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## John W. Cain Elected Merkel Elementary Head

of the Merkel School Board, John W. Cain was elected principal of the Merkel Elementary Schools.

Mr. Cain in a native of Moran, Texas, and graduated from the Moran High School. After graduating from high school, he entered Ranger Junior College

### School Lunches To **Cost More**

Due to the increase in food prices, school lunches for students, teachers, and other employees will be increased when school begin on August 20.

The school board members were given cost figures at the July 16 meeting showing that the cafeteria operated in the red during the 1972-73 school year. After taking into consideration cost figures, the price of lunches was set at 50 cents each for all students, and the price for teachers and other employees was set at 75 cents each. Unless food prices continue to rise, the cafeteria's income will approximate the expected costs for the year. This assumption will likely be in error if food prices continue to rise or if there is a decrease in government USDA commodities and this appears likely.

During the July 16th meeting and, after about two years, transferred to Hardin - Sanmons University where he earned his B.S. degree, majoring in education and chemistry. He continued his college training in Texas A&M and was awarded a Master's degree in 1971. After receiving his Master's degree, he did additional graduate work in H-SU and received his principal's certificate from that institution.

> For the past 8 years he was employed in the Abilene School System as coach, teacher, and assistant to the administration. He also was head of the science department in Franklin Junior

> Mr. Cain and his wife, Anita Janell, and two boys, Leslie Scott, age 11, 6th grade, and John Wiley, age 13, freshman, will be moving to Merkel in the near future.



. . . new principal

THE POLE HOUSE — Standing in front of the 9x5x4 pole house he constructed in Merkel this summer, is Mike Womack, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Greenfield. (Photo by LaVonne Bunch)

### **Visiting Boy Constructs** Conversation' Pole Home

Texas has a new building on ed atop three poles in a chinese and triangular for conversation!

The California architect is Mike Womack, who is visiting and the "Pole House" next week his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. for San Diego, where he will Jay Greenfeld, 610 Marion St. enter the eighth grade.

Material for the 9x5x4 structhe horizon. Local builders ture was confiscated from a should take heed of the exclus- stack of seasoned scrap lumber ive dimensions; it is construct- with approximately 100 pounds of nails being used. It has a semifashion, compact for conven- rain proof roof, plumbing of sorts and electricity.

Mike will be leaving Merkel

### **Merkel Coaches To Attend Coaching School in Dallas**

Badger Coaches leave for coaching school in Dallas Saturday July 28 and will return

Attending the school will be high school coaches Paul Woodfin, Ronnie Aldridge and Jerry Jones and junior high coaches George Martin and Bob Russell.

The highlight of the school

will be the Texas High School All Star Game held in Texas Stadium Aug. 2. Upon their return, the Coaches will be holding staff meetings

The boys will receive their physicals Aug. 8 at 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. "That day, we will issue socks and shoes for them to begin their preseason workouts," said Coach Paul Woodfin. It

is important that all boys wishing to play football attend these

preparing for the upcoming sea-

two meetings. "Saturday, Aug. 18 at 7 p.m., we will have a meeting and Badger Night, climaxing that with a short intra-squad scrimmage," stated Coach Woodfin. The public is invited to attend.

#### Grocers **Need Okay**

Food retailers in counties entering the Food Stamp Program will have to be authorized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture before they will be eligible to accept food stamp cou-

This work comes from Martin D. Garber, Dallas, administrator of the West-Central regional office of USDA's Food and Nutrition Service.

## Merkel Public Schools To **Begin Classes August 20**

School year begins Thursday, August 20, when registration will be held for all students.

Thursday, August 16, will be registration day. All teachers will be assigned by the principles to help with the registration of students.

Juniors will register on Thursday, August 16, at 9 a.m., freshmen will register on Thursday, August 16, at 10:30 a.m.

The sophomores will register on Thursday, August 16, at 1:00 p.m. while seniors will register on Thursday, August 16 at 2:30

Kindergarten, primary, and elementary students will register on Thursday afternoon, beginning at 1:00 o'clock. Buses will run for the after-

noon registrations. Regular class for all students will begin on Monday, August 20. The general faculty meeting

can decide organizational plans

for the kindergarten children,

parents of children involved are

asked to bring their boys and

girls to school for organization-

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School

The 1973-74 Merkel Public will be held on Friday morning, August 10, at the Merkel Restaurant, at 8 o'clock. Following the general faculty meeting, principals will meet with their teachers in their respective buildings. The time for these meetings will be announced by the principals at the general fac-

ulty meeting. Beginning on Monday, August 13, the faculty will be engaged in a series of in-service workshops and work days. Principals will notify their teachers as to schedules for both the in-service and work days.

The 1973-74 faculty includes: ADMINISTRATION - Mack Fisher, superintendent; Travis L. Davis, high school principal; John W. Cain, principal of the elementary, and the primary schools; Lester Gene Stuckey, principal of Tye Elementary

HIGH SCHOOL - Paul Mac

ents are urged to bring kinder-

garten children to the Merkel

Primary School on August 2.

The children can be tested at

All 5-year-old children will be

either 9 a.m. or 6 p.m.

Woodfin, head football coach, athletic director, social studies, and driver education; Ronnie Aldridge, assistant football coach, head basketball coach, and mathematics; Jerry D. Jones, assistant coach and science; Mrs. Collena Willis, mathmetics, physical education, and science; W. J. Tate, mathamatics and science; Chester Collingsworth, vocational agriculture; A. J. Walla, vocational carpentary; Mrs. Mary O. Caton, vocational homemaking:

Mrs. Gayle Baker, commercial; Glenn Reed, band & choral director; Mrs. Ruth Windsor, librarian; Mrs. Ellen McReynolds, social studies; Miss Vicki Lynn Babington, speech and drama; Donald E. Holloway, English: Mrs. Linda Hall Woodfin, English; Mrs. Pat Dudley, English.

