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Merkel Mail Publisher's Wife Buried in Oklahoma

Mrs. Cecil Plyler, 34, wife of the co-publisher of the Merkel Mail, was dead on arrival at the Hendrick Memorial Hospital at 1:25 a.m. Sunday. Funeral was at 10 a.m. Monday at Trinity Baptist Church in Abilene.

The Rev. Howard Ingram, pastor, officiated. Burial was at 6 p.m. Monday in Durant, Okla., under the direction of Elliott-Hamill Funeral Home.

Mrs. Plyler had been employed at the Merkel Mail in recent months. She had been in ill health for several years.

Mrs. Plyler died from an overdose of medication.



MRS. CECIL PLYLER
... Buried Monday

Born Pat Barton on Oct. 13, 1938, in Bennington, Okla. she grew up in Durant and she married Cecil Plyler June 18, 1955, in Durant. They moved to Abilene from Durant in 1961.

She was a member of the Trinity Baptist Church in Abilene.

Survivors include her husband; one son, Gregory of the home; one daughter, Melissa of the home; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E.C. Barton

of Durant; four sisters, Margaret, Lola, Wanda and Lois and one brother, Buddy Barton of Durant.

Palbearers were T. J. Ward, Bert de la Vega, Winston Barklay, Steve Lanham, Ben Moses and Lloyd Plyler.

Marshall Owen Buried Monday

Marshall M. Owen, 83, a longtime resident of Merkel, died at 3 p.m. Friday in a local nursing home. He was a retired stock farmer. Services were held Monday at the Church of Christ, Larry Gill, minister, officiated, assisted by the Rev. N.S. Daniel, retired Methodist, minister. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Born April 2, 1890, in Gray County, he married Minnie Gertrude Melton, Nov. 12, 1911, in Gateville. They moved to Hill County in 1913 and moved to Taylor County in 1927.

He had farmed until 1942 and had worked for the Merkel consignee of Magnolia Oil Co. and the Merkel school systems until retiring in 1960. He was a member of the Merkel Church of Christ. He and Mrs. Owen celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1961.

Survivors include his wife; one daughter, Mrs. Earl Verne Palmer of Merkel; two brothers Ollie of Amarillo and Melvin of California; three sisters, Mrs. Stella Johnson of Long Beach, Calif.; Mrs. Leona Nix of Phoenix, and Mrs. Mary Tittle of Benicia, Calif.; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Palbearers were Joe Patterson, Lewis Corder, Robert Campbell, Roy Baccus, L.M. Ewing, and Jack Hogan.

Merkel Open Horse Show Termed Success

The Merkel Open Horse Show held March 30, 1974, proved to be the most spectacular horse event ever staged in the Merkel area. Exhibitors came from all sections of West Texas to compete for top honors against some of the best "horse flesh" in the nation.

Patricia Boyd of Trent, captured the all-around honor with her seven year old gelding Never Give Up. Miss Boyd chalked-up twenty-one points by winning first in the aged gelding class, Grand Champion Gelding, first in Barrel Racing, first in Flag Racing, and 2nd in Goat Tying, enough points to win the Wilmer Criswell Memorial All Around Trophy. The trophy was given in the remembrance of the late Mr. Criswell, by his family. Never Give Up is sired by the AQHA Champion Hoddy Vandy and is by Leo Tip Tap Too on the dam's side. Patricia is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Boyd of Trent and is a sophomore at Trent High School.

Crenshaw of the Wylie Shamrock Truck Terminal.

Johnny Gray, son of Mr. and Mrs. L.J. Gray of Merkel was selected to receive the Showmanship Award. The award was given by Robert's Hat Shop of Abilene. Johnny exhibited his Quarter Horse gelding, Giance.

Other top Merkel winners were Shannon Boyd, 1st place Pony Class and Harold Watts, 1st place aged Stallion Class.

The Horse Show would not have been a success without the support of local and area business firms. The Merkel Riding Club is sincerely appreciative of the support bestowed upon them by the firms. Below is a list of supporters:

Trent-Star Hardware, Cal-Tex Feed Yard, Carriker Food Store.

Abilene—Robert's Hat Shop, Luskey's, Abilene Western Town, Ramada Inn.

Merkel — Adcock Western Store, Max Murrell Chev. Co., Merkel Drug, Mansfield Farm and Rancho Service.

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PATRICIA BOYD
...All-Around Trophy Winner

Henry Bob Lee Buried Tuesday

Funeral service for Henry Bob Lee, 28, who was shot in Abilene Thursday, was at 4 p.m. Tuesday in Starbuck Funeral Home Chapel with Jerry Turner officiating. Burial was in Garden of Memories Cemetery in Trent.

Lee was shot about 3 a.m. Thursday in the Brown Derby Cafe at 925 Ash. He was pronounced dead on arrival at Hendrick Memorial Hospital by Justice of the Peace Roland Hunwoody with a single shotgun wound in the heart. Judge Dunwoody has ordered an autopsy.

Charges are pending against a 25-year-old Abilene man who turned himself in to police officers at 5:52 p.m. Thursday.

Lee was born Oct. 7, 1945, in Abilene. Survivors include his mother, Odessa Lee of Merkel; four brothers, Robert Jr., of Abilene, Tommy of Tye, Glen Edward, David Lee of Merkel; four sisters Iva Jean Lee of Bakersfield, Cal., Helen Faye Lee, Mae Frances Lee and Hazel Ann Lee, all of Merkel. Lee was preceded in death by his father, Robert Lee Sr. in February.

Three Merkelites Will Be Honored At McMurry

Three persons from Merkel are among more than 100 McMurrindians who will be honored Thursday, April 4, on Founders' Day at McMurry College in Abilene.

