

Taylor County's
Only
Legal Weekly
Newspaper

The Merkel Mail

10¢
Per Copy

PRICE 10¢—PUBLISHED WEEKLY

MERKEL, TEXAS - THURSDAY, MAY 2, 1974 - 10 PAGES

VOLUME NO. 85 NO. 10

Mrs. Johnnie Gresham Named Editor of Mail



JOHNNIE GRESHAM

Mrs. Mac (Johnnie) Gresham has been named editor of the Merkel Mail by Cecil Plyler and Steve Lanham, publishers of the Mail. Mrs. Gresham assumes her duties effective Monday, May 6th. Mrs. Gresham replaces Mrs. Kaye Lanham who plans to continue to work part-time for the paper. Mrs. Gresham and her family plan to move to Merkel from Abilene as soon as

remodeling work on their home in Merkel is completed. They hope to be moved by May 12th.

Mrs. Gresham started her newspaper career in Graham, Texas nine years ago. Her duties with the Graham News included writing as well as being in charge of all production.

The Greshams are members of the Baptist Church. Mr. Gresham is field supervisor for Compton Corporation in Abilene.

Cecil Plyler, publisher of the Mail, issued the following statement: "We feel that we are especially fortunate to obtain the services of Mrs. Gresham. We think we will be able to give Merkel an even better newspaper with the addition of Mrs. Gresham to our staff."

Mrs. Lanham, who plans to stay home with her children, issued the following statement: "I have really enjoyed my tenure as editor of the Mail. The people of Merkel have been just wonderful to me, and I know that they will like Mrs. Gresham. While I will still be helping out with the paper, I will be able to spend more time with my children."



HONOR GRADUATES - Kathy Cypert, seated at typewriter, with a grade average of 96.90 and Jeff Cox, with a 92.63 average will be Valedictorian and Salutatorian, respectively, at Merkel High this year. Kathy's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Pat L. Cypert and Jeff is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen O. Cox of Tye. (Photo by Kaye Lanham)

Woodfin Resigns, Aldridge Named Athletic Director

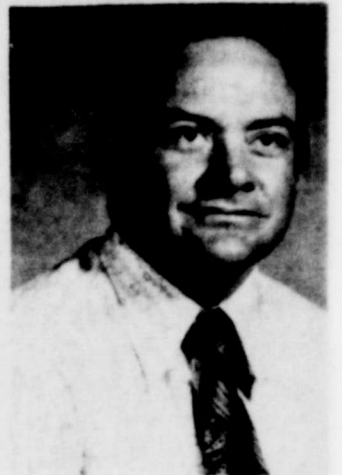
Paul Woodfin, Head Football Coach, has resigned his position effective at the end of the current school term. Also submitting her resignation was Woodfin's wife, Linda who is teaching her first year at Merkel High in English.

Woodfin and his wife have accepted positions at Athens, a 3-A school, which is about 35 miles east of Corsicana, Texas. Woodfin will be teaching history and will be defensive coordinator, and off season program coordinator at Athens. Linda will be teaching High School English there.

Woodfin has been head football coach here for the past four years. He has taught Civics, Health, Physical Education and World Geography at MHS. He taught and coached in New Braunfels for 2 1/2 years before coming to Merkel in 1970. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. F.J. Woodfin of Albany. Both Woodfin and his wife, Linda, have a BS at Howard Payne in Brownwood and a MED from Southwest Texas State in San Marcos. They have two children, Laurie, 4 and Cody, 2. Ronny Aldridge was named as Athletic Director by the Merkel School Board in a



RONNY ALDRIDGE



PAUL WOODFIN

meeting held Monday, April 22. Aldridge has coached and taught Math and PE for the past six years at MHS. Before moving to Merkel six years ago, he taught one year each at Three-Way and Norton High Schools. Aldridge is a 1960 graduate of Jim Ned and his parents are Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Aldridge from Bradshaw. He graduated from McMurry in 1965 with a Math and PE major.

Aldridge and his wife, Sherry, and two children, Lori, 8, and Mark, 4 live at 1511 Heath. His basketball coaching record is 171 wins

and 54 losses. He has won 2 district championships and 2 district co-championships. Woodfin stated that four years ago when first came to Merkel, we had 18 boys playing football and no track program. We've now built it up to approximately 50 boys in football and 2nd place in district track meet this year. It's been very interesting watching this program grow and helping the young people of Merkel. "I have enjoyed teaching and coaching in Merkel the past 4 years and want to wish the boys all the success and good luck for the coming year," said Coach Woodfin.

Precinct #27 Retired, New Designation Named

For the first time in the political history of Mulberry Canyon, the voters will vote outside the traditional Nubia, Butman Box, or the Merkel, Butman Box. The Commissioners Court this year, in accordance with the judicial mandate of designating a voting precinct containing at least 100 registered voters and less than 2,000 voters, has combined old voter precinct #27 with Voter precinct #28 at View.

The polling place has been designated to be at the View Baptist Church. This means the voters at Butman will vote at the View Box and the voter precinct will be designated as #28. Number 27 has been retired for the time being by the Commissioner's Court.

