



TERESA CLEMMER
... gold star girl



JOHNNY GRAY
... gold star boy

Teresa Clemmer, Johnny Gray Win Taylor Co. Gold Star Awards

Teresa Clemmer and Johnny Gray, both Mulberry Canyon 4-Hers, won the high award of Gold Star Girl and Gold Star Boy of Taylor County for 1973.

Teresa was nearly late for the photographer — she had worked the morning away with the sheep. That's typical of the newly selected Taylor County Gold Star Girl. The sixteen year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Clemmer is busy redoing her great grandmother's antique bedroom furniture, busy with knitting and needlework, busy with food preserving. She and her mother drew the plans for a major remodeling job and now the whole family is busy on the home project.

Teresa, a Mulberry Canyon 4-Her for eight years, has numerous trophies and awards in basketball, rifle and for other club work. She will be guest speaker at the Sheep and Goat Raisers meeting August 10. That organi-

zation has presented her a Showmanship Award.

The Gold Star Award is presented by judges according to record book, personality, community service and outstanding 4-H work. The junior student at Divide displayed 62 garments, processed foods and other projects on the tour date, July 31. She also fed twenty-one people who attended the tour. Her menu included Tuna Mousse, melon balls, and assorted dips.

As winner of the award, Teresa received \$100.00 cash prize and will wear the diamond ring until the 1974 Gold Star Girl is chosen.

Johnny is a Merkel High School Senior and is president of Mulberry Canyon 4-H Club and Chairman of County 4-H Council.

He is a seventeen year old son of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Gray. Johnny recently attended horse clinics at Coleman and Junction

conducted by horse specialists from Texas A & M University. At Junction, Johnny worked as an instructional leader.

He has just this past weekend

Car Wash Set by Trent Cheerleaders

Trent Junior High Cheerleaders will hold a car wash Saturday August 11 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Trent Bus Barn.

The proceeds from the car wash will help buy materials to make their football signs.

The price will be \$1.00 for the outside and \$2.00 for entire car.

Persons wanting their cars washed may contact the cheerleaders by calling 862-2081.

returned from his third trip to held in the Ector County Coliseum in Odessa.

At MHS, Johnny is a member of the varsity basketball and track team and FFA member.

Teresa has shared her recipe of the dish she served on the tour with us.

TUNA MOUSSE

1 1/2 envelopes unflavored gelatin, 1/2 cup lemon juice. Add cup water to dissolve over low flame.

Stir into 1 cup mayonnaise, add 2 flat cans tuna, also, 1/2 cup thinly sliced celery, 1-4 cup sliced stuffed green olives

1 tsp. onion juice, 1-4 tsp. paprika.

Mix well, fold in 1 cup whipped cream. Chill in slightly greased loaf pan. Put on platter, garnished with lettuce for serving.

Chamber of Commerce Member Drive Extended

The Merkel Chamber of Commerce's annual membership drive has been extended until August 17th. The drive, which began August 2, was scheduled to last one week.

A total of eight new members have been added to the Chamber since the drive was started. New members thus far include: Travis Davis, Higgins & Sons Drilling Co., Wilson Jewel-

ry, Hardy Grocery, Fox & Carter TV, Glamour Bar, Syble's Beauty Nook and Crawfords.

The 85 member organization will strive to reach a goal of one hundred members at least during the two week period.

"The Chamber of Commerce is a voluntary organization of citizens who are investing their time and money in the development of the Merkel area," Carson said.

Any citizen who is interested in helping develop the area, which means more money, more business, more jobs and a better living for everyone, is eligible to be a member of the Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber of Commerce is composed of committee workers and directors who serve without pay. It is a service organization and is striving to improve the development of agriculture and other industries in the area," Carson stated.

The Trades Day is one example of what your Chamber of Commerce is doing. There are many other projects such as the summer recreation program, the Christmas parade and lighting contest, and the Chamber banquet.

Others serving on the Membership Committee with Carson are Benny Melton, Bill Button and Don Hart.

Don Hart is president of the Chamber.

Registration For 5 And 6 Year Olds

Children who will be five years of age on or before Sept. 1, may enroll in kindergarten at their elementary school. Five-year-olds registering for the first time must have a birth certificate from the Bureau of Vital Statistics and record of immunization. Hospital certificates will not be accepted.

Children who will be six years of age on or before Sept. 1, may enroll in grade one at their elementary school. Six-year-olds registering for the first time must have a birth certificate from the Bureau of Vital Statistics and record of immunization. Hospital certificates will not be accepted.

Students Need Immunization

All students entering Merkel schools whether in kindergarten first grade or transferring from another town must furnish evidence of immunity against five diseases according to Mack Fisher, superintendent.

He said that state law requires parents to furnish official evidence of current immunity against polio, diphtheria, tetanus, measles and rubella.

Official evidence is defined as personal immunization record which has been validated by signature or rubber stamp of a physical or public health clinic.

Beginning now the validated personal immunization record must show dates and kinds of immunizations received.

Current immunity law for these illnesses is defined as follows:

Children in kindergarten and grades 1-5:

Polio — At least three doses of oral vaccine, provided one or more doses have been received since the fourth birthday.

Diphtheria - Tetanus - Minimum of three doses with at

least one dose having been received since the fourth birthday.

Measles—One dose of vaccine or history of red measles (10-day measles) illness.

Rubella—One dose of vaccine. Not required after 12 years of age.

Students in Grades 6 and above:

Polio—At least three doses of oral vaccine, provided one or since the fourth birthday. (Polio vaccine is not required for persons 19 years of age or older.)

At the present time, the law requires reinforcing or "booster" doses of diphtheria-tetanus vaccine every 10 years after the last dose completing the series; however, boosters are not required for polio, measles, and rubella.

Official evidence of current immunity can be provided by the student's physician or the local city-county health department. For their convenience, parents are urged to obtain these required official records from these sources before the opening of school this year.