ELEMENTARY - Mrs. Helen Benson, Ralph E. Bratcher, Mrs. Elleta Orsborn, Mrs. Mitzi Hart, Robert M. Russell, teachers and assistant coach; William George Martin, teacher and assistant coach; Miss Carolyn McHugh, English; Miss Judy Gayle Morris, English; Mrs. Mildred Winter, mathematics; Mrs. Darla Kathrine McLeod, science.

PRIMARY-Mrs. Naomi Holloway, Mrs. Jo Finley Barnett Mrs. Barbara Sandusky, Mrs.

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### Tye's Principal Stuckey **Active in TSTA Affairs**

al tests which will help deter- eligible for kindergarten.

Parents of Kindergarten

**Children Urged to Report** 

In order that the school board mine the plan to be used. Par-

Beginning with the school year of 1973-74, the Merkel school system will include the Tye teachers and Principal Gene Stuckey. Mr. Stuckey was born in Wetumka, Oklahoma. The Stuckey family moved from Oklahoma to Odessa, Texas, where Gene graduated from the Odessa High School. After graduating from high school, he entered Odessa Junior College. Later, he transferred to Hardin-Simmons University where earned his B.S. degree. He continued his college education and entered Abilene Christian College and was

awarded a Master's degree in education in 1969. In addition to his B.S. and M. Ed. degrees, he completed additional graduate work to earn a Principal's Administrative Certificate.

Mr. Stuckey has had 10 years of experience as a teacher and school administrator. He is very active in local and TSTA activities. He was elected President-Elect of the Taylor County unit of the State Teachers Association in 1973. His faculty consists of Mesdames Paula Dean, Billie Evans, Dorothy James, Samilue Key, Birdie Paige, and Jeanette Pursley.

### Sr. League **Loses To Winters**

The Winters All Stars breezed on by the Tye Senior All Stars, Thursday in the District playoffs at the Hawley field. Tye's team, composed of top players from the Abilene Giants, Tye Tigers, Merkel's Division. and the Hawley Leopards came into the finals with a thrilling 3-2 victory over the Colorado Rivers All-Star team.

Abilene's Seferino Luna and Billy Fisher, who headed Merkel's team, were selected by the All-Star players as manager and



JR. LEAGUE ALL STARS — Front row: bat boy Mike Fisher, Rudy Biera, Mike Henry, Douglas McAnaugh, Leslie Hammond, John Biera, David Snow, and Stevie Lattimore. Back row, Coach Billy Fisher, Bart Whisenhunt, David Valdez, Roy Nicholson, Charles Coffee, Keith Austermann, Charles Green, Truitt Smith, Gilbert Luna, and Manager Seferino Luna. (Photo by LaVonne

## First Baptist Church Bible School Set July 30-Aug. 3

held at the First Baptist Church of Merkel from July 30 through August 3, pastor Kenneth F. hours will be from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., and will feature classes for children from three years of age up through seventh grade boys and girls.

Study classes will include stories of Bible personalities, foreign missionaries, and outstanding Christians of the current times. Also, handicrafts, refreshments and games, of various kinds will

Vacation Bible School will be be a part of the daily activities. Jones has announced. Daily Jones said, "and we have pur-

"The summer months are always filled with many activities for our boys and girls," pastor posely waited until the latter part of the summer to have our Vacation Bible School, in order that more children might have the opportunity to participate. We hope that parents in our community will take a great interest in our school, and afford their children this opportunity for spiritual education. All children are welcome to attend."

ENJOYING LONG SUMMER DAYS - With just three weeks until school starts these two young Merkel residen ts are taking advantage of the summer vacation to enjoy playing. They are Todd Gregory, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dell Gregory and Brad Wade, son of Mr. and Mrs. Brandion Wade. School begins August 20. (Staff Photo by Conni e Harris)

### Two Trent FFA Members **Attend State Convention**

Future Farmers of America tivities. Chapter attended the state FFA convention in Fort Worth in the Tarrent Couny Convention Center, July 11-13. The convention was based on the theme "FFA-Unites Youth with Opportuni-

Ty Martin, president, and Randy Scott, reporter of the Trent FFA attended the three day meeting representing 1 of 800 FFA chapters from throughout the state. Randy was the voting delegate for the Trent Chapter.

Guest speakers addressing the convention were Bob Richards, All-American track and field star: James Binion, State board of education member of Abilene and John Guemple, assistant commissioner occupational education and technology, Texas Education Agency, Austin.

Frederick McClure, State FFA President, San Augustine, was

Two members of the Trent in charge of the convention ac-

One of the highlights of the meeting was the awarding of the Lone Star Farmer degrees to the member that qualified. Two members from the Trent chapter received this degree. They were Tom McLeod, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. McLeod and Bill Hamner, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hamner. Neither were able to attend the conven-

Among the important business matters that was transacted at the convention was the election of the state president and the public speaking contest was conducted. Voting delegates to the national FFA convention in Kansas City, in October was elected. In addition, delegates elected a State Sweetheart from the 10 candidates elected by the areas and selected the top talent team in the state. More than 5,000 FFA members, advisors and guests attended the conven-

## Trent Voc Ag Teacher **Completes Workshop**

Jon Henderson, Vocational fer the program during the 1973-Agriculture Teacher, Trent High School, recently completed the al Agriculture. The workshop was held in Austin and was conducted by Agricultural Education, Department of Occupational Education and Technology, Texas Education Agency.

The completion of the workshop qualifies Mr. Henderson to conduct the Cooperative Part - time Training in Vocational Agriculture and he was awarded a certificate in recognition of professional prepara-

This phase of the vocational agriculture program will give firemen and their families students an opportunity to spend Monday, July 30 at 6:30 p.m. at part of their time in on-the-job the Fire Station. All firemen are training with local agricultural business and industrial firms. Students participating will enroll in regular high school courses, including one period of related agricultural instruction, will be held. Several other during which time they will study information related to their on-the-job training. They will spend 15 hours each week on the job learning the skills and management practices in- Mrs. David Seymore obtaining volved, under the guidance of prizes a skilled instructor selected

According to Mr. A. J. Mar- man of the food committee. shall, Director of Agricultural Education, Texas Education Agency, Austin, 303 schools conducted this type of training program during the 1972-73 school year. Over 350 schools will of-

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74 school year.

