declined four per cent from May a year ago and two per cent below April.

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STATE **Capital NEWS**
BY BILL BOYKIN

AUSTIN, Tex. — The last of 19 public hearings by the Texas constitution Revision Commission were held in Waco and Austin last week.

It was the largest meeting with 34 out of 37 commissioners attending.

Witnesses in Austin before the full commission and committees made recommendations for

changes in the 98-year-old document.

Speakers, legislators and commission members agreed that it is going to be a tough job to write a new constitution that will be approved by the voters of Texas.

"You must write an intelligent document that can be understood by the man on the street," one speaker said.

Representative Bill Clayton, Sprink Lake reviewed his constitutional revision plan that was introduced in the last legislature. Clayton said that we need a short, concise document similar to the federal constitution that would also leave the present constitution intact until changed by two-thirds vote of the legislature.

"There's going to be some knock-down, drag-out battles over sacred cows in the present constitution." Right-to-work, dedicated funds, the judicial article, state government financing, public school financing are some of the controversial topics which must be considered by the commission and then the legislature.

Bill Gray, Texas Manufacturers Association, spoke for budget execution authority for the governor.

Other speakers during the final two days of public hearings in Austin and Waco spoke for: removal of sections that are statutory in nature, continuation of pay-as-you-go plan, stronger county government, fewer elected officials and more appointed officials more power for the governor, life appointment for all judges, and many other major changes in the existing constitution.

ARTESIA HALL PROBE CONTINUES — The spreading investigation of Artesia Hall, a private institution for troubled youth near Cleveland, is receiving close attention of top state officials and legislators.

The institution June 21 was ordered by a court at Liberty turned over to the state for operation. Many students already had been withdrawn.

The facility has been the center of controversy after its founder and director, Dr. Joseph Farrar, 56, of Houston, was charged with murder in connection with the death of a 17-year-

old girl. The girl died after allegedly drinking rat poison. Farrar was charged with refusing medical aid for 36 hours. He denies the accusation and another of beating of a boy.

Central to an investigation by the attorney general, Department of Public Safety, a House sub-committee and the Welfare Board is why the school was licensed in November 1971 despite unanimous objections by welfare case workers who inspected it.

At a meeting here last Friday, the State Board of Public Welfare ordered licensing of child care and placing institutions transferred to the state offices and made subject to board approval. Licensing is now handled at regional level.

Welfare Commissioner Raymond Vowell confirmed that numerous complaints were received about Artesia Hall over the last couple of years, and that welfare staff members were dispatched there "every other week."

However, the commissioner said, the complaints could not be substantiated.

The Board set another meeting for July 6 to further explore the case and possible recommendations for personnel changes.

CITY TAX REVENUE BOOMS — Nearly 700 Texas cities levying local option sales taxes collected \$45.9 million during the quarter which ended March 31.

Comptroller Robert S. Calvert's newest report shows a total of \$46.6 million collected, before auditing expenses and the state's service fee deduction.

Houston alone got more than \$9 million from the levy and Dallas \$6.3 million.

COURTS SPEAK — The State Supreme Court agreed to review a case involving closing of a portion of a street which a hotel operator claimed cost him loss of business.

The High Court agreed that a Bexar County district court should try a \$294,943 damage suit brought by the State Insurance Board receiver on behalf of two defunct San Antonio insurance firms.

In still other cases, the Supreme Court ruled:

—That a single guaranty agreement can apply to all bank notes a borrower may have.

—A Matagorda County tractor driver who had his leg crushed on the job can't collect workmen's compensation because he didn't file his claim in time.

— Damages awarded an Abilene truck driver can be reduced because of a showing that he had opened a sliding door of his truck before the accident in which he was injured.

—A new trial should be held in a damage suit resulting from death of a Houston man crushed between two trucks.

—A nearly-six-months' delay has been granted for appeal of former House Speaker Gus nutscher's Conspiracy to accept-a-bribe conviction.

—A U.S. Supreme Court decision striking down state aid to parochial schools prompted a request for an attorney general's opinion as to the Texas tuition-equalization grants in private colleges.

AG OPINIONS — A prison sentence to be imposed and the manner it is to be served is at the time of the crime, and any effort to invoke statutes later enacted is imposition of an unconstitutional ex post facto law, Atty. Gen. John Hill held.

In another recent opinion, Hill held abolition of the office of county school superintendent in a county may not be accomplished by a special or local law.

SAFETY DRIVE LAUNCHED — City and county officials were urged by the Governor to give top priority to a cooperative all-out attack on the rising traffic toll.