Students Will Register Thursday, August 16th

Thursday, August 16th will be registration day for Students of Merkel High School according to Travis Davis, High School Principal.

"This year we are running a six period day, without study halls," said Davis. School will

begin each school day at 8:30 a.m. and end at 3:30 p.m. with a 30 minute lunch period.

Mr. Davis said the classroom phase of Driver Training will be taught before the regular school hour begins and the drive- See Students page Four



CAL-TEX CHIEF — R. L. Bland, manager of the huge Cal-Tex Feed Yards, is shown in his spacious offices which overlook the entire Cal-Tex operations. When full the feed yards hold approximately 40,000 head of cattle. (Staff photo by LaVonne Bunch)

40,000 Head on Feed at Cal-Tex

By LaVonne Bunch

Years ago, Vester Parish of Wingate gave R. L. Bland a behemoth buffalo, which delights Cal-Tex visitors, especially those from the eastern states. Few days pass without tourists driving along the iron fences, watching cattle feed in a completely remote fashion from the by gone days of wide open ranges and tall grasses.

Actually, Cal-Tex is a cattle hotel where 40,000 "guests" pay with their lives. Approximately six thousand head are turned to southern markets each month.

A gigantic feed mill dominates the site; here ingenious hands prepare fare using crops purchased from local farmers. The vast operation has about 70 employees; area economy is boosted by two million dollars, annually. Mr. R. L. Bland is the determining factor in the overall success of Cal-Tex.

He says, "I have some good reliable men in management. The complexity of a feed lot requires flexible working condi-

tions. Our 25 cowboys are pretty good vets." Cal-Tex retains four licensed veterinarians. Wayne Mills is general manager, assisted by Don Odum, and Jess Slaughter. Don Dudley is in charge of incoming cattle, Doyle Cannon supervises the trucking and Jim Jay is comptroller.

Mr. Bland's family live at Cal-Tex, as do many of the employees. Only one son, Steve, remains at home where he is recuperating with a broken leg from a bronc ride. John and Rex are on the Rodeo circuit in Montana; the Bland's daughters, Diltzie Edmondson and Becky Odum are with their husbands, associated with Big Three Pork Producers.

When asked about the beef shortage over the counter, Mr. Bland replied, "There is a profound beef shortage from the producers. The cost of feed is unreal and most operations are at a standstill at present."

How did R. L. Bland and Cal-

See CAL-TEX page Five



TOURIST ATTRACTION — Pictured above is a buffalo at Cal-Tex Feed Yards which has become somewhat of a tourist attraction. The animal was given to R. L. Bland by a Wingate rancher.



MRS. ROBERT HAMMOND
... formerly Mychele Reed

Reed-Hammond Vows Solemnized

The First Baptist Church in Floydada was setting for the wedding of Miss Mychele Reed and Robert Dwight Hammond at 7 p.m. Saturday, August 4. The Rev. Claude Cone, minister of First Baptist Church in Pampa, performed the double ring ceremony.

Wedding music was presented by Mrs. Bill Hardin, organist, and Micheal Dane Coke of Lubbock, soloist.

Following a honeymoon in Dallas and Houston, the couple will reside in Abilene where the bridegroom is employed by Furr Food.

The bride, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Reed, is a 1971 graduate of Floydada High School and attended Angelo State University in San Angelo where she was on the Dean's List and a member of the dean of women's advisory council.

Homemakers Met Friday

The Taylor County Young Homemakers met Friday morning at 10:00 in the home of Mrs. Mack Seymore. This was a called meeting to discuss the installation tea to be held August 16.

Those attending were Mes. Mack Seymore, John Baty, Glen Bicknell, Philip Pursley, Hugh Baker, Jimmy Jacobs and Obie Coker.

Frizzell-Kirk Exchange Vows

Terri Lynn Frizzell became the bride of Reverend Kenneth James Kirk in a double ring ceremony on Friday evening at First United Methodist Church, Brownfield, Texas, with the Dr. Luther Kirk, uncle of the groom, officiating. The Kirks will move to Merkel after their honeymoon at Lake Texhoma where they will assume duties at Pioneer Memorial Methodist Church and continue their education at McMurry College.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William B. Frizzell of Brownfield, Texas. Bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Kirk of Seagraves, Texas.

"The Wedding Song" was sung by Mrs. Mark Holcomb accompanied on the guitar by Rick Carden. Organist Marvin Gregory of Stamford, accompanied soloist Mrs. Mark Holcomb, in "Whither Thou Goest" and "The Lord's Prayer."

Sister of the bride, Miss Melanie Frizzell, was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Janis Morgan, Denver, Colo., Andrea Arzuza, Lubbock, Texas, and Debbie Holland, Earth, Texas. The bride's attendants wore blue gingham dresses with white organza puffed aprons. Each attendant wore white organza hats with blue and white ribbon streamers around the hat and down the back. They carried nosegays of blue daisies.

Best man was Mark Estes, Floydada, Texas. Groomsmen were Joe Bentley, Abilene, Texas, Gary Harper, Seagraves, Texas, and Leon Sellers, Seagraves, Texas. David Childers, Kerry Hurst and Danny Fleming seated guests.

Escorted to the alter by her father down the aisle appointed with swags of yellow satin and daisies, the bride chose a southern belle designed gown of Chantilace and organza. The Chantilace forms full sleeves and a basque bodice with a high neckline. The skirt is fashioned with a Chantilace apron in front forming a bustle affect over lace edged puffs that sweeps to a chapel train. Her head piece was a Bandaux of Alencon lace accented with seed pearls with Alencon lace applied along the edges of the elbow length veil.

She carried a bouquet of cascading white daisies, yellow rose buds, and babies breath with satin streamers and bows. At a reception in Fellowship Hall, the bride's table was decorated with a three tiered wedding cake baked by Mr. Robert Baumgardner. A pair of white doves adorned the top layer.