Further information concernone-week In-service Workshop ing the program may be obtainfor Teachers of Cooperative ed by contacting Jon Hender-Part-time Training in Vocation- son, Vocational Agriculture Instructor, or San Frazier, High School Principal.

### Auxiliary Plans Social For Firemen

The Ladies Auxiliary to the Merkel Fire Department will host a social for all volunteer tron. cordially invited to attend.

Games are planned to interest everyone with Mrs. Danny West in charge. A beard growing contest and a watermellon feast games were suggested and will be decided on later. Appropriate prizes will be given to the winner in each contest with

A buffet supper of cold cuts from the firm in which the stu- will be served during the evening. Mrs. Jerry Horton is chair-



MRS. GEORGE BUITRON ... formerly Miss Ascencio

### Miss Ascencio Becomes Bride of George Buitron

kel and George Bruitron of Laredo were married Saturday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Abilene with the Rev. Thomas redo, brother of the bride-Diab officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Ascencio of Merkel. Bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Guadalupe Buitron of Laredo and the late George Bui-

Organist was Mrs. Annette

Maid of honor was Margaret Gilmore of Merkel, matron of honor was Mrs. Chindo Soto. Bridesmaids were Mrs. Thomas Richardson of Merkel, sister of the bride; Mrs. Fred Dickey of Laredo, sister of the bridegroom; Jana Farmer of Merkel and Doris Duran. Junior bridesmaids were Kandi and Patsi Ascencio, both of Merkel and both sisters of the bride; Alma Buitron of Laredo, sister of the bridegroom and Rosemary Du-

ran of Merkel. Evettee Garcia and Jackie Duran were flower girls. Ar-

Elizabeth Ascencio of Mer- thur Richardson of Merkel was ring bearer. Arunlfo Ascencio Sr. of Merkel and Freddy Buitron of La-

groom, lighted candles. Best man was Bobby Buitron of Laredo, brother of the bridegroom. Grocensmen included Fred Dickey of Laredo, Mendez Moreno and Thomas Richard-

The bride wore a silk organza gown with alencon lace trim hear of Mr. Brookerson being on long sleeves and stand-up col- readmitted to the hospital in

son, both of Merkel, and Chindo

Attendants wore dotted swiss empire gowns in rainbow colors. After a wedding trip to Galveston, the couple will live in

The bride, a 1970 graduate of Merkel High School, graduated from Hendrick Memorial Vocational School of Nursing in 1972. She has been employed by Hendrick Memorial Hospital.

The bridegroom was graduated from J. W. Nixon High School in Laredo and is employed by administration at Laredo Air Force Base, Laredo.

eyes this Thursday. We would San Angelo visited her sister, By MARY OUTLAW Those visiting Mrs. Herron on like to ask all who know the the weekend were Mrs. Sam Jim Hair family that a little Rogers, of Mineral Wells; prayer be said that the opera-

STARR NURSING HOME NEWS

Floyd Davis, Tybau, N.M.; Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Davis, Floyd, N.M.; Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Davis, Melrose, N.M.; Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Ragan, LaLuz, N.M.; Mr. and Mrs. Dorthy Arnote, Amarillo, Tex.; and Mr. and Mrs. Clark Dobbs of Dimmitt. Our sympathy goes to Mrs. Herron over the death of her grand-

Rev. Jerry Kundell, Methodist Minister of Tye, filled his appointment Sunday at the Nursing Home. Dave Warner led the singing and Mrs. Selma Warner played the piano. They brought a large crowd to help with the singing. Brother Kundell delivered the nicest sermonette. He encouraged the patients to live day by day and be happy and try and make someone else happy. There was a large turn out of patients. We had them in doubles in the church room. We will be looking forward for their next visit.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Mitchell of Abilene visited Mrs. Addie McDonald and Neely Mitchell Monday.

Mr. Wade Ensminger is slowly improving but is still unable to have company at this time, requested by Mrs. Ensminger.

Thank you Billy James for the fruit jars you gave the home. Lupe Asencio says she feels a lot older as she has another sonin-law. Her daughter, Betty, got married July 14 at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Abilene. Betty started to work for me at 16 and after finishing high school, she went to L.V.N. School at Hendricks where she was employed until her marriage to George Buitron, a former Dyess airman. Ruth Fangle, Mrs. Morris Smith and I attended the wedding. It was a beautiful wedding and she made a beautiful bride. Also attending the wedding were some of her teachers of Merkel. I am sure that made Betty happy. We at the Nursing Home wish for her a very happy marriage. They will make their home at Laredo, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. B. K. Brookerson of Tuscola visited his mother last week. We are sorry to Abilene, Mr. C. P. Brookerson of Abilene also visited her Sun-

Ruth Pangle and I attended the Texas Nursing Home Assn. Big Chapter Meeting at Bartons Cafeferia last Tuesday. Besides the nice dinner that was served we received a good review on the Federal and State Labor Laws, which is very informing in a place of business like mine.

Pamila Hair my great-granddaughter, and her parents, the Jim Hairs, returned to their home at Chandler, Ariz. She is going to have surgery on both

tion might be a success, and that she might be back in school this summer. She is only seven. You will remember her mother as Brenda Doan.

Thank you, Mrs. Sam Rogers, for the nice peaches you brought the home last week. They certainly made a nice cobbler.

Our thanks goes to Mrs. Morris Smith who gave the home some clothes and dishes.

Next Sunday, the Tye Baptist Church is supposed to fill their appointment here at 3 o'clock. Be looking for you then. The public is invited.

Mrs. Nola Spratlen has improved some and she enjoys her friends visits. She use to be a regular visitor here in our Nursing Home and now that she is here won't you that are her friends visit her, and try and make her life as pleasant as she did the ones she use to visit before becoming ill.