Little League Tryouts Start Monday At 6

Little League tryouts will start Monday at 6:00 p.m. on the school grounds.

Tryouts will be at 6:00 also on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. "Little League applications must be in by April 10 and T-shirt applications by April 17," said Larry White, president.



FIREMEN HOSE TEAM--Shown here are some of the men participating in the fire team races Saturday at the Midwest Texas Firemen and Fire Marshall's Meet to be held in Merkel. Left to right, Roy Schultz, Billy Fisher, Walter Harris, Dean Goodman, Billy Lucas and Ike Garrett. (Staff Photo by Kaye Lanham)



LADIES AUXILIARY TEAM--Practicing for fire team races are from Left to Right, Connie Harris, Mary Goodman, Audra Sue Horton, Nita Harris and Debbie Schultz. (Staff Photo by Kaye Lanham)

Merkel Jr. High Band Takes 21 First Places

At the 2nd Annual Invitational 1974 Tri City Band Festival at Santa Anna Saturday, March 30, Merkel won 21 first place medals and 9 second place medals. The festival was sponsored by Coleman, Ballinger and Santa Anna.

Their Merkel Jr. High Band won first in sightreading and second in concert playing, winning a trophy for each.

Following is a list of the winners:

1st Place Medals—Shannon Bagby - clarinet solo; Janice South - flute solo; Wendy Hogan - oboe solo; Grant Murrell, Dwayne English, Billy Harris, Drew Mawson - Percussion ensemble; Vickie Hegwood, Cindy Smith, Alice Cunningham, Shannon Bagby - clarinet quartet; Lesa Hart, Shannon Bagby, Cindy Smith, Taresia English, Mary Roeder - Twirling Solo; Lesa Hart, Shannon Bagby, Cindy Smith, Taresia English, Mary Roeder - twirling ensemble;

2nd Place Medals - Lesa Hart - flute solo; Carla Rister-flute solo; Cindy Smith - clarinet solo; Kandi Ascencio - sax solo; Mike Sims - alto sax solo; Tommy Jones - baritone solo; Cathy Holloway, Lori DuBose, Tammy Martin - cornet trio.

Band director is Glenn Reed.

The event will honor all persons who were connected with the United Methodist College when it opened its doors in the fall of 1923. Among these are Mr. C.M. Brown of Rt. 1, Mrs. Johnny Cox of 212 Cherry St., and Mr. Cyrus Pee of Box 234.

McMurry President Thomas K. Kim pointed out that Founders' Day is the fourth and final major emphasis event during the college's 50th Anniversary Celebration Year.

Activities will begin on Founders' Day with a 1923 Get Together, an informal reception for the honorees in Bynum Band Hall from 2:30

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Voting, Fire Convention, Trades Day Planned Saturday

Saturday will be a busy day for Merkelites. First and foremost they will, along with Tye and other school district residents, go to the polls to choose a complete new school board. Second the Merkel Fire Department is hosting the 71st Semi-Annual Meeting of the Firemen and Fire Marshals' Association - Mid-West Texas. And last, but not least, it is Trades Day in Merkel.

The voters of Merkel will vote on three candidates for the three vacancies in the City Council.

The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Voting for both the city and the school election will be held at Merkel High School. Serving as school election judges will be Bill Button for Merkel and Floyd Kimmey for Tye. Tye resident may vote at the Tye Elementary School. City election judge is Mrs. Pat Cypert.

The Fire Department meeting will get under way at 10 a.m. with registration at the Merkel Fire Station. Next event will be the Ladies Meeting at 11:30 a.m. at school cafeteria. The Associations business meeting will be held at the Merkel High School Auditorium at 1:30 p.m.

At 4:30 p.m. the fire team races will be held at No. 2nd and Edwards Streets. Both men and women will compete in these events. At 6:30 p.m. there will be a barbecue for the visiting firemen at the School Cafeteria. Closing out the day's activities will be a dance at the Merkel Community Center at 8:00 p.m.

The convention is expected to draw an estimated 200-300 persons.

The Senior City Citizens will host a luncheon for Trades Day Visitors at their building on Edwards. The salad luncheon will be served from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at the door for \$1.50 for adults and \$1.00 for children.

The Ray Pack Band will perform at the corner of N. 2nd and Edwards from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The Band Boosters will have a meeting Thursday, April 4 at 7:30 p.m. at the Band Hall.

Trades Day Saturday, the Band Boosters will hold a Bake Sale in front of West Texas Utilities.

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11:30-12:00 for Trades Day shoppers and for visiting firemen.

There is expected to be a large number of Flea Market booths set up on the sidewalks of downtown Merkel.

Anyone wishing to have a booth may do so on the sidewalks at no charge, according to a spokesman for the Merkel Chamber of Commerce.

School Board Candidates Answer Questions

Approximately 85 persons turned out last Thursday night at the Merkel High School Auditorium to 'Meet the Candidate' for the Merkel School Board. Sixteen of the eighteen candidates were present to make 3 minute or less speeches on their candidacy and to answer written questions. Joe Lassiter served as moderator for the meeting. Lambda Beta Sorority and the Taylor County Young Homemakers sponsored the event. The two groups served refreshments to the gathering.

Candidates Johnny Teaff and Robert Stephen did not attend the meeting.

Moderator Lassiter stated the meeting by reading the oath of office that the winning candidates would be asked to take. From there he asked each candidate to present a short opening remarks.

Leading off was Larry White. He told the audience that he had no axes to grind and that if elected he would have an open mind. "If I am elected, I will just have to evaluate each issue as it comes up and do what I think best," White said. He went on to say that he didn't have all the answers, but that he was interested in the school system and would work to keep it one that Merkel could be proud of.