Serving in the house party were Mrs. Herschel Lowe, Mrs. Robert Baumgardner, Mrs. W. A. Fulford, Mrs. Kenneth Purcell, Mrs. Bill Blackstock, Mrs. Doyle Simpson, Mrs. Lonnie Moore, sister of the bridegroom, Mrs. Doris Treadway, Mrs. Robert Falkenburg, Mrs. Keith Van-



MRS. JAMES KIRK
... formerly Terri Frizzell

divere, and Mrs. Stan Reed. Also, Miss Sheri Speer, Miss Paulette Lancaster, Miss Cheryl Gilmore, Miss Janis Farquhar, Miss Fran Fulford, Miss Sherrrie Baumgardner and Miss Cathy Weaver.

Background music was offered by Miss Lee Ann Dumas.

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Urban Bright Named Director

Urban Bright of Cross Plains, native of Trent and son of Mr. and Mrs. Zed C. Bright, also of Cross Plains, has been named management and leasing director for The Village Shopping Center in Northwest Austin. He has worked at Northstar Mall in San Antonio and goes to Austin from El Paso where he was a leasing agent.

Bright is a 1959 graduate of Trent High School. He moved here with his family that year, and attended Cisco Junior and North Texas State University at Denton. Urban is married to the former Marty Prince of San Antonio and they have two children, Trace and Caprice.

Urban is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Seago of Merkel.

Revision of Texas Constitution Underway

The once in a century effort to revise the Texas Constitution is well underway.

The Texas Constitutional Revision Commission, charged with studying the need for constitutional change, has entered the decision-making stage of its program.

The result will be a report to the legislature November 1. The legislature will meet as a Constitutional Convention in January, 1974, to act on that report. The revised document will be submitted to the people for their approval in an election.

The process actually started in the general election last November, when voters approved Amendment Four, which authorized revision of the 97-year-old Constitution and provided a procedure for doing so.

The 1972 amendment was the first time since 1876 that Texas voters have agreed to look hard at the framework of their state's government. The last, and only other, call to a Constitutional Convention was overwhelmingly rejected by the voters in 1919.

The 1972 amendment provided for a Constitutional Revision Commission, which the 63rd Legislature promptly created.

The Commission has 37 members, selected by the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the House, the attorney general, the state Supreme Court Justice and the Chief Judge of the Court of Criminal Appeals.

The commissioners, who were nominated by the public, come from all areas of the state and represent a broad spectrum of occupations, interests and political persuasions.

Judge Robert W. Calvert, of Austin, former Chief Justice of the Texas Supreme Court, was named to head the Commission.

Mrs. Malcolm Milburn, of Austin, civic worker and former vice-chairman of the state Republican Party, was appointed vice-chairman.

Jim Ray, former executive director of the Texas Advisory Mental Relations, is executive director.

The Commission has offices at 802 Brazos, Austin.

The Commission was ordered by the legislature to seek public opinion on the Constitution by holding six public hearings. One of the first official acts by the body was to expand the number of hearings to 19.

meeting July 27, 28 and 29 in Austin.

The Commission will vote on the recommendations at meetings in August and September. (The Commission is forbidden from amending the Bill of Rights, the first 29 sections of the Constitution which guarantee such basic rights as free speech, free press and freedom of religion.

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comforting expressions of sym-
pathy and thoughtfulness will
always be remembered.
The Family of
Mrs. O. W. Reed

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THE RECENT BEREAVE-
MENT which has visited our
home has brought to us a great-
er appreciation of our friends.
Such kindnesses and neighborly
thoughtfulness can never
be forgotten.
We would like to especially
thank Dr. Sadler, Vivian, Mary
Outlaw and staff at Starr Nurs-
ing Home and also the people
at Noodle who brought food.
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ren of Mrs. J. W. Herron

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Students Will Register

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ing phase will be taught dur-
ing the summer. The Driver
Training Class will be organized
during the first week of school
and more information will be
available at that time.

Registration will be in the
High School Auditorium as
follows:

9:00 a.m. — Juniors
10:30 a.m. — Freshmen
1:00 p.m. — Sophomores
2:30 p.m. — Seniors
Classes will begin at 8:30 a.m.
Monday, August, 20, 1973.

"Student lunches in the school
cafeteria has been increased
this year because of the rising
cost from our suppliers," said
Davis. Lunches will be 50 cents
for all students and 75 cents for
adults according to Travis Da-
vis.

Merkel will participate in the
free federal lunch program.
They are a member of the pre-
federal beef program.

There has been a guideline
and explanation issued by the
Texas Education Agency or
those students who may qualify
for free lunches.

Here is a brief summary of
the guideline.

Children from families whose
income is at or below a certain
income are eligible for free
meals. (The income scale is at
the bottom of this story.)

If your income is greater
than those shown but you have
unusually high medical bills,
shelter costs in excess of 30
per cent of your income, special
education expenses due to the
mental or physical condition of
a child, or disaster or casualty
losses, your children may still
be eligible.

To apply for free meals for
your children, at anytime dur-
ing the year, you need to com-
plete the required application

Sr. Citizens Has Good Trades Day

The Senior Citizens Trade
Day was termed a success. The
money earned from Trades Day
is planned to go towards buying
a stove for their kitchen.

There was a drawing held by
Ken Mayhall Music Co. for song
books. Winners were Mrs. O. R.
Douglas, Walter Barnett and
Winnie Cypert.

Monday night the Senior Cit-
izens had a big singing group
with 50 attending. The All-Day
Luncheon will be held Tuesday,
August 14.

Jim Pancoast Will Speak

Jim Pancoast of Fort Worth
will be guest speaker at the
Grace Presbyterian Church this
Sunday.

Pancoast is entering Dallas
Theological Seminary this fall.
He worked for General Dyna-
mics for 20 years as a physicist.
His wife, June, plans to ac-
company him here. They have
two sons, Robert and Steve.

Pancoast attended the Univer-
sity of Chicago and is an elder
at the Westminster Presbyter-
ian Church in Fort Worth.