Mr. Fagan's son and wife from Anson visited him Sunday. They complimented us on his care and contentment here.

Mr. and Mrs. Lellie Pool of less people.

Lou Petty this week.

We were very sorry to hear of Oliver O'Connells death. He was from Tuscola. His wife was a patient at this home until her death several years ago. I use to work with Mr. and Mrs. O'Connell at the State School in Abilene. He came by and ate lunch with us a short time

Thank you Louisa Ailison, our director of nurses, for the electric can opener and electric knife sharpener you gave the

Mrs. McDonald is lonely since Mr. Mac passed away and I ask her friends to visit her.

Thank you David Gamble of Merkel Drug for making it possible for the patients to have the afternoon Abilene Reporter-News. We sometimes fail to thank the ones who do things to

make our patients happy. Ted and I have defrosed our 8 deep freezers and he is now painting the nursing home green, so pass by and look and come on in and visit. The welcome sign is always out and if each person around would work a week or even one day in a Nursing Home they would have a much better insite of the care given daily to many help-

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Our discussion is not, "What shall a man GIVE for his soul," but "What are you RECEIVING in exchange for your soul, now?" I know that if your soul is lost, in the Judgment Day, you would give all this world's goods, if you had them, in exchange for your soul. The rich man Jesus mentioned (Luke 16:19-31) would have given all his riches for one more chance.

Judas sold all for thirty pieces of silver. And after betraying Christ he said, "I have betrayed innocent blood," and went out and hanged himself, and didn't get to enjoy the silver. Are you selling your soul for thirty pieces of silver, and not getting to enjoy the thirty pieces of silver?

I read of a man, who, standing on the banks of a river, saw a rabbit swimming the river. He said to a companion, "I'm going to eat that rabbit for dinner." He got into a small boat, and started after the rabbit. In trying to get the rabbit into the boat, he fell into the water and drowned. He gave his life for a rabbit and didn't get to enjoy the rabbit. Wasn't that a foolish thing for a grown man to do? Yet, many are giving their SOULS for less than a rabbit, and are not getting to enjoy the lessthan-a-rabbit.

The rich farmer gave his life for the fruit of his soil, and then didn't get to enjoy the rut of his land -Luke 12:16-21. Wasn't that a folish thing to do? But for what are you selling your SOUL? Are you selling your soul for a little of this world's goods, and not getting to enjoy it?

A man once lived near Niagra Falls, and was a guide to tourists, who came to see the falls. He had saved many from the swirling waters. He became go over the falls and live. He made a boat of rubdesirous of the honor of being the only person to ber; padded it well; and went over the falls. When his body was recovered, he was dead. He gave his life for a little publicity, and didn't get to read the publicity; for a little honor, and didn't get to enjoy the honor.

Adam and Eve gave their home in the garden of Eden for a taste of the Tree of Knowledge. In the garden was the tree of life, for what are you selling your right to the tree of life?

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MASONIC MEETING Stated meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 710 on 2nd Saturday and 44h Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Visitors welcome. Members urged to attend. DUNNING McCONNELL, W.M. ROY MASHBURN, Sec'y.

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NEEDED - Nurses aide and cook. Apply in person at Starr Nursing Home.

#### Garage Sale

GARAGE SALE - 202 Cherry, July 28, 3 family, bathroom fixtures, sink, floor lamp, bowling ball and shoes, boys clothes and misc. 22-1tc

GARAGE SALE - Baby bed, play pen, baby items, toddler clothes, all-size clothes, exerciser, knick knacks & misc. Thurs., Fri., and Sat., Farm Mkt. Rd. 126, Bettis Heights, Roland Pack.

#### HELP WANTED

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#### **Trent Twirler Attend School**

Miss Cindy Beastey and Miss Pam King, of Trent High School were among 200 area students who attended the Tarleton State Twirling School in Stephenville, July 15-19.

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OLD SAILOR UNIFORM - Mrs. Grady Knight is pictured above in an old sailor's uniform with the insigna of the USS Picking on it. The uniform was found recently in Dallas. (Photo by LaVonne Bunch)

### **Merkelite Remembers USS Picking Launching**

Shipbuilders in hard hats waved and cheered as the band played "Achors Aweigh," a grand lady slammed a bottle of cham-

### **Bartlett** Makes Hole--in-one

Cracker Barlett of 112 Yucca was surprised to see his hard hit golf ball didn't even bother to hit the green but just fell into the hole Sunday afternoon.

Barlett, 64, got his first holeone on No. 3, a 147 yard par 3. Barlett is employed by Taylor Electric Coop.

Jerry Magee, Merkel Country Club Manager, said "Barlett used a four iron, and the ball hit the pin and fell directly into the hole."

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pagne against the bow; the U.S.S. Picking plunged gracefully off the dry dock onto the dark Columbia River, out to sea and war.

An awe stricken Texas child, LaVonne Jones, watched the vessel which her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clemo Jones, and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Winters had helped build at the H. J. Kaiser Shipyard, Vancouver, Washington. Years later, near thirty - and

much water having passed under the bridge - LaVonne, now Mrs. Clyde Bunch, found a painter's discarded clothes, while touring an open house in Dallas, where her daughter lives. On the sleeve of the shirt was "U.S.S. Picking," reminiscent of the only ship she had ever seen launched.

Retrieving the paint stained uniform, LaVonne eagerly told of her find to Mrs. Grady Knight, nee Joyce McLean, whose parents also worked at Vancouver. In fact, Joyce lived in Washington for several years after World War II, before returning

"Where is the old ship, U.S.S.