Second candidate to speak was O.A. Cox. He said that he had been a member of the old Tye board for 6 years and had served as president for one year. He said that "we poured our school's into yours. We are all in one bucket now." He went on to say that the board members are important persons as they would be responsible for a budget approaching \$1 million.

Jack Moore was next. He said that he had been on the Tye board for 2 years and had been its president two years.

Next candidate to speak was Bill Morgan of Tye. He said that he was interested in the schools as he has children in the schools. "I will work to see that the tax money is spent right if elected to the board," Morgan said.

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"I have 3 children in the Merkel Schools and I am very interested in the school district. I have met with the Merkel board for the past year and we enjoy good relations. Each issue must be faced as they come up," he said. He went on to say that he had no axe to grind and that he would try to represent each one in the districts as best he knew how.

D.C. Hendricks said that he believed the school district should be set up for the benefit of the children and not the adults. "I think decisions must be based on this fact. I don't have all the answers, but if elected I will keep the interest of the children at heart," he said.

Next candidate to speak was Benny Melton. He said that he was interested in the school system and that the band should not be taken for granted. "I am making no campaign promises and we must have harmony on the board," Melton said. He went on to say that he would not always see eye to eye on matters, but that he would work for harmony and the comfort and well being of the children. He also said that the citizens needed to be kept informed and that he would work toward this end if elected.

Bobby Tolliver said that he was glad to be a candidate for the school board and that that he wants harmony on the board. "I will back the teachers and try to do what is best for the students," he said.

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THE CANDIDATES
... at Thursday meeting

Herrera-Higgins Vows Exchanged Saturday

Paula Elizabeth Herrera and Tommy Joe Higgins, both cousins of the bridegroom, exchanged wedding vows in Hamlin Saturday, March 30 at 5 p.m. in Holy Trinity Catholic Church. The Rev. Stephen White, pastor, officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Harold Miller and Paul Herrera. The bridegroom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Higgins of Merkel.

Presented in marriage by her grandfather, Joe Rivera, the bride wore a gown of Chantilly lace designed with cascading ruffles of scalloped lace extending to a cathedral train. Her headdress of pearls and lace held an elbow-length veil edged in lace.

Mrs. Gene Wall was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Mrs. Fernando Rangel and Mrs. Peter Camacho of Hobbs, N.M.

Attendants' A-line pastel gowns were in assorted spring colors trimmed with ribbon lace at the collar and on the short sleeves.

Pamela Thornton was flower girl. Ring bearer was Harold Loyd Miller, brother of the bride.

David Lee Burfield and Dale Ray Higgins, both cousins of the bridegroom, were candlelighters.

Rodney Robertson of Arlington was best man. Groomsman were Fernando Rangel and Peter Camacho of Hobbs, N.M., brother of the bride.

John Scott Higgins of San Angelo, brother of the bridegroom, and Gene Wall were ushers.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Miller hosted the reception in the church hall.

The couple will be at home after April 6 following a wedding trip to New Orleans, La.

The bride is a graduate of Hamlin High School. The bridegroom is a graduate of Merkel High School and received a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from the University of Texas at Austin where he was a member of Chi Epsilon and Tau Beta Phi. He is employed by the Texas Highway Department in Abilene.

The bridegroom's parents hosted the rehearsal dinner at Hamlin Restaurant.



MRS. TOMMY HIGGINS
...formerly Paula Herrera

O.B. Wades to Observe 50th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. O.B. Wade will be honored Sunday with open house in observance of their 50th wedding anniversary. The event will be held in their home, Rt. 1, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Hosts will be the couples son and daughters, Herman Wade, of Cypress; Mrs. Dennis (Dixie) Bolding, of Austin; and Mrs. Bobby (Louise) DuBose of Merkel. Houseparty will include daughters and sons-in-law and grandchildren.

The Wades met in 1923 at a basketball game at the Comper Community near Merkel, and were married

April 6, 1924 at the home of Mr. Wade's sister with the Rev. James B. Wade officiating. Mrs. Wade is the former Gertrude Tarpley of Noodle community. The couple lived for a time at Comper, then moved to Friona, then lived 16 years in Stamford before moving to Merkel in 1946. They have 10 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. A son, Jack, died in 1949 and a daughter, Mrs. Reggie (Ann) Bolding in 1962. Mr. Wade is a very active farmer and Mrs. Wade enjoys crocheting and working in her vegetable garden when her health permits.

Registration Has Started For Annual Beauty Pageant

The Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi will sponsor an Annual Beauty Pageant here Saturday, April 20 at 7:30 p.m.

The theme for this year's pageant will be "Through the Looking Glass."

Registration began April 1 for girls in Tye, Trent and Merkel Schools. Registration will continue until April 17th. To register call Darla Mawson, 928-5661 after 4 p.m. or Mrs. R. L. Castille at 846-4431.

Divisions for girls entering are 3 years through kindergarten; Preschool; 1-4, Primary; 5-6, Elementary; 7-8, Jr. High; and 9-12, High School.

There will be an informal Coke Party held Monday, April 15 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. for girls in the Jr. High and High School division.

Judges will be representatives of the Abilene City Council of Beta Sigma Phi. Trophies will be presented to all the places in each division and will be on display Monday until the pageant at Bullocks Hardware.

Lambda Beta Elects Officers

Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met March 25 in the Asteroid Restaurant Dining Room with 19 members attending.

President Mrs. Billy Bob Neff called the meeting to order. Officers for the coming year were named as follows: Mrs. Rosey Castille, President; Mrs. Harold Hohertz, Vice President; Mrs. Larry White, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Billy Lucas, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Jim Allday, Treasurer; Mrs. Robert Harris, City Council Representative; Mrs. Billy Bob Neff, Historian;

Mrs. Junior Clark, Director; and Mrs. Bobby DuBose, Exemplar Advisor.