The \$1 million joint effort, to be known as Project SAVE, will be launched July 1, in San Antonio, Dallas, Denison, Garland, Grand Prairie, Greenville, Irving, Mesquite, Plano, Port Arthur, San Angelo, Sherman, Texas and Tyler, and counties of Harris, Cameron and Hidalgo.

Traffic safety coordinators will be employed in participating communities, paid by funds provided by the governor's office of Traffic Safety Administration. Funds will also go to deployment of traffic officers on an overtime basis in selected areas at selected times to police selected violations with original emphasis on alcohol-related offenses.

FOOD STAMPS EXPANDED — All 254 counties will be brought under a statewide food stamp program for welfare recipients November 1, though the U.S. Postal Service has declined to handle issuance in Bexar, Harris and El Paso counties immediately.

At present, all 31 counties authorized for pilot food stamp identification. As of August 1, the Postal Service will begin post office issue of food stamps in all existing food stamp counties except for Bexar, Harris and El Paso.

APPOINTMENTS — Robert R. Shelton of Kingsville was named vice-chairman of Texas Criminal Justice Council.

Governor Briscoe named as new judges Raymond Justice of Houston (domestic relations court, effective January 1), and Sam M. Paxon of El Paso (210 district, effective January 1).

He selected David D. Adams of Nacogdoches as 145th district attorney.

Briscoe placed Fred Wulff of Brady on the Legislative Property Tax Committee.

New Grass Side-Steps SAD and Chinch Bugs

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Texas leaders on the SAD project have been Dr. Robert Toler of the Agricultural Experiment Station and the A&M University Plant Sciences Department, and Dr. Walter Walla, plant pathologist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Florida gets its name from the fact it was developed jointly by the Florida Agricultural Experiment Station and the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

Dr. Richard Doble of the Experiment Station and the A&M Soil and Crop Sciences Department has led the work on chinch bug resistance.

Toler said SAD, a virus disease, was first noted in Texas in the southern part of the state in 1969.

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Junior Angus Assn. Plan Field Day

Members of the Texas Junior Angus Association have made final plans for their 1973 Texas State Junior Angus Association Field Day to be held at the Richmond Hale Ranch near Canyon on July 27-28.

The event is scheduled to get underway at 1 p.m. on July 27 with the junior Angus heifer show followed by a picnic and party, the 1973 Texas Junior Angus Queen contest, beef judging contest, and various educational programs during the two day event.

Max Stapleton, Haskell County Agent, has been selected as judge for the junior show.

Juniors entering the heifer show must be members of the T.S.J.A.A. Memberships may be obtained by sending \$2 to Jo'Ann Adams, Box 5, Tahoka, Texas, 79373.

Entry fee for the heifer show is \$5 per head and the entry deadline is July 13. Entries should be sent to Mike Herron, Box 697, Rotan, Texas, 79546.

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THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING MERKEL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Board of Equalization will be in session at Merkel City Hall on Tuesday, July 17, 1973, at 1 p.m. for the purpose of equalizing all taxable property in the Merkel Independent School District. Letters have been sent to all whose property values were raised in order to equalize same and to all who made requests to meet with the board.

The Board of Equalization: Benny Melton, Chairman Don Hart Tom Hogan Arthur Moore James Snowden

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

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

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: Michael Duane Penn Defendant, GREETING: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 104th 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 6th day of August A.D. 1973, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 25th day of

June A.D. 1973, in this cause, numbered 12,342-B on the docket of said court and styled Ex Parte, Plaintiff, vs. Jonathan Eugene Penn & Veta Holly Renay Penn, both minors, Defendant.

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 25th day of June A.D. 1973. (Seal) Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD 104 District Court Taylor County, Texas By Marie Adkins, Deputy. 18 4tc

LEGAL NOTICE
THE STATE OF TEXAS vs. Larry D. Larson, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Divorce. Petitioner and Respondent legally married October 28, 1961. Permanently separated about June, 1968. One child born to this union, Michael Don Larson, age 8 years. Petitioner asking for care, custody and control of minor child. Marriage become insupportable because of discord or conflict of personalities. 1966 Rambler, Automobile community property, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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

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

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 13th day of June A.D. 1973. (SEAL) Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD Clerk, Domestic Relations Court, Taylor County, Texas By Rilla Mahoney, Deputy. 17-4tc

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Stith News By MRS. FRITZ HALE

Kathy Harris of Midland spent the weekend with her grandmother, Mamie Hardin and her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Burns.

Sam and J. C. Burns were visitors Sunday.

Visitors in the home of Mrs. Ruby Reddin last week were Mr. and Mrs. Howard Reddin and Mr. and Mrs. Robert James of Abilene and Mrs. Orval Ely of Stith.