Who was the young sailor who had worn the uniform?" What was THAT war all

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#### Homemakers Meet In Abilene Park

The Taylor County Young Homemakers met Friday evening at 7:30 p.m. at Nelson Park

Those attending included the following families: Glen Bicknell, Freddy Toombs, Hugh Baker, Charles Jacobs, Jack King, Billy Patton, Joe Gregory, Bobby Toliver, Jimmy Jacobs, Wayne Deen, John Baty, Bill Fowler, Philip Pursley and Jerry

#### AS IT LOOKS FROM HERE

### Bracero Program Should Be Restored

17th District, Texas

(EDITOR'S NOTE - Following is a summer rerun of a column written August 12, 1965)

WASHINGTON - In 1951 an agreement between the United States and Mexico provided for what is commonly known as the Bracero Program.

The purpose was to regulate the movement of Mexican farm workers into the United States in the summer and fall. Large numbers of such workers were admitted for a period of six to twelve weeks, paid wages equal to those of Americans, and returned to their homes below the border. Many workers returned year after year to the same employers, and it was mutually profitable.

Under pressure from large labor unions, some Church groups and the reformist liberals, the arrangement ended January 1,

These forces argued that it caused unemployment in this country and that it hampered efforts to unionize farm labor.

THE RESULT IS that at this very moment there are unharvested crops rotting in the fields of California. The flow of money from the West to the East, and even abroad, has been drastically reduced.

The fact is, there are fewer and fewer Americans who are willing to perform "stoop labor." Anyone who has ever picked cotton will know it is not the easiest job in the world to pick berries or cut asparagus and celery. It is obviously not a matter of available workers, but a matter of their willingness to work. True enough, the wage rate is only comparable to the lowest of common labor, but here again it was proved

#### Arts, Crafts **Division** Added to Fair

The West Texas Fair has added a new arts and crafts division which is open upon invitation only to resident Texas arttists and craftsmen, according to Bob Hitt, president of the West Texas Fair Association.

The uniqueness of this division will be that fairgoers will be able to watch these professional artists at their crafts.

 Invitations have been issued by the West Texas Fair Association to 100 prospects throughout the state. Entries will then be selected after careful screening according to variety and early application.

Exibitors will be demonstrating some aspect of their skills during normal fair hours and will be allowed to sell their merchandies. All items are hand crafted; no mass produced, manufactured or molded items will be accepted.

The West Texas Fair Association is working with Phil Davis, executive director of the Texas Arts and Crafts Far and Community Development director of the Texas Tourist Development Agency, to make this a regular division of the West Texas

By OMAR BURLESON, M. C. principal factor in the problem of recruiting field workers.

With all the federal help programs and local relief, the incentive is just not there. As developed in hearings in California, out of more than 8,000 able bodied people receiving public assistance in the City of Los Angeles, 325 accepted jobs. At the end of 10 days, there were less than 30 working.

THE FEDERAL Government attempted to supply the need for workers by recruiting high school students called A-Teams. But the boys, athletes back home, found the work too hard and the sun too hot, and the teams melted away. Many college students who were "standing up for their rights" last semester, found stooping

over in the fields to earn a few dollars quite another matter. Of 300 Indians transported from the Dakotas at a cost of \$6,400 to the vegetable fields near Salinas, California, all but 20 vanished in a few days.

At the same time all this is going on there is a \$106,000 Poverty Training Program in Oxnard, California, to train adgrowers of the farm products to efforts at enforcement).

be harvested are unable to tell them how to do it.

THIS SITUATION concerns more than just the fruit and vegetable growers of California. concerns cotton growers, sheep and goat raisers, ranchers and about all other agriculture everywhere.

Furthermore, it concerns the housewife who is going to pay more for food. One lady recently buying a head of lettuce asked that it be "gift wrapped."

Prices are bound to rise for crops ripened in September and October, and after that, prices of canned goods are likely to increase in the winter.

The human element touches more deeply the Braceros themselves. While Washington spends billions to help the poor in Egypt India and elsewhere, and all the talk about the Alliance for Progress, our Government has visited a cruel hardship on our nearest neighbors to the South. It is denying a livelihood to tens of thousand of Mexicans who depend on this

NOTE - (On January 31, 1973. I introduced legislation to restore this program. In addition to ther benefits it would visors to train seasonal work- cure the "wetback" situation ers. This would indicate the and save millions of dollars in

Auxiliary Has Meeting

The Ladies Auxiliary to the Merkel Volunteer Fire Department met Thursday, July 19 at the Fire Station. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Walter Harris. Minutes of the last meeting and the treasurers report were given by the secretary, Mrs. Robert Harris. Members present voted to establish a flower and card committee to send flowers and cards to firemen and their immediate families during an illness or death. Mrs. Billy Fisher was elected as committee chairman.

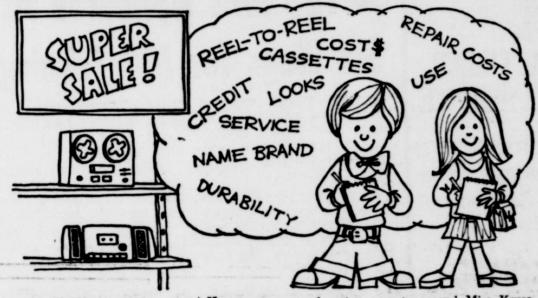
Racing uniforms were discussed for the district convention in October. Individual members will furnish their own uniforms using one color scene and pattern design for the Auxiliary.

Members voted to serve the Trades day dinner again because of the good response to the June dinner. Menu and other details were discussed and settl-

Refreshments will be served at each meeting donated by members, set up on a rotating basis, Mrs. David Seymore will serve for the August 6th meet-

Members present were: Mrs. Walter Harris, Mrs. Roy Schults, Mrs. George Starbuck, Mrs. Danny West, Mrs. Robert Harris, Mrs. David Seymore, Mrs. Jerry Horton and Mary Cock-

### Youths Become Wise Consumers Thru 4-H



number of factors before program effort. deciding to purchase an item," observes Lois Howard, program associate for the National 4-H Service Committee. "Cost, service, quality, operation are just some of the aspects consumers must keep in mind when considering a purchase. There's much information that consumers must sort out in arriving at a proper decision."