Roll call was answered by each member bringing their favorite snapshot and discussing it. Program was presented by Mrs. Phil Seymour captain and Mrs. Hohertz, co-captain.

Mrs. Seymour was hostess for the meeting. Members attending were Mrs. Mmes. Allday, Castille, Clark, Oble Coker, Gary Douglas, Harris, Hohertz, Craig Jones, Lucas, Darla Mawson, Paul Moore, Neff, Larry Teaff, Mike Welch, White, Juan Ybarra, and Lee Yaddow.

Fathers Are Source Of Protection For Child

COLLEGE STATION - From their fathers, children need and want protection - from both external and internal forces, one authority noted this week.

She's Dr. Jennie Kitching, family life education specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A & M University System.

"However, deciding how much protection is enough - or too much - plagues many parents.

"So, many look for a sensible middle course - somewhere between extreme strictness and great leniency. "If a child is to grow up able to live and participate in a democratic world as a mature, responsible person, friendly cooperation is the desirable key in family living."

Besides protection from external forces, a child looks to his father for protection against his own impulses, the specialist continued.

For example, a youngster engaged in a minor wrongdoing may declare, almost with satisfaction, "Gee, I'll catch it when my dad finds out."

Deep within, the child probably feels that "Dad will make me stop, even if I can't stop myself," she said. "If there's no one to make him stop, then responsibility for his actions may become overwhelming - or he may lose altogether his slow gains in conscience made through the years," she said.

Heavy-handed authority may defeat its purpose, the specialist warned. "Being a 'pal' isn't the answer, either.

"Instead, in the so-called 'middle course,' a father can be friendly with his children - without being a pal," Dr. Kitching said.

"As such, he can talk with them in father-son or father-daughter fashion, admit his limitations - even ignorance on some matters - and still remain essentially a father."

Miss Thomas Honored With Two Showers

Gwendolyn Gail Thomas, bride-elect of Michael Bartlett Teaff was honored recently with two showers.

Miss Thomas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Felix Ray Thomas of Abilene and Mr. Teaff, son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Teaff of Tye, will be married April 26 at Abilene Woman's Club.

The bride-elect was given a shower in her home by Mrs. Jessie Cargile, Mrs. Bobbie McCoy, Mrs. Floyd Elkins and Mrs. Harold Carey of Sweetwater.

In the houseparty were Mrs. Felix Ray Thomas, mother of the bride-elect; Mrs. Johnny B. Teaff, mother of the prospective bridegroom; Mrs. Ralph Miller of Merkel and Mrs. Mae Belle Teaff of Tye, grandmothers of the prospective bridegroom.

Crystal and a floral arrangement in yellow, orange and green, the bride-elect's chosen colors, decorated the table.

A Bridesmaids luncheon honoring Gwendolyn Gail Thomas was hosted Saturday, March 23 at the Vintage Tea Room by her mother, Mrs. Felix Ray Thomas.

Houseparty included the prospective bridegroom's mother and the bridal attendants, one of whom was Gayle Teaff, sister of the bridegroom.

Missionettes

By SUSAN WHEELER

The Missionettes met Friday at the Assembly of God Church. There were 22 attending.

We played the game red-rover. Refreshments were served by Jeannessa Cypert.

Merkelite Married Dec. 21

Mr. and Mrs. Elby Frazier of Merkel announce the marriage of their son, Gayland, to Mrs. Sharon Purdin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Milligan of Muskogee, Okla.

Merkel 4-H News

The Merkel 4-H will meet Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at the Taylor Electric Co-op Building.

The program will be local demonstrations.

W.T.U. Winners At Open House

West Texas Utilities in Merkel held Open House last Friday.

A drawing was held for a toaster, mixer and can opener. Prize winners were:

Toaster - Jan Wooten, Rt. 3 Merkel.

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Can Opener - Mrs. Larry White, 1514 Sunset, Merkel.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dietician List Class A Lunch

Dear Editor:
In response to questions at the meeting on Thursday, March 28, 1974, we, the employees of the Merkel & Tye School Lunch Rooms would like to answer publicly the requirements under which we operate.

These rules and requirements are mandatory to all programs operating under the National School Lunch program. They were set up by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Texas Education Agency. The requirements provide only for one-third of the minimum daily food requirement. We serve a Type A Lunch each day. You are invited at any time to eat with your child in our Lunch rooms.

Following is a class "A" Lunch!
Milk - One half pint of fluid whole milk - as a beverage. (To provide most of the calcium and riboflavin, some protein, vitamin A and other nutrients.)

Protein-Rich Foods - Two ounce (edible portion as served) of lean meat, poultry, fish or cheese or 1 egg, 1/2 cup cooked dry beans or dry peas, 4 tablespoons peanut butter. An equivalent of any combination of the above listed foods. (To be counted in meeting this requirement, these foods must be served in a main dish or in a main dish and one other menu item.) (To provide protein, iron, B vitamins and other nutrients.)

Vegetables and Fruits - Three-fourths cup serving consisting of two or more vegetables or fruits or both, 1/4 cup or more of full-strength vegetable or fruit juice may be counted to meet not more than 1/4 cup of this requirement. (To provide most of the vitamin A and vitamin C and some of the iron and other vitamins and minerals.)

Bread-(enriched or whole-grain) One slice of whole-grain or enriched. Or a serving of other bread such as cornbread, biscuits, rolls, muffins etc. made of whole-grain or enriched flour or

NEWS AND AD DEADLINE

Effective immediately, news and ad deadline is noon Tuesday. All copy must be in the Merkel Mail office by this time or it will not get in that weeks edition.