Ladies Golf Association Organized

Merkel has a new organization
now known as the Merkel Ladies
Golf Association. Around thirty
ladies were present or the or-
ganization meeting at which
time election of officers were
held and Tuesday was set aside
for Ladies Day.

Officers elected were Betty
Jane Tittle, president, Fannele
Boney, vice-president and tour-
nament chairman, and Faye
Robertson, secretary-treasur-
er. Also nominated were Helen
Benson, social chairman, and
Joyce Knight, telephone chair-
man. Dues will be \$3.00 per year
with 25 cents being paid each
Tuesday for prizes to be award-
ed to the winning score.

All members of the Merkel
Country Club are urged to join
the organization.

tendent, Merkel Public Schools,
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In certain cases foster chil-
dren are also eligible for these
benefits. If you have such chil-
dren living with you and wish to
apply for such meals for them,
apply or such meals for them,
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the application.

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Family Size	Free Meals	Family Annual Income	Reduced Price Meals
1	\$0-2740	\$2740-3280	
2	0-3600	3608-4320	
3	0-4460	4460-5360	
4	0-5310	5310-6380	
5	0-6100	6100-7320	
6	0-6890	6890-8260	
7	0-7600	7600-9120	
8	0-8310	8310-9980	
9	0-8960	8960-10,750	
10	0-9600	9600-11,520	
11	0-10,240	10,240-12,290	
12	0-10,880	10,880-13,060	
Each Additional Family Member \$640 \$770			

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Saenger-Fredrickson Win Merkel Golf Tournament

The Merkel Country was host this past weekend to the 4th Annual Partnership Golf Tournament. Jerry Magee, club manager, termed the tournament a great success. Fifty-three teams. Fifty-three teams entered the winners receiving irons, woods and golf balls.

Championship Flight	
Saenger-Fredrickson	164
Strafford-Nichols	178
Springer-English	172
Higgins-Higgins	183
Row - Orron	184
Fudge-Watts	179
Doan-Aldridge	182
Spurgin-McLean	185
Hays-Woner	185
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Caudle-Stout	147
Hooks-McCall	148
Preston-Hughes	148
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Baack - Baack	149
Cross-Ford	150
Bonham-Rister	150
McPherson-Holland	150
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Doan-Shugart	153
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TRENT 4-H NEWS

By John STEVEN
The July meeting was held at Taylor County 4-H Camp. Six members from Trent attended. Everyone enjoyed swimming, games, fun and the barbecue supper. Square dancing was also enjoyed by the members.
Parents that attended were Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Freeman, Mrs. Wayne Jackson and Mrs. Don Odom.

Deaths and Funerals

John Carter

John William Carter, 83, of Ballinger, former Merkel resident, died at 1:05 a.m. Friday in Ballinger Memorial Hospital after a long illness. Funeral was held at 2:30 p.m. Saturday in Starbuck Chapel in Merkel.
The Rev. Russell McAnally, pastor of Merkel Methodist Church, officiated. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.
Mr. Carter was born Aug. 29, 1889, in Arkansas. He married Bessie Harris Aug. 1, 1915, in Eagins.
He moved to Merkel in 1936. He later moved to Portales, N.M., in 1952, and then to Ballinger in 1956.
He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Ballinger.
Survivors are his wife, Bessie; one son, Earl of San Angelo; a daughter, Mrs. Louis Poff of Portales, N.M.; four brothers, George, Fred, and Tom, all of Fort Worth, and Albert of Cleburne; two sisters, Mrs. Myrtle Callaway of Godley and Mrs. L. C. Johnson of Cleburne; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren.

ty. She married O. W. Reed Dec. 11, 1904, in Mulberry Canyon.

They moved to Pulaski, Tenn., in 1904 and then back to Mulberry Canyon in 1906. Mr. Reed died in 1942.

Survivors include four sons, Haden of San Angelo, Raymond of Clovis, N.M., Frank of Utah and John of Merkel; two daughters, Mrs. Allen (Alice) King of Merkel and Mrs. Loren (Olive May) Burch of Tulsa, Okla.; one brother, Raymond Demere of Merkel; 24 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild.

One son, Paul, died in 1950. Pallbearers were grandsons Hugh King, Sweetwater; Ronnie Reed, San Angelo; Earl Reed, Santa Barbara, Calif.; Jerry Holder and Raymond Holder, Tulsa, Okla.; and John Reed of Portsmouth, Va.

Montgomery

John F. Montgomery, 88, retired farmer, died at 8 a.m. Tuesday at his residence following a long illness. Services were held at 4 p.m. Wednesday in the Starbuck Chapel.

Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.
He was born Jan. 16, 1885, in Texas. He moved to the Merkel area in 1960.

He married Mary Eva Lee in September 1920 in Williamson County. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife; three sons, Raymond G. of Briggs and F. F. and Johnny O., both of Merkel; a daughter, Mrs. H. C. Jowers of Merkel; two sisters, Mrs. Tom Gage of Houston and Mrs. Pauline Williams of Austin; 19 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren.

J. Newton

James Thomas Newton, 74, of Merkel, a retired trucker, died at 7:25 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 1 at Hendrick Memorial Hospital after an illness of ten days. Services were held at 10 a.m. Saturday in the Starbuck Funeral Home Chapel.

Burial was in Anton Cemetery, with graveside rites at 4 p.m.

Born Nov. 24, 1898, in Bell County, he married Corinne Paulk Dec. 18, 1920, at Temple. She died in 1954, and he later married Emma Cavitt Nov. 22, 1964, at Littlefield.

Mr. Newton had lived at Anton from 1926 to 1936, then in Littlefield until 1970, when he moved to Merkel. He was a member of the Merkel Church of Christ.