"It can get very confusing, at times," says Miss Howard, "but that's one of the very good reasons for a consumer education program among 4-H members across the country. Young people are consumers in their own right and they exert considerable influence on the buying decisions of their families," she

explained. To help 4-H'ers use information wisely in making their buying decisions, the Cooperative Extension Service, National 4-H Service Committee and Montgomery Ward are cooperating in a national

"Consumers consider a 4-H consumer education ments earned Miss Kruse a

4-Hers involved in the program learn how to dig consumer education program. through the maze of informaneeded goods and services.

and how to use credit sensibly are major concerns of the program. Understanding war- from each state. rantees, guarantees and concepts 4-H'ers learn in the

S.D., has become a very education program. She now virtually every garment, or can of food, or other consumer item that she'll pick up in a store. Says Miss Kruse, "The labels give me the greatest clue".

The results of her educaand other 4-H accomplish-

\$700 scholarship as a 1972

Montgomery Ward, donor tion and to select and buy of scholarships and other awards in the program, pro-Making decisions on the vides up to four medals of type of goods to buy, learn- honor in each county and an ing to spend money wisely expense-paid trip to National 4-H Congress in Chicago, Nov. 25-29, to one winner

At the national 4-H event tracts also are important con- the company awards six \$700 scholarships to national winprogram, adds Miss Howard. ners selected by the Coop-Charleen Kruse, of Revillo, erative Extension Service.

In addition to its support choosy consumer because of of 4H through scholarships her work in the 4-H consumer and other awards, Montgomery Ward, a strong supexamines the labels on porter of 4-H for 51 years. also aids the 4-H consumer education program through technical assistance and cooperation of company and store management personnel.

For further information on the 4-H consumer educational efforts in the program tion program, contact the county extension office.

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### Farmers Union President Says Farmers 'Counted Out Again' Under Phase IV

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out again in the announcement meeting of the Scurry County this indicates that Secretary of President Nixon's Phase IV Farmers Union in Snyder Mon- Schultz is completely lacking in day night. Naman explained that understanding the serious econoprogram leaves the impression farmers," Naman said. that special consideration is being given farmers, the new price stated that Phase IV is a furcontrol program is disappointing ther indication that the Nixon in that it discriminates against producers of certain comodities.

"While the cattle feeding segment of the farming industry is suffering as a result of the costprice squeeze, Phase IV specifically avoids any relief to cattle producers. It also fails to been placed on soybeans, cottonseed and related products, which deals harshly with producers of these comodities," Naman said.

The statewide farm leader charged that Treasury Secretary Schultz's statements concerning profits in agriculture are distorted and misleading in view of the fact that farmers are still only receiving 88 per cent of fair price for what they pro-

tary Schultz's off-hand and ill- made under pressure of domestic farmers crying all the way to anxious to drive the prices down

July 17, filming special seg-

ments for his 1973 Muscular

ted to watch the filming ses-

The filmed comedy sketches

will be shown on nationwide

morning until mid-afternoon.

Dystrophy telethon.

character roles.

Jerry Lewis Appeared At

Six Flags for MD Filming

Arlington, Texas - Comedian Telethon." The telethon will ori-

Jerry Lewis appeared at Six ginate from the Sahara Hotel in

Flags Over Texas Tuesday, Las Vegas on September 2 and

Six Flags officials said visitors and other activities of the Mus-

sion which took place in various ional segment of the elethon

sections of the park from early will be broadcast live this year

The producer of the telethon, ace Music Hall by WBAP-TV.

Joel Rogosin, said the film seg- During the hours of the tele-

ments will feature Lewis in one thon Six Flags will donate a

or more of his most popular portion of its gate receipts to

to the theme park were permit- cular Dystrophy Association.

"Farmers have been counted Naman of Waco at the charter vision. Rashc omments such as while the announcement of the mic problems now facing family

> The Farmers Union leader Administration fails to grasp the need to provide the economic incentive to farmers and ranchers to produce in abundance. "It means that this Administration is inistent on a cheap food policy making family farmers and modify the embargo that has ranchers the scapegoats in its quest to solve the problem of inflation," according to Naman.

> > "Phase IV should have open-

ed up exports on soybeans and cottonseed products to avoid the loss of foreign markets. Texas agriculture has a great stake in preserving export markets for these commodities. Also, the announcement of licensing requirements on cotton exports indicates that plans are in the offering to limit cotton exports. These Family farmers resent Secr- decisions are apparenly being ounded remarks concerning users of these products, who are the bank' on nationwide tele- at harvest time," Naman said.

Lewis anchors the telethon

The Dallas-Fort Worth reg-

from Six Flags' Southern Pal-

the Muscular Dystrophy Associ-

Lewis was accompanied to

which raises funds for research



MERKEL JUNIOR HIGH TWIRLERS - Front row, left to right, Mary Roeder and Taresia English. Back row. Cindy Smith, Lisa Hart and Shannon Bagby. The twirlers just completed Summer Band and Twirling Camp at ACC in Abilene. On August 4th, they will have a Bake Sale in front of WTU to help pay for their uniforms. (Photo by Connie Harris

### Jody Miller Slated For Fair Rodeo; **Entertainment Announced for Midway**

Headlining the entertainment for FunFair '73, West Texas Fair and Rodeo, is an assortment of family oriented acts. Taking the spotlight for the West Texas Fair Roceo is Miss Jody Miller and Troupe. Miss Miller has been singing country and pop music since her first record in 1964. She received a Grammy Award in 1966 for "Queen of the

Appearing with Miss Miller is C. D. Cogburn and his rodeo animals act. Cogburn, a rodeo clown, has trained for performing several dogs, a mule, and a 800 pound brama bull. Cogburn is also a former high school and college All Around Champion Cowboy.

The free midway show will be a variety review featuring on different nights Cathy Rigby, Ben Smathers and the Stoney Mountain Cloggers, ventriloquist Jimmy Nelson and the Lewis Family. FunFair '73 has eliminated the coliseum shows and replaced them with the inidway shows. Opening at 6:30 p.m. every night except Sunday, the shows will key around family entertainment.