KAYE LANHAM, Editor

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Whom It May Concern (and the unknown natural father of John Wayne Sorrells) Respondent, and said suit being numbered 8833 DR on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In the interest of John Wayne Sorrells a child and/or children," the nature of which suit is a request to Adoptions (and to terminate the rights of the unknown natural father of John Wayne Sorrells)

Said John Wayne Sorrells was born the 23rd day of June 1973, in San Angelo, Tom Green County, Texas.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the child's interest which will be binding upon you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this the 22nd day of March, 1974. (SEAL)

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James Lee Eddins, natural father, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 9132 DR on the docket of said court, and entitled "In the interest of Baby Girl Tampleton a child and/or children," the nature of which suit is a request to Terminate Parent-Child Relationship.

Said Baby Girl Tampleton was born the 19th day of March, 1974, in Abilene, Taylor County, Texas.

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Water Import Project Gets Second Look

"Re-evaluation of the West Texas-Eastern New Mexico Import Project may come sooner than most of us had hoped possible," according to A.L. Black, president of Water, Inc. Event federal officials involved in branding the project "economically infeasible" less than a year ago are having second thoughts, he noted.

Black was referring to comments made by members of the Southwest Federal Regional Council during a briefing in Austin. The Council is made up of representative of regional administrators and directors of federal agencies operating in Texas and its four bordering states.

Willard E. Lewis Jr., special assistant to the Secretary of the Interior, Albuquerque, N.M., noted that despite the Bureau of Reclamation and Corps of Engineers findings announced last year, the "door was left open to further consideration of the economic feasibility if circumstances changed in this country." "I would suggest to you," Lewis said, "that we may well be entering a time when the economics of

agriculture changes substantially."

"The basis of that study (on importing water) essentially was on the basis of surpluses, and by and large those surpluses do not exist now - and it may well be that under other economic conditions that the project might some day be feasible from an economic standard," he said.

Council Chairman Arthur W. Busch, regional administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, opined that if interbasin transfer of water becomes a reality, the quality of it is "paramount". He concluded that pollution control efforts may make more water available for movement to other areas "subject to political realities."

These comments," Black said, "are encouraging. They are coming from the same agencies that less than a year ago were saying 'no way'". Black concluded that "the truth is, the world must have the production of our area, no matter what the cost."

Girl Scout News

By NANCY CLICK
Troop 313 met at the Scout Hut Monday, April 1st, for their regular meeting.

The girls made plans for an over night camping trip this Friday at Camp Boothe Oaks, Sweetwater.

Janice Jacob, Judy Glasscock and Kathleen Taylor served refreshments. There were twelve girls present.

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PRIMARY RED CROSS WORKERS - Back Row, left to right, Mary Fariello, Brenda Hohbert, Sharryl Luckey, Kim Smith, Kevin Farmer, David Delacruz, Third Row, Donald Tutt, Jay Gibson, Angie Allen, Windi Whisenant, Mike Hagar, Calvin Cooley, Melinda Homes, Second Row, Brooks Boyd, Randy Pallarez, Tamara Watson, Joe Biera, Marsha Tutt, First Row, Lori Kimbrell, Shirley Hille, Anna Delacruz, Justin Amerine, Ruben Flores. (Staff Photo by Kaye Lanham)

Jr. Red Cross Drive Now In Progress

The Merkel Jr. Red Cross Drive has started at the Merkel Public Schools and will be held for one week.

The Student Council in High School will be in charge of the Red Cross Drive in the High School Building. There will be a graph chart put up in Hall and there will be a contest among the Freshman, Sophomore, Junior and Senior homerooms to see who can achieve the highest goal.

Assembly of God Church To Have Speaker

The Rev. Paul Estes will be preaching at the Assembly of God Church, both morning and evening services Sunday, April 8th. "Bro. Estes is talented and will bless your soul with his timely message," said Pastor John Curtis.

There will be special singing in the morning service and evening service, which begins at 7:00 p.m.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

In the Elementary and Primary, the drive will also be handled through the homerooms. Representatives have been selected from each room who will be in charge under supervision of the teachers. There has also been representative selected, one from each class, in high school.

The goal will be 100% in each room. Those who obtain 100% will receive an emblem to put on their door or window.

In Elementary and Primary, a bar graph chart will be set up for each room and put on the bulletin boards in Primary.

In the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grade, there will be a competition for the best percentage.

The adult Red Cross will be held next week. Mack Fisher and Fred Starbuck are directors on the Red Cross Board. Starbuck is serving as co-chairman with Fisher for the Merkel area drive.

Multiple Sclerosis Reaches Goal

Mrs. Bill Harris issued the following statement for the help she received in the Multiple Sclerosis drive recently.

She would like to thank the High School FHA and Young Homemakers for helping her. They went over their goal. She would especially like to thank all the people in Merkel who donated.

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Merkel Jr. High Wins Third At UIL

Merkel was host to the District UIL Literary Contest Saturday, March 30.

In the Elementary and Jr. High Division Merkel placed third with a team total of 40 points.

Out of the eight divisions held, the first, second and third winners from Merkel are listed below.

Oral Reading Contest (Boys) Grades 5-6 - 2. Brad Wade.

Oral Reading (Girls) Grades 7-8 - 2. Linda Williams; (Boys) - 1. Tommy Jones.

Number Sense - 1. Ronny Trull.

Story Telling - 3. Amye Amerine.

Also placing were:
Oral Reading Contest (Girls) Grades 5-6 - 7. Taresia English.

Spelling and Plain Writing, 7th & 8th - 12. Marion White; 14. Janice South; 15. Freda Crenshaw.