Survivors are his wife, Emma; two daughters, Mrs. L. J. (Sue) Nelson of Big Spring and Mrs. Virgil (Pat) Spencer of Plainview; a brother, Hugh of Wichita Falls; four sisters, Mrs. Louise Baker of Sun City, Ariz.; Mrs. Villa Lester of Fort Worth; Mrs. Mary May of Strawn and Mrs. Bertha Wims of Paris, Tex.; two step-sons, Allen Cavitt of Purcell, Okla., and Glen Cavitt of Seminole, Okla.; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Herron

Mrs. J. W. Herron, 93, of Merkel died at 7:10 p.m. Saturday in Starr Nursing Home after a short illness. Funeral was held at 2 p.m. Monday in the United Methodist Church of Merkel.
The Rev. Russell McAnally, pastor, officiated, with the Rev. Elton Storey, Baptist minister of Noodle, assisting. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery under direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born Sarah Etta Guinn Nov. 30, 1879, in Madison County, Ark., she moved to Texas in 1891. She married J. W. Herron Aug. 27, 1896, in Jacksboro.
They moved to the Golan community in Jones County in 1917. He died in 1945.

She moved into Merkel in 1947. She was a member of the Methodist Church.

Survivors are two sons, John of Merkel and Richard of Rotan two daughters, Mrs. Ester Davis of Portales, N.M., and Mrs. Sam (Nola) Rogers of Mineral Wells; one brother, J. M. Guinn of Alice; one sister, Mrs. Bell Davis of Abilene; 29 grandchildren; 50 great-grandchildren; 12 great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Reed

Mrs. O. W. Reed, 88, longtime Taylor County resident, died at 7:30 a.m. Sunday at the Shady Oaks Nursing Home in Abilene following a long illness. Services were held at 10 a.m. Tuesday in the United Methodist Church of Merkel.

The Rev. Elra Phillips, Methodist pastor of Big Spring, officiated. The Rev. N. S. Daniel, associate pastor at Merkel, assisted. Burial was in White Church Cemetery south of Merkel.
She was born Nonie May Demere Oct. 27, 1884, in Nolan Coun-

Freeman Appointed Instructor at Sweetwater

Ronnie Freeman has been appointed instructor in the Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Program at the Rolling Plains Campus of Texas State Technical Institute, effective August 1.

Freeman, a native of Trent, Texas, is the latest addition to the Rolling Plains faculty. According to school officials, this additional faculty member will strengthen this department that has shown good growth during the three years of operation.

Freeman comes to State Tech with a diversified background in electrical service work and refrigeration work. During the past year, he has served as an instructor in the night program of State Tech, where he taught air conditioning and refrigeration. Since May, 1969, Freeman

has worked as a serviceman for the Taylor Electric Cooperative at Merkel. He has attended electrical apprentice school and several industry sponsored seminars in both electricity and air conditioning.

His wife, Betty, is a bookkeeper at the Home State Bank in Trent, Texas. They have three children.

School officials expressed appreciation for the securing of another top instructor for the Rolling Plains Campus. Freeman will be among five new instructors to join the faculty at State Tech for the fall quarter due to get under way with registration set for September 4 and 5 and classes to start Thursday, September 6.

Social Held Firemen Recently

A very pleasant evening was enjoyed by all who attended the firemen's social hosted by the Ladies Auxiliary. A buffet supper of cold cuts was served to 43 persons present.

After the meal, a three-legged race was held with Christie Barnett and Billy Lucas coming in first. An egg carrying race was held with the men against the women. The men won the first race which consisted of carrying the egg in a spoon in their hand. The women won the second race carrying the spoon in their mouth.

Billy Lucas won the beard growing contest and the tobacco spitting contest with a spit of 13'4". Walter Harris second with 11'9" and Waymon Adeock third with 11'3".

Danny West won the watermelon eating contest with 6 slices, Kent Satterwhite was second with 5 slices. The children's contest was won by Taresia English with 3 slices, Eddie Harris was second with 2 slices.

Members present were Messrs. and Mrs. Waymond Adeock, Jerry Horton and sons, Robert Harris and Melissa, David Seymore and Philip, Roy Schultz and Steven, George Starbuck and John, Walter Harris and Eddie, Vernon Wade and family, George English and family, Billy Lucas and family, Danny West and Daniel, Kent Satterwhite and Kim, and Finley Barnett and Michelle.
Also attending were Mary Cochran, Dean Goodman and Jeff Beard.

WT Fair Rodeo Queen, Princess Deadline Aug. 15

Mrs. Pat Dunigan, chairman of the West Texas Fair and Rodeo Queen and Princess contest, announced that deadline for entries is Wednesday August 15, 1973.

Contestants for the Rodeo Queen must be between the ages of 18 and 24 to be eligible and must fill out an entry form. Entry forms must have attached an 8" by 10" glossy photograph. There is an entry fee of \$25.00.

Winner of the contest will represent the West Texas Fair at the Miss Rodeo Texas Contest in September of 1974.

Contestants for the Rodeo Princess must be between the ages of 13 and 16. There is also an entry fee of \$25.00.

Announcement of the winners will be made Saturday night, September 15 at the West Texas Fair Rodeo.

ROUND-UP By KAYE LANHAM

MRS. H. D. HARRIS of Denton, formerly Eula Mae Ayers, visited in the home of the Oda Clarks July 27 and 28 and on that Sunday they all attended the homecoming with them. Mrs. Harris visited other friends while she was here.

Bagby was cover boy on Better Homes and Gardens July publication. The smiling face on the right, under the blanket, belongs to Barton. Jerry Barker is the other 5 year old in the picture taken while both boys were on vacation on a beach at Galveston, Tex.

VISITING in the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Owens last week was Jess Dennis of Stamford. The Owens and Mr. Dennis first became acquainted in 1913 when they were neighbors in Memphis Tex. They became close friends while living in Memphis, Texas which is in Hall County. The Owens were proud to have Mr. Dennis visiting in their home.

Barton is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bagby of Merkel.

LLOYD and ANN Vicks of Tallahassee, Fla., visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Garner this week. Mr. Vicks is a brother to Mrs. Garner.