Ben Smathers' Cloggers is a North Carolina team of folk dancers, and the "clog" is a dance style briginated from the Dutch, German and Irish settlers of North Carolina. The Smathers group has been affiliated with the Grand Ole Opry for more than ten years. They will appear Saturday, September 8, only.

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in gymnastics, and at the age of 15 was a member of the American Olympic Gymnastic team. She will appear performbeam Monday and Tuesday, September 10 and 11.

Jimmy Nelson and his dummy friends Farfel, Danny O'Day, and Humphrey Higsbye will also appear Monday and Tuesday. Nelson achieved widespread acclaim as host of the Milton Berle Show. A native of Chicago, Nelson began his career at age 14 and has been appearing professionally for more than twenty years.

The Lewis Family, a gospel music group, headlines the show for Wednesday, September 12. Pop Lewis, his three sons, and three daughters have appeared on an Atlanta based television show for twenty years, toured the country for fifteen years and have recorded a number of al-

Highlighting the Thursday, Friday, and Saturday shows (September 13-15) will be an aerial stunt act, the Four Nerveless Nocks, and a canine

#### Fifth Sunday Singing At Trent Methodist

There will be a Fifth Sunday Singing at the Trent Methodist Church at 1:30 Sunday afternoon July 28.

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Local and area performers will round out each performance and turn the midway shows back to the people. FunFair '73, the people's fair, and a fair bargain at that!

Stith News By MRS.

FRITZ

HALE Rev. W. I. Taylor of Abilene conducted services at the Stith Baptist Church Sunday in the Absence of the pastor Rev. Ausia Wallace who is on vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. John Browning attended the Porter Reunion

held in Colorado City Sunday. Mrs. Ruby Reddin returned home Friday after spending 11 days in Hendrick Memorial Hos-

Mrs. Marvin Holloway Sr. of Tye visited Mrs. Reddin Sun-

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wayne Berry Gary and Annette of Schertz, Texas spent several days last week with their parents and grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McDonald and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley visited Mrs. A. M. Evans at the Williamsburg Nursing Home in Abilene Sunday.

Mrs. Fritz Hale and Sandra Malone visited in Abilene Friday with Ethel Canida and also visted Mrs. Myrna Oliver.

Mike Hale of Abilene visited his grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Hale Wednesday.

The Bob Malone family returned to their home in Taylor Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mashburn visited Sunday of last week in Gainsville with Mr. and Mrs. Wade Shaw.

Mrs. Mashburn and grandson, Jason Marshburn and Mrs. Mattie Shaw, visited Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Hardin and children at View Sunday and helped celebrate Warren Hardins 3rd birth-

#### Freeman Reunion To Begin Friday

The descendants of George Freeman will hold their family reunion at the State Park at Buffalo Gap Friday, evening (July 27) through Sunday even-

THE STATE OF TEXAS 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: John H. Bleth, Defendant. GREETINGS:

YOU ARE HEREBY COM-

MANDED to appear before the Honorable Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the first Monday next after the expiration of fortytwo days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 20th day of August A.D. 1973, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 28th

day of June A.D. 1973, in this To any Sheriff or any Constable cause, numbered 8250 on the docket of said court and styled In. Re.: Janice Lee Bleth and Jerry Lamuel Bleth, minors.

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

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

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

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 5th day of July A.D. 1973. (SEAL)

Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD Clerk, Domestic Relations Court, Taylor County, Texas By Myrna Lawrence, Deputy

#### LEGAL NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS County of Taylor

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That by virtue of a certain Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County, of the 20th day of June 1973, by Irene Crawford District Clerk of said Taylor County for the sum of Three Thousand Five Hundred Thirty Seven 51-100 Dollars and costs of suit, under a, Order of Sale, in favor of Southwest Savings & Loan Association in a certain cause in said Court, No. 34,086-A and styled Southwest Savings & Loan Association vs. Jerry L. Plemons, Administrator of the Estate of Marguerite Plemons Merryman, placed in my hand for service, I, Jack Landrum as Sheriff of Taylor as. County, Texas, did on the 21st day of June 1973, levy on certain day of June 1973. Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: West 1/2 of Lots No. 15 and No. 16, Block No. 4 O. P. Thomas Subdivision of Lot No. 1 Block No. 206, City of

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, and levied upon as the property of Marguerite Plemons Merryman and that on the first Tuesday in August 1973, the same being the 7th day of said month at the Court House door, of Taylor County, in the City of Abilene Texas, between the hours of 10 A.M. and 4 P.M., by virtue of said levy and said Order of Sale, I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for each, to the highest bidder, as the property of said

Marguerite Plemons Merryman. And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceeding said day of sale, in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper published in Taylor County, Tex-

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## **Burleson Given Award For Support of Small Business**

largest business organization has presented Congressman Omar Burleson its highly coveted Guardian of Small Business award for his "outstanding voting record" in Congress in 1972.

George J. Burger, Jr., Special Assistant to the President of the National Federation of Independent Business, who made the special presentation in recent ceremonies in Washington, hailed Rep. Burleson's stand on behalf of small and independent business

•"Congressman Burleson," Burger said, "has exhibited a keen interest in the continuing trict.

WASHINGTON - The world's vital role the independent business community contributes to America's economy and the Nation's well being. This award is made in recognition of the Congressman's outstanding record."

Congressman Burleson was presented a handsome engraved trophy, mounted on a polished, solid walnut base.

NFIB, with 350,000 member firms nationwide, has more than 1,800 member firms in Rep. Burleson's Congressional District, which provide jobs for some 11,000 persons and contribute in excess of \$229 million to the prosperity of the Dis-

### Young Men Required To Register on 18th Birthday

ron V. Pepitone today reminded the nation's young men that even though there is no draft, they still are required to register with Selective Service at the time of their 18th birthday.