Number Sense - 4. Randy Cox; 11. (tie) Marlon White. Ready Writing, Grades 7-8 - 3. Christie Fudge; 12. Tommy Jones.

There was one perfect spelling paper turned in by Beth Pumphrey of Aspermont.

Merkel-Tye School Menu

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

Fried Fish, Tartar Sauce, Catsup, Creamy Cole Slaw, Seasoned Spinach, Sliced Bread, Milk, and Peach Cobbler.

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

Hot Dogs with Chili, Pinto Beans, Potato Salad, Kitchen Made Buns, Milk and Ranger Cookies.

MONDAY, APRIL 8

Chili Beans w/ground Beef, Cabbage Pepper Relish, Spanish Rice, Cornbread, Milk and Lime Jello w/Fruit.

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

Chicken Fried Steak, Cream Gravy, Macaroni & Cheese, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Milk, and Chocolate Pudding.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

Turkey & Dressing, Gilet Gravy, Cranberry Sauce, English Peas, Hot Rolls, Milk and Fruit Salad.

THURSDAY, APRIL 11

Bar-b-que Franks, Potatoes in Cream Sauce, Whole Kernel Corn, Hot Rolls, Milk and Peanut Butter Cake.

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

No School - Easter

Jr. High Girls Win Fourth

The Jr. High Girls Track team went to Anson Friday, March 29. The girls got 4th place with a total of 46 pts. out of 14 teams competing at the meet.

The coach for the girls is Bob Russell.

The following girls placed.

80 Yd. Hurdles - 5. Pam Morgan.

440 Yd. Relay - 4. Merkel (Gayle Reed, Ronny Trull, Kathryn Irvin, and Pam Morgan).

100 Yd. Dash - 6. Pam Morgan.

220 Dash - 6. Gayle Reed. High Jump - 3. Ronny Trull; 4. Cindy Boone.

Broad Jump - 2. Beth Phipps.

Triple Jump - 4. Pam Morgan.

Shot Put - 3. Freda Crenshaw; 4. Jeanette Robinson.

Discus - 5. Freda Crenshaw.

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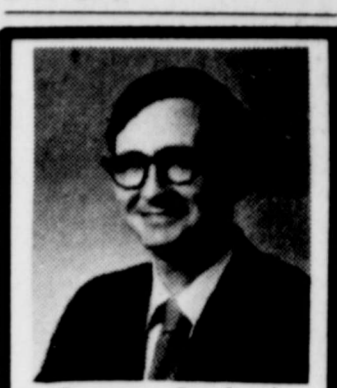
SAN ANTONIO - Airman Roy L. Sharp, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira M. Sharp of Trent, Tex., has been assigned to Sheppard AFB, Tex., after completing Air Force basic training.

During his six weeks at the Air Training Command's Lackland AFB, Tex., he studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special instruction in human relations.

The airman has been assigned to the Technical Training Center at Sheppard for specialized training in metalworking.

Airman Sharp, a 1973 gra-

duate of Trent High School, attended Angelo State University, San Angelo, Tex. (USAF HOME TOWN NEWS CENTER).



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Editions Salabert will also publish the first in a series of Poulenc choral works having both French and English texts, the Chansons Francaises. This will eventually culminate in the publication of the entire Poulenc choral catalog.

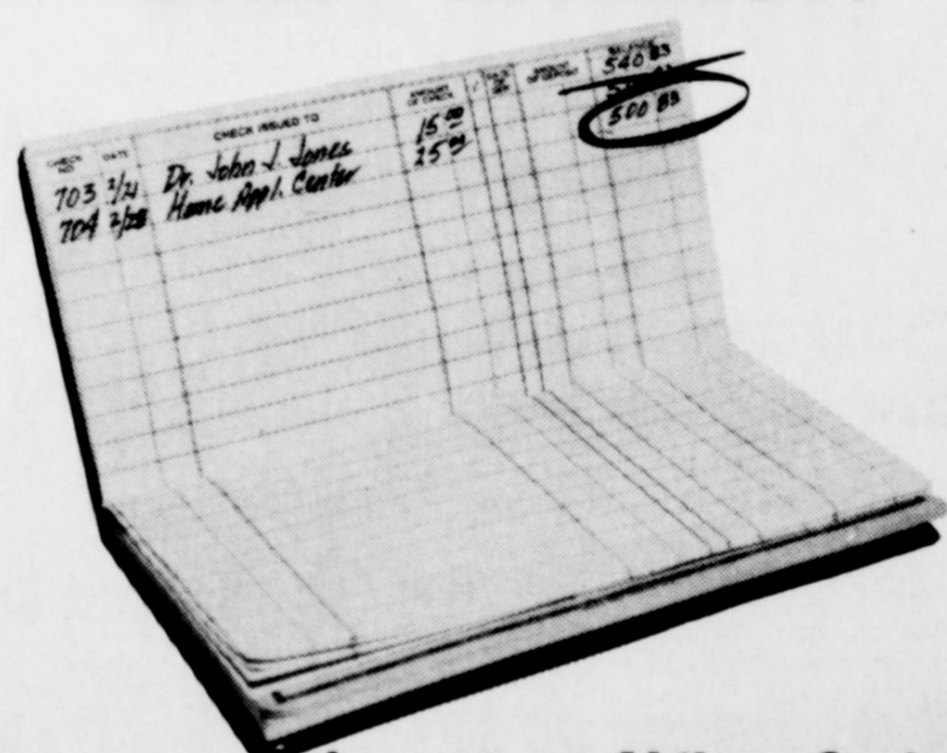
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CANDIDATES MEET PUBLIC

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had been a member of the Tye board for 3 years. He said that he was interested in community affairs, "I am a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Abilene, a Boy Scout leader, Fire Chief at Tye," he said. He said that as far as he was concerned, the Merkel schools were part of the community.