Mr. Vicks has not visited in Merkel for 13 years and enjoyed visiting old friends. He is a pharmacist in the university at Tallahassee. He graduated from Merkel High School and received his degree from the University of Texas at Austin.

Becky Bryan Sets August 18 Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Bryan of Trent have announced the engagement of their daughter, Rebecca Ann Bryan, to Timmy Joe Golson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Golson of Trent.

Miss Bryan is a graduate of Trent High School. Golson, also a graduate of Trent and is employed by Big State in Sweetwater.

The wedding is set for Aug. 18 in the Trent Baptist Church.

CAL-TEX

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Tex come to be on a hillside, just north of Trent, Texas? Bland is a native of Merkel who worked in California with similar feed lots, later returning to Texas where the "room and board" idea was relatively new. After a couple of years, the operation merged with Western Beef, an open cooperative. Cattle are purchased in Iowa, Illinois, California and several other states.

From the spacious second floor office, Cal-Tex can be seen to the final degree. The loading chutes are directly east, the mill is distinctly southward. A small airplane awaits on a miniature runway just north of mobile homes and in all other directions are cattle, cattle, cattle and one buffalo.

Merkel Country Club

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Jerry

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Merkel ISD Hires Two

The Merkel Independent School Board met Monday night, August 6 with a full agenda to be decided upon.

The last bus driver needed was employed, according to Mack Fisher, superintendent. Vernon Wade will fill that position.

The Kindergarten program will start in Merkel with a full program schedule.

The resignation of Dortha James was accepted and Mrs. Pam Carson was hired by the group. Mrs. Carson will teach second grade at Tye Elementary.

Meeting were members of the Merkel and Tye school boards.

2nd Monday Singing Set

The Victory Baptist Church will hold their second Monday night singing at 7:30 at 307 El Paso St.

F. E. Sipes is president. The public is invited.



Cal-Tex Cowboy

Pete Bridges is a typical cowboy at Cal-Tex Feed Yards. His family lives in a mobile home on the premises. Formerly of Colorado, Pete enjoys being a 'modern day cowboy.' (Staff photos by LaVonne Bunch)



NEW ADDITION — Shown above are visitors who came from Abilene to take part in Merkel's Trades Day bargains. A welcomed site to the shoppers is the drink stand. Sponsored by the Merkel Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary.



LADY MERCHANTS — These enterprising young ladies take advantage of Trades Day to make some extra money. Sabra Murry and Salinda Justice soaked up the sunshine and pocketed the profit.

Merchants Agree Third Trades Day Best Yet

Most Merkel merchants agreed that the 3rd Trades Day was even more successful than the previous two. "It is catching on," said one store owner. Shopper came early and business was good.

Several glass dealers were in town to "make the bargain," one man was from Oklahoma, a few came from Bowie, where a "Jim Bowie Day" is enjoyed each month.

Local bargains were offered in wearing apparel, school supplies, good items — any number

of things. Baked goodies sold quickly, new and used articles changed hands, music filled the air and bustling small town talk indicates that Merkelites are eagerly looking for Trades Day No. 4 in September.

Perhaps your organization or family desires to set up "shop" next time. Or, maybe some young folks would like to perform or present music. Contact Fred Starbuck about your plans, remember, Merkel is your personal community, plan to grow with it.

LEGAL NOTICE

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Jo Lene R. Larsen, 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 17th day of September A.D. 1973, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 31 day of July A.D. 1973, in this cause, numbered 8348 on the docket of said court and styled Jack Lester Larsen, Plaintiff, vs. Jo Lene R. Larsen, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows: to-wit: Petitioner & Respondent were married on or about Dec. 31, 1969; and separated on or about Jan. 15, 1970. The marriage became insupportable because of discord and conflict of personalities. There are no children born to this marriage & none are expected; no community property has been accumulated during this marriage as is 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 31 day of July A.D. 1973.

(Seal)
Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD
Domestic Court
Taylor County, Texas
By Sandra Van Cleave, Deputy.

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Farmcast

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

Phase Three and Phase Three and a Half can't be blamed for all of it, but nevertheless production of a number of Texas agricultural products shows declines. One of the exceptions is sheep and lamb feeding which shows an increase from a year ago but still a decline from a few months ago.

As for grains on hand, only stocks of oats are above levels of a year ago. Texas' stocks as of July 1 for the four feed grains — corn, oats, barley and sorghum — are estimated at 95,000,000 bushels, down 50,000,000 bushels from a year ago.

Grain sorghum was responsible for most of the decrease. Stocks of wheat, rye and soybeans are also below a year ago.

Old crop carryover of wheat is estimated at 20,200,000 bushels compared to 42,100,000 bushels a year ago.

Sorghum stocks stored in all positions are estimated at 79,000,000 bushels compared with 129,000,000 bushels a year ago.

Corn stocks are about the same as a year ago. Old crop oat stocks are 700,000 bushels higher than a year ago. Soybean stocks are estimated at 2,700,000 bushels compared to 3,600,000 bushels a year ago.

Nationwide, stocks of all grains are estimated 67,900,000 tons, which is 17 per cent less than a year ago. April-June grain disappearance totaled a record high of 51,300,000 tons, 14 per cent more than the same quarter in 1972.

All of the above figures relate to grains produced in 1972 and earlier. The 1973 crops are not a part of this report.

EGG production in Texas during June is four per cent below a year ago and five per cent below last month. Texas' layers totaled 11,160,000 during June, which is seven per cent below a year ago and two per cent under May's total.

The number of layers throughout the nation totaled 285,000,000; this is five per cent below last year and two per cent under last month.

LAMB crop in Texas (lamb born during the period Oct. 1, 1972 through June 30, 1973) is estimated at 1,964,000 head; this is down 15 per cent from the 2,302,000 head last year.

Nationwide, the 1973 lamb crop is estimated at 11,400,000 head. This is down nine per cent from the 1972 crop of 12,500,000 head.