Mr. and Mrs. Derrell Moore and children of Abilene visited Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hale Saturday.

Mrs. Doug Stephenson of Midland spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McDonald. Melissa Stephenson returned home with her mother, after visiting several weeks with her grandparents the McDonalds.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wayne Berry, Gary and Annette of Schertz, Texas spent the weekend with their parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hale.

Visitors attending services at the Stith Baptist Church Sunday were Mrs. Doug Stephenson and Melissa, Kathy Harris, Frank Munday and the Robert Wayne Berry family.

Tea Held For Mrs. Warren

The Fellowship Class of the Methodist Church in Knox City is giving an appreciation tea for Mrs. E. Q. Warren Sunday July 8th from 2 to 5 p.m. at the church.

Mrs. Warren teaches a class at the church. She is a longtime piano teacher.

All of Mrs. Warren's friends and former piano pupils are invited to attend the tea.

Mrs. Johnny Cox of Merkel is one of Mrs. Warren's former students.

Mrs. E. Q. Warren is the former Eva Williams.

Briscoe Awards Grants To Improve Law Enforcement

AUSTIN — On June 28 Governor Dolph Briscoe awarded grants totaling \$40,294 for improving law enforcement and crime prevention in the area served by West Central Texas Council of Governments, Abilene.

The money will come from the Criminal Justice Council, which administers the state's block grant from the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration

School Aid Announced

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congressman Omar Burleson announced today a \$274,000 Office of Education grant to the Trent Independent School District.

These funds will be used to provide programs and projects to meet the special educational needs of economically disadvantaged children in pre-school programs, elementary schools, and certain selected secondary schools if the local educational agency determines

The grants have been made available under Part C of Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act which provides special programs for educationally disadvantaged children.

under the Omnibus Crime Control Act.

West Central Texas COG will receive \$27,300 in planning funds to continue employment of a full-time criminal justice coordinator and provide him secretarial and administrative support and expenses. The award is contingent on a future congressional appropriation.

Counties served by the COG are Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Kent, Knox Mitchell, Nolan, Runnels, Scurry, Sackelford, Stephens, Stone-wall, Taylor and Throckmorton.

Sweetwater was awarded \$9,940 to establish a crime prevention and education unit in the police department. The grant will provide the salary of one employee and equipment for operating the unit, which will seek to prevent crime by informing citizens of ways to avoid becoming crime victims. The city will provide a \$700 cash match.

A \$3,054 award to Snyder will be used to initiate a police intern project, whereby three law enforcement students of Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, will be employed in the Snyder Police Department during the summer.

The West Central Texas applications were among 71 for action and planning funds considered by the CJC Executive Committee June 8. Requests totaled \$4,565,876.

Missionette News

By SUSAN WHEELER
The Missionettes held their meeting Tuesday June 26 and worked in their work books. We worked in our cross. Members attending were

Oleta and Ray Walters, Judy Glasscock, Jeanessa Cypert, Lisa Rayburn, Susie and Bennie Allgiar, Gwen Teaff, Marie, Pam and Susan Wheeler, Billy Walters and one visitor. Refreshments were served by Marie Wheeler.

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"WHAT WOULD MY FRIENDS THINK?" No. 1

Galatians 1:10 "For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet please men, I should not be the servant of Christ."

This presents one of life's greatest difficult challenges (a call to take part in a fight) and temptations. The devil probably wins more battles here than in any one other area of life. Shall we or shall we not give into the test?

1 Peter 5:8 "Be sober, be watchful: your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour."

The devil seeks to "devour" those who would serve Christ by seeking to cause them to be more concerned with what our friends think of us than what the Lord wants or thinks of us. 2 Corinthians 2:11 "Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices." Let us not be "ignorant" of just what his device and purpose is. The devil can try to get us to put acceptance with friends at any cost above pleasing the Lord, popularity regardless what it takes, and etc.

But the area which I want to deal with is the acceptance of Bible truth. There are many who will not accept some Bible truths because it would require them to accept and believe something different from friends or relatives and there are many who are simply unwilling to make that change. We need to do some sober thinking and reflection on "do I seek to please men or God?"

I know one man, for example, who never would attend worship services simply because he was afraid his friends would make fun of him. He died having never gone to a church service as an adult because of it. The question not only deserves an answer for ourselves but we need to realize eternity may well depend upon it.

I know other people who believe a particular Bible truth but it stands in opposition to the view of their friends and the church they attend . . . "for if I yet please men, I should not be the servant of Christ."

The Lord on Judgment day will not excuse or ignore the sin, it is in essence the putting of man's admiration above the Lord's, it is loving the praise of men more than God's approval. Read Acts 5:29.

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