Bobby DuBose was next up and he said that he was serving his second term at the time of the consolidation. He pointed out that an individual board member has no authority. He can just cast his vote at the board meetings. "It is wrong to try to accomplish anything outside the board meeting. When I get complaints, I pass them on to the superintendent, and he in turn either handles them or sends them before the board for action," DuBose said. He explained that in his opinion Merkel had a good superintendent and that his career field was education and that his recommendations to the board were taken most of the time. He also pointed out that he had no axes to grind.

Next candidate to speak was Juan Ybarra. He told the group that he was employed by Taylor Electric and that he had 3 children in school. "If elected to the board I will try to do the best I know how," Ybarra said.

The only woman candidate for the board, Mary Jo McConnell Reed, said that she was a former Merkelite that had come home and that she was proud of Merkel's

schools. "We must have co-operation and I will do all in my power for the children," she said. She explained that she had experience in other communities with school systems and that she felt it would help her if elected to the board. "I feel that I can give the womans view point from time to time and that since I am not employed I can find the time necessary for the board," Mrs. Reed said.

Lee Tucker was the next candidate to address the audience. He said that if elected to serve on the board he would weigh the decisions and then use his own judgment in making the decision.

Danny Doan said that he would make no promises to anyone if elected to serve. He said that while he was serving on the board now a lot of criticism was offered on the press code and that he felt the board had to support the administration. "If elected I will continue to support the administration and the children," Doan said.

Roy Davis pointed out that he was proud of the Merkel schools and that he would like to see each child develop to their best ability. "I feel obligated to see that every child gets a good education. A child must develop three ways, mental, physically and spiritually. There is also three factors that help them do this. They are the Church, home and schools," he said.

He went on to explain that is why he feels we must have good schools.

Curtis Rister from Tye was the next speaker. He said that he had served 3 years on the

Tye board. "I think Merkel has a strong system, but I would like to see more academic classes. Being an engineer, I think math, physics, etc. should be stressed," he said. He also pointed out that he felt the system had some coaching staff problems but that they weren't a big issue.

Last speaker was Charles Jacobs. He said that he would like to commend each and everyone here for their interest in coming. He said that he hoped it was the renewal of interest in the school board. "I am proud of the Merkel Schools. Compared to the big city problems, I am proud my children are in the Merkel schools. I am a three candidate for other respect for authority," he said.

He went on to explain that one of Merkel's problems in the future would be the higher operating cost. He said that federal regulations and other factors would cause the board to have to watch spending. "However, I don't think the board should let higher costs rob the children of a good education," he said. He said that he felt a tax increase could be avoided. He said that he would like to see a parents grievance committee set up as well as better communications between teacher and the board.

Moderator Joe Lassiter then explained the qualification for a person to be able to vote. He also introduced three candidates for other political office. They were Bob Thompson and T. A. Moore for the County School Superintendents post, and O. Henry (Mike) Young Jr., seeking to be elected state representative from the 61st District.

Lassiter then read the questions and asked for answers. The questions were as follows:

Q. - Do you have to vote on 2 candidates from Tye, or can you vote on 7 from Merkel?

A. - You can vote on any seven candidates of your choice regardless of where they live.

Q. - How are the officers of the board elected?

A. - The only officer of the board that can be chosen from other than board members is the secretary. All other officers must be chosen from the board membership. However, the secretary may also be a board member.

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A. - Only one responding was Bobby DuBose. He said that he could remember being absent only 2 times.

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Q. - Did a state inspector come to the school recently? Were there questions about the lunch room and playground?

A. - Yes, Bobby DuBose said that the inspector recommended a covered walkway to the lunch room.

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A. - Danny Doan answered saying he thought we need air conditioning. He pointed out that the board had bids from 3 different firms and that the cost would be around \$85,000. He said there was a wiring problem with the primary building. He pointed out that the wiring wasn't sufficient for air conditioning. He said that it was difficult to have a different dress code for each building.

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Q. - To each candidate:

have you attended any school function other than athletic events within the past year? Please say what function.

A. - All candidates listed some activities.

Q. - Can you explain the need for four high school coaches when many or most other Jr. High and Primary rooms are overcrowded? Why couldn't an extra teacher in these grade be more useful than so many coaches, so that the classes with 30-35 could be eliminated or relieved?

A. - We never hire just a coach. First we hire a teacher and then pay him extra to coach.

Q. - Why do all children pay 50 cents for lunches when high school receives more food.

A. - Bobby DuBose: All lunches are suppose to be the same. Danny Doan: I recently hired a dietitian. This should help this situation. (Mr. Fisher said she was hired in January of this year).

Q. - What do you think can be done to interest more boys in participating in athletics?

A. - Bobby DuBose: We have an increase in participation. There has been a 229 per cent increase in boys participating and 20 per cent for the girls.

Q. - Will there be another kindergarten teacher added to the school system within the next year or two? As we all know, they need more equipment and educational toys. This is not to question the present teacher of aide. But we all know that another full time teacher is needed. That way Mrs. Seymour could be of help to each of them.

A. - Mr. Fisher: We hope so. The way the state is set up, to qualify for another teacher we would need 50 ADA. So far we haven't had that many. The number of teacher is determined by the amount of Average Daily Attendance. We have just recently had authorization for \$525 for kindergarten equipment.

Q. - I would like to see a full time nurse and dietitian.

A. - We have a full time dietitian. As for the nurse, it just depends on how much taxes do you want to pay. We would like to have lots of good things, but we don't have the money. As it is now set up, we have the County Nurse available to us on call.

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Boot Stop.