The January 1, 1973 number of breeding ewes one year old and older totaled 12,100,000. This is a decrease of six per cent from a year earlier while ewe lambs under one year were down four per cent.

SHEEP and lambs on feed in Texas as of July 1 is up 13 per cent from a year ago. This, however, is 28 per cent below March. Sheep and lambs on feed are those intended for slaughter being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates or on pastures and expected within the next three months to go on market.

Marketings of feed sheep during March through June at 229,000 head were 3,000 head below the same period a year ago.



Stith News

By MRS. FRITZ HALE

"Correction," the Stith Community received 9 tenths of an inch of rain last week not 6 inches. The farmers would like to have more rain soon.

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

Mrs. Jennie Berry, daughter of the Bradleys is having more tests run this week. She is not any better.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McDonald and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley attended the funeral of Mrs. Amos (Edna) Williams at North Funeral Home in Abilene Tuesday at 10 a.m. Burial was in Cedar Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Williams was the last charter member of the Stith Baptist Church. She had been living in Abilene a long time.

Mr. McDonald was a pallbearer.

Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hale and Charles attended the Goodwin reunion held in the Lions building in Anson Sunday.

Tuesday--August 14

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SEN. TOWER'S WEEKLY REPORT TO TEXANS:

Beef Shortage Result of Phase Four

A very critical situation has developed in the beef industry because of rigid price controls under Phase Four, and I fear it is due to get even much worse in coming weeks and months.

It is nearly impossible to describe the severe posture in which the beef industry now finds itself as a direct result of the continued administratively imposed price ceilings. Since last March 29th, beef prices have been subject to rigid ceilings, and the Administration has prolonged those curbs until September 12th. Ceilings have been lifted on other food products in order to permit a dollar-for-dollar pass through, reflecting increased costs of raw agricultural products. But not on beef products.

When questioned recently concerning the continued controls on beef, Secretary of Agriculture

Butz responded that citizens may count on the September 12th date as being the moment for elimination of ceilings. He indicated that with such assurance, the red meat producers could make their plans accordingly. But cattlemen and meat packers in Texas have advised me that the only plans they can make based on continued controls are plans to cease their operations entirely, or at a minimum, drastically curtail production from current levels.

Indeed, shortages have occurred in past months at meat counters across the nation. However, these shortages in no way will compare with those we will encounter during the next few months should the worst fears of those in the industry prove well-founded.

Only two weeks into Phase 4, we already have seen some

drastic results of beef price ceilings. A check this week showed at last 37 packing plants across the nation — including one at Amarillo — have had to close down because they were losing heavily. These plants slaughtered more than 100,000 head of cattle weekly. In addition to the closing, numerous other plants have curtailed production.

Just a few days ago, a meat packer in South Texas graphically underscored for me the effects of continued controls on his own operation. This plant had about 250 employees who processed about 1800 head of cattle per week. Under continued controls as currently levied, he can plan on a net loss per head of five dollars, or nine-thousand dollars per week. Now the margin upon which a packer bases his operation is not excessive — in fact, it is often mini-

mal — and I know of few companies in the packing industry that can absorb losses of this magnitude until September 12th. It is nice to be able to plan for the future, but not when those plans include continued heavy financial loss, drastic curtailments of production, eventual closing of operations, and the resultant firing of employees.

News reports already are warning of black market dealings and under-the-counter transactions in beef. Without question shortages will result in the supermarkets. We will be facing these shortages not only in the immediate weeks ahead, but barring a relaxation of the controls on beef, such as has been granted for other agricultural and meat products, anyone planning a barbecue in September of October might be well advised to purchase the meat before too many days have passed. It simply will not be available in the fall.

Few question the fact that the retail price of beef would increase as a direct result of the removal of controls. But, perhaps far better to confront slight increases in cost today when supplies can be obtained at the supermarket than to confront even greater increases, compounded by shortages in supply, several weeks from now when controls are lifted.

Would it not be more desirable to pay a few cents per pound more now, and be able to purchase and consume the meat, than to be willing to pay even higher prices in September and find the product unavailable at the market?

On June 29th, I introduced legislation to remove price controls from meat, poultry and dairy products, and on feed grain ingredients. I am pleased that the administration, in Phase Four, has followed my proposal as reason each of these products except beef. A first important step has been taken, but until beef is treated like, the continued economic structure is far from equitable and in the long run, self defeating.

Perhaps it was intended that the September 12th date for the removal of controls on beef would inspire those in the industry to tighten their belts and hold on for the relief in sight. Unfortunately, inspiration alone will not keep a processing plant in operation when losses exceed profits to such tremendous extents as have been experienced.

And, unfortunately, inspiration alone will not provide a filling meal to those American families who in the early fall seek beef for their tables.

Feeders With 1,000 or More Animals Must Meet Water Pollution Regulations

COLLEGE STATION — Livestock and poultry feeders with more than 1,000 animal units must now comply with water pollution control regulations established by the Environmental Protection Agency.

The new regulations became effective July 5 and set up a water pollution control permit program for agriculture, ex-

plains Dr. John Sweeten, agricultural engineer in animal waste management for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Those concerned feeders in Texas can apply for a permit through the EPA regional office in Dallas located at 1600 Patterson Ave., Suite 1100.

Although the 1,000 animal units are used as a general

guideline for the permit program, smaller operations can also be regulated if they are believed to present a pollution problem, the Texas A&M University System specialist points out. Multiple permits may be required for agricultural operations separated by distance but under common ownership.

Regarding specific animal numbers, permits are required for the following feeding operations holding the listed number of animal units for more than 30 days: slaughter and feeder cattle — 1,000; mature dairy cattle — 700; swine weighing more than 55 pounds — 2,500; sheep — 10,000; turkeys — 55,000; laying hens and broilers where unlimited continuous overflow watering systems exist — 100,000; laying pens and broilers where liquid manure handling systems exist — 30,000; and ducks — 5,000.