"I am concerned that many of our young men may fail to register when they reach 18 years of age because they are unaware of their responsibilities to selective Service," Mr. Pepitone said. It would be unfortunate if a young man should break the law because the proper information has not been made available to him," he added.

Failure to register is a violation of the law, Mr. Pepitone emphasized, and could result in prosecution by the Department of Justice.

The President's authority to induct men into the service expired on July 1. The Administration does not plan to seek an extension of this authority, and the Defense Department is relying on volunteer enlistments to supply military manpower.

"A very important point that has been missed in most reporting on the cessation of inductions Selective Service Act remains in force," Mr. Pepitone said. "The Act states that all young men have a continuing legal obligais the fact that the Military tion to register with Selective Service at age 18. They have 60 days to do this, beginning 30 days before their 18th birthday. Men not registering within that period may be considered as vi-

"I would urge the parents and friends of all young men who reach 18 to remind them of their legal responsibility to register with Selective Service," Mr. Pepitone said. "They should register with Selective Service," Mr. Pepitone said. "They should register at the nearest local board or with a registrar for the Selective Service System who resides in the young man's com-

The Selective Service System currently is undergoing a reorganization as it moves into a standby system of operation. The number of local board ad-

Selective Service Director By- ministrative sites is being reduced to 925 nationwide from a total of 2,700 which were in existence in December, 1972. Widespread appointments of volunteer registrars and advisors to registrants are being made in most communities throughout the country so that young men may obtain guidance and be able to register without the need for traveling to the local board administrative sites. With no inductions, few problems are expected to arise for the registrants which would require visits to the local board acministrative sites.

> Mr. Pepitone explained that young men have three legal responsibilities: (1) they must register at age 18, (2) they must notify their local Selective Service Boards when they change addresses, and (3) they must carry their draft cards with them until their liability expires. which for most men today is age 26. Selective Service must maintain an available manpower pool in the event a national emergency prompsts Congress to authorize the resumption of inductions into the armed forc-

"Registration with Selective Service takes less than five minuts," Mr. Pepitone remarked. "The penalties under the law for failure to register are such that to avoid registration is a risk which all parents and young men alike should think about,"

Approximately two million young men reach age 18 each Mr. Leon Walker is registrar

for Merkel Area.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Russell of Abilene announce the birth of their daughter, Marsha Christine, born July 19, at 6:37 p.m. She weight 6 lbs. and was 19

Mr. Russell is a Merkel Junior High coach and teacher.

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GUARDIAN OF SMALL BUSINESS - Congressman Omar Burleson, right, receives the Guardian of Small Business award from George J. Burger Jr., Assistant to the President of the National Federation of Independent Business. The award honored Congressman Burleson for his outstanding voting record in 1972 on behalf of independent business. NFIB is the world's largest business organization, with over 350,000 member firms across the United States.

### Patrignani-Gillit Vows Exchanged

Rhonda Louise Patrignani spring yellow sheer embossed and Ronald Neal Gillit were with flowers and designed with married Saturday, July 14, in First United Methodist Church, Merkel, with the Rev. Russell McAnally officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Arnold William Patrignani of Delray Beach, Fla., and Mrs. Charlene M. Patrignani, 1150 Clinton, formerly of Merkel. Mr. and Mrs. Carl E. Gillit, 1909 Willow Dr., are the bridegroom's

Vicki Payne was soloist, Tommy Mohican organist. Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore an empire gown of eyelet with scooped

neckline and bishop sleeves. Mrs. Rodney Mashburn of Merkel was matron of honor.

short puffed sleeves, round neckline and full skirt.

Jimmy Blay was best man. Ushers were Charles Mashburn of Merkel and Jeffrey Patrignani, brother of the bride.

The bride was graduated from Abilene High School and is employed by James G. Cas-

A graduate of Cooper High School, the bridegroom attended McMurry and is in the U.S. Naval Reserve. He is employed by Safeway Stores, Inc. The couple will live at Three Fountains Apartments, No.

216, after a trip to Dallas. Parents of the bridegroom were hosts for the rehearsal din-She wore an empire gown of ner at Towne Crier Restaurant. the post in 19

#### Missionette News

By SUSAN WHEELER

Tuesday, July 17, we had 16

present at Missionettes. We finished our crosses and decided to have a bake sale on Trades Day.

Refreshments were served by Susie Davis and Mrs. Wheel-

#### **Botanical Society** President Named

AUSTIN - The 4,000-member Botanical Society of America has tapped a University of Texas botanist - Prof. Theodore Delevoryas - to be its 1974 presidents.

He is a specialist in palebo-

Dr. Delevoryas is the third scientist from the UT Botany Department to have headed the Botanical Society of America in the past decade. Prof. C. J. Alexopoulos was president in 1963, and Prof. Harold C. Bold held

### **Raw Products Exemption** Good, Says FB President

President J. T. Woodson said farmers and ranchers are grateful that the Administration recognized the "fallacy" of price controls on raw farm products in the new Phase 4 economic

"A free agriculture can and will produce adequate supplies of food for this nation with enough left over for export to help strengthen our economic standing around the world," he

The farm leader said it is "regrettable" that beef will remain under the freeze until Sept. 12. This will cause many producers to hold their cattle off the market until that time, he said.

"We believe that wage and price controls are bad for any and all segments of the economy," the head of the 145,000member farm organization said. We look forward to the day

WACO - Texas Farm Bureau when this country can return to an unrestricted economy." Woodson praised the President for aiming for a balanced bud-

get in the current 12 months. "The most powerful fuel behind our inflation is wasteful, deficit spending by our federal government," the TFB President said. "It may be that in the long run our current fears over the economy will be beneficial if all Americans learn this one fact of life and quit expecting government to spend money it doesn't have.'

Woodson said that, barring unforseen weather factors, the production of food in this country will increase substantially this

He quoted the U. S. Department of Agriculture as predicting that corn supplies will be up 6 per cent over last year, soybeans up about 24 per cent, grain sorghum up 5 per cent and wheat supplies to increase by some 13 per cent.

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