Listed Below are the complete results:

Wilmer Criswell Memorial - All Around Trophy High Point - Never Give Up - Patricia Boyd.

Runner-Up High Point - Tammy Jo - Robert Boyd, - Buckle - Fred Crenshaw, Wylie Truck Terminal.

Showmanship - Johnny Gray - Roberts Hat Shop Gift Certificate.

1972 Stallion - Heza Masterpiece - Gerald Byrd; Not Much Tegla - Barbara Whisenhant.

1971 Stallions - Blue Bar's Hand - Roy Lambert.

1970 or Before Stallions - Sugar Dell Bar - Johnny Gray; Van Joker - Fred Hernandez; Sugar Jo Jo - Lynn Dokey, Grand Champion Stallion - Heza Masterpiece - Gerald Byrd.

Reserve Champion Stallion - Blue Bar's Hand Roy Lambert.

1973 Mares - Specka Honey - C.E. Chadwick; Chicquita Moon - Pauline Byrd; Sowege's Tanya - Linda Owen; Paisiano's Pride - Jeanne Kenon; Canadian Bar Mail - N.G. Underwood.

1972 Mares - Deferred Smokey - Robert Gleason; Quatro's Prissy - Linda Owens; Miss Mopper - Buddy Jones.

1971 Mares - Quatro Zan Dolly - C.E. Chadwick and Jeannie - Johnny Gray.

1970 or Before Mares - Peaches - Fred Hernandez; Flying Black Chick - Cindy Lanier; Tammy Jo - Robert Boyd; Missie - Hope Johnson and Ima Cee Bars - Linda Brook Hudson.

Grand Champion Mare - Peaches - Fred Hernandez.

Reserve Champion Mare - Specka Honey - C.E. Chadwick.

1971 & After Geldings - Lan Quest - C.E. Chadwick, 19 0 and Before Geldings - Never Give Up - Patricia Boyd; Sinner - Eddie Boncher; Protests - Clay Deatherage; Scooter - Jan Beck and Jacket Miller - Penny Coker.

Grand Champion Gelding - Never Give Up - Patricia Boyd.

Reserve Champion Gelding - Sinner - Eddie Boncher.

Fony - 13 Hands & Under - Indian - Shannon Boyd; Snowflake - Kyle Coker; Totsy - James Allday; Buffie - Kevin Coker and Fony - Mike Dokey.

Western Pleasure - Quatro's Prissy - Linda Owens; Red Wing Smith - Kris York; Tigerama - E.N. Jenkins; The Rebel Reuser - Judy Jenkins and Scooter - Jan Beck.

Reining - Doll - Rusty Ryan; Sinner - Eddie Boncher; Scooter - Jan Beck; Flying Black Chick - Cindy Lanier and Glo Fancy Bar - Cindy Whisenhant.

Barrell Racing - Never Give Up - Patricia Boyd; Red Fox - Janet Callen; Yellow - Jan Beck; Blue - Robert Gleason and Tammy Jo - Robert Boyd.

Pole Bending - Tiana Topsy - La Teshia Kiker; Tammy Jo - Robert Boyd; Ima Cee Bars - Linda Brook Hudson; Doll - Rusty Ryan and Kim - Naka Hernandez.

Flag Racing - Never Give Up - Patricia Boyd; Yellow - Jan Beck; Flying Black Chick - Cindy Lanier; Dolly - Penny Coker and Kim - Naka Hernandez.

Goat Tying - Tammy Jo - Robert Boyd; Never Give Up - Patricia Boyd; Brandy - Truitt Lowsberry; Flying Black Chick - Cindy Lanier and Quatro's Prissy - Linda Owens.

This Saturday night April 6, the Riding Club will begin its regular Saturday night riding activities. The activities will start at 8:00 and is open to any member.

Mike Young Meets With Lt. Gov. Hobby

There's nothing like a good cup of Texas coffee to get political talk going when campaign trails of women seeking state office cross.

Lt. Governor Bill Hobby and Mike Young met over the coffee cups at a breakfast in Hobby's honor at the Holiday Inn East in Abilene Friday prior to Hobby's speech at the Downtown Rotary Club. Host for the event was Don Seamster, Abilene attorney.

Hobby is unopposed in the upcoming Democratic primary, while Mike Young, candidate for State Representative, District 61 has two opponents, District 61 encompasses Jones, Nolan, Mitchell and Fisher counties and a portion of Taylor County.

Hobby and Young discussed the one-man, one-vote re-

presentation in the legislature and agreed that it was imperative that districts send the best qualified men possible to represent them.

Hobby discussed the complex problems encountered in revising the Texas constitution, and said it was time for truth between government and the people. People are sharp enough to know truth from fiction, Hobby said.

In discussing Young's qualifications to represent the 61st District with its heavy agricultural, gas and oil, and urban interests, Young said that he was reared in Fisher County and that his parents still own land there.

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State Rep. Elmer Martin Practices What He Preaches

A state authorized audit proves State Rep. Elmer Martin practices what he preaches. He is among the 10 per cent of all State Representatives who spent the least amount from their House contingency funds.

Rep. Martin spent only \$1,499.41 for the last fiscal year, according to an audit by an Austin firm of certified public accountants. Only 14 other Legislators spent less. But 90 per cent of the 150 State Legislators spent more. Fifty six (37 per cent) spent more than \$8,000 each, some spending above \$12,000 and \$15,000.

Fact is: Elmer Martin does what he says. Not only does he vote for pay-as-you-go government with no new taxes for the first time in 13 years, he also personally practices economy. And, that is another reason why Rep. Elmer Martin is honestly good for a second term.

Pol. Adv. Paid by Elmer Martin Campaign, Elmer Martin, Mgr.

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