According to Sweeten, individuals or organizations who discharge irrigation return flow from 3.00 or more acres through a conveyance such as a ditch or culvert, and certain fish production operations, must also obtain a permit.

New facilities must apply for a permit six months before operation begins. An opportunity for public hearings will be provided on each permit application. Facilities built since Oct. 18, 1972 which meet all standards of the regulations will not be subject to more stringent standards for 10 years after the completion date.

Integrated Cattle Feeding Could Boost Farm Income

COLLEGE STATION — An integrated system for feeding cattle could mean quite a bit more money in the cattleman's pocket, according to Dr. Donald Farris and Ed Williams of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

The more common open market system sometimes results in higher marketing costs per head and more stress caused by transfers — resulting in weight loss and some cases of sickness and death, the Texas A&M University System researchers said.

The integrated system, in which the whole process from weaning age calf to slaughtering is pre-arranged, lowers marketing costs and cuts down on the transfers and resulting losses. The idea is to plan and organize for minimizing stress and time in the market channel.

The potential advantage of the integrated system, Farris and Williams found, came to \$9 to \$11 per head in savings during 1966-70. About half of that was saved marketing costs.

They developed estimates for

several types of cattle. The standard was a choice steer evaluated from 350 to 1050 pound weights.

The greatest savings came from calves weaned at a light weight. The smaller animals are more sensitive to stress — giving the integrated system the advantage.

Savings for heavy weaned calves ready to move directly to the feedlot were only one-third as much, they said.

Integrated systems in cattle operations are only a small part of the total business but appear to be becoming more popular, said the professor and former research assistant in the Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology. Not all producers can take advantage of this, but to the extent the industry can design its business to reduce stress and transfer charges, costs can be reduced.

Complete details of the study will be available the first of the year as a Texas Agricultural Experiment Station bulletin.

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When the month of August rolls around, thousands of Texas mothers suddenly realize that only a few more weeks remain until school begins.

Parents with youngsters beginning school for the first time this September, look forward to September, look forward to school with a little more excitement, and many mothers whose first-born are going off to school may be a bit bewildered by it all.

In addition to the million-and-one chores that must be performed in getting the youngster ready for school — new shoes, clothes, health examination — most school districts require proof of age for beginning students. A certified copy of a birth certificate is usually requested, reports the Texas State Department of Health.

This fall there will be 221,100 new first graders in the schools throughout Texas, with the total public school enrollment expected to reach 2,805,300. Continued growth of the school population is expected for the next two to three years, according to the Texas Education Agency. In addition, there will be 78,700 children enrolled in public school

Anticipating the rush of birth certificate requests, the Records and Statistics Sections of the Texas State Department of Health has been prepared for it. Requests already are pouring in.

It takes a sizeable staff just to open the thousands of letters received daily, let alone search out a requested certificate, remove it from the thick volume, make a certified copy, mail it out and then return the original certificate of its proper place.

Years of experience have eliminated nearly every bottleneck. Txh operation is smooth and fast. Usually the copy is mailed within 3 or 4 days after the request is received.

One bottleneck still remaining, however, is the individual who makes the last-minute request. Parents are requested to stop now and write for a certified copy of the birth certificate, or contact either the city registrar where he child was born or the county clerk in the county of birth.

In most cases it is an easy matter to make a trip to your county courthouse or registrar and personally request a certified copy of a birth certificate. The county clerk's office has birth records on file, as well as countless other documents.

If you write the Texas State Department of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, the address is 410 East Fifth Street, Austin, Tex., 78701. Be sure to include the child's name, his place of birth, the date of birth, and names of the parents—including the mother's maiden name. The State Health Department fee for a certified copy of the birth certificate is \$2.

Filing of birth certificates is just one function of the Records and Statistics Section of the State Health Department. Records also are kept of deaths, diseases and other public health information.

There are more than 13 million birth certificates on file in the state office, and the tabulation of birth certificates is a never-ending process. Last year, for example, there were just under 222,000 live births recorded in Texas.

Largest number of live births for Texas is one year was recorded in 1957. That year 249,567 babies were born alive in Texas, and their births are recorded in the Records and Statistics Section.

Just maintaining records of

current births and deaths is a mammoth task. In order to do this, the statewide system includes 1,000 local registration officials who collect these records. All of these must be carefully indexed to expedite the searches that must be made each year to process applications for birth verifications and certification.

This sounds complicated, and it is. But to a person who needs a birth certificate for a passport or to prove the age of a child entering school, it is a vital service.

Not only are these records helpful to you and necessary for legal proof in many instances, but they furnish — as a group — information of great value to the state. To best use this wealth of statistics, data is transferred from records to magnetic tapes and a computer converts these into tabulations. From these charts and reports come information enabling staff statisticians to read and interpret the very pulse of the state's health.

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12. Interrogate him everytime when he comes home from school or any place about how he did or what he did or where he did it, and then show him you don't believe it.
 13. Avoid using the word "wrong". It may develop in him a guilt complex. This will prepare him to believe that when he is punished later people are "against" him and that he is being "persecuted".
 14. Poison his mind with suspicious tendencies.
 15. Quarrel frequently in his presence, and he will be prepared for a contentious life and perhaps a broken home later on in his marriage.
 16. Satisfy his every whim, caprice, and craving for food, drink and everything that has to do with the sense of taste and touch. That's to just make sure he learns no self-control.
 17. Take his side against teachers, policeman, and neighbors. They are do-gooders and "prejudiced against your child" any way.
 18. When he gets into real trouble, always defend yourself, and say, "I never could do anything with that boy".
 19. Let him get the idea that it is alright to cheat on his grades, tell little "white lies", or to "sow a little wild oats". Grin in kinda "you naughty boy" way when he tells of sneaking into functions and activities without paying. Enjoy a hearty laugh with him over his little escapades by which he "foxed" someone with his budding criminal cunning and deceived someone else with his disarming dishonesty and crookedness.
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