Mr. A. D. Scott, who served as election judge for several years in the Nubia community, stated, "Traditionally, our habits of shopping, attending school, political alliances and other endeavors

of life, have been directed toward the Merkel area. Had the matter been left to our choice, probably most of the people in precinct 27 would have chosen to vote at Merkel. We do not have a choice right now since we are in Commissioners Precinct #1 and can't vote out of our Precinct in these elections. At this point and with the first primary May 4th, upon us, the voters at Butman of necessity will have to journey to View to cast their votes in the Saturday May 4th primary.

"We, as a people, can not afford to be left without a vote. We can not afford to allow our expressions at the polls to be silenced. It is of dire necessity therefore that we - each of us in Precinct #27 - go to the View voting box this year to cast our vote. It is important that each of us have his voter registration certificate in hand. Since we are new to them, and they to us, there will be less loss of time and more efficiency by doing this."

Spring Concert Will Be Held Monday At 8

The Merkel Instrumental Music Department will present the Annual Spring Concert at 8 p.m. Monday, May 6 in the High School Auditorium. The concert will be under the direction of Glenn Reed with Robert Bailey, student music teacher, assisting.

There will be no admission this year. A variety of music will be presented. Some of the selections will be "America the Beautiful," "Colorado Trail," "A Marching Song," "Firework Music," "Space Cadets," "Thundercrest," "Album Leaf," "Top of the World". One of the highlights will be

the announcement of band twirlers for next year.

Also for the first time this year, there will be a John Phillip Sousa Award given. This award will be given to an outstanding Senior band student. This award will be sponsored annually by the Band Boosters.

Jr. High Twirlers are Shannon Bagby, Taresal English, Lisa Hart, Mary Roeder, and Cindy Smith.

Twirlers for High School are Christy Boone, Melinda Bowen, Janie Clark, Judy Diltz, Kathy Hendricks, and Kathryn Murrell.

MHS Choir To Present "Celebrate Life" Friday

This Friday evening May 3, at 8:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium will be an exciting moment for the Merkel High School Choir. Beginning only last September under Bandmaster W. G. Reed, the choir will present their first full-length classical-rock musical, "Celebrate Life", conducted by Mr. Robert F. Bailey, the student teacher-assistant from H-SU for the Merkel bands and the high school choir.

"Celebrate Life", a musical-drama, is a wonderful gift of God provided through two marvelous Christian men, Dr. Beryl Red, composer, and Ragan Courtney, dramatist and lecturer," says Mr. Bailey. Bailey continued, "Celebrate Life" tells the story of Jesus Christ in simple, dramatic terms. The program is warm, intimate, and is reinforced dramatically by scriptural passages taken directly from the New Testament of the Bible. "It is hoped that the mes-

sage and music of 'Celebrate Life' will communicate to young and old alike in a way that will permit all persons to celebrate together the life of Jesus Christ, our Lord," Bailey concluded. "Don't miss this exciting evening of musical entertainment and enjoyment!! There will be no admission charge - so bring someone with you and invite all your friends and neighbors to see the hard work the choir has done!!

and area voters will go to the polls to elect county and other officials. Polls will be open at 7 a.m. and close at 7 p.m. Merkel's Precinct #24 will vote at the Merkel High School gymnasium with Joe E. Lassiter as election judge. Among the state officials to be elected is State Represent-

Texans To Vote On Several Races Saturday

Saturday, May 4, Merkel and area voters will go to the polls to elect county and other officials.

Polis will be open at 7 a.m. and close at 7 p.m. Merkel's Precinct #24 will vote at the Merkel High School gymnasium with Joe E. Lassiter as election judge.

Among the state officials to be elected is State Represent-

tative of the 61st District, with candidates Elmer Martin, Alton Staggs and Mike Young, Jr.

And for Taylor County School Superintendent, there are five candidates vying for the office. They are Billy Yarbrough, Charlie Horton, T. A. Moore, Bob Thompson and Lawayne Harris.

Filing for re-election to

Commissioner of Precinct is Joe McDuff, who is unopposed.

Retired Air Force veteran Bruce Evans, now an Abilene attorney is running against incumbent Roy Skaggs for County Judge of Taylor County.

Republicans will go into Abilene to cast their votes in the Republican Primary.

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE

O.E.S. Members Attended Celebration in Arlington

Six members of Merkel Chapter Order of The Eastern Star joined several other O.E.S. members in Arlington Sunday, April 28, 1974 in a 50th Anniversary Celebration at the O.E.S. Home.

Mrs. LaVera Gardner of Dallas, Chairman of the homecoming arrangements, greeted officers and guests. Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Thelma Joyce Alsop of Houston, brought greetings and expressed her pleasure at seeing so many in attendance.

Worthy Grand Patron, Paul Huffines and Most Worshipful Grand Master of Grand Lodge of Texas, Dan B. Jordan,

brought greetings and rededicated the building which had been constructed in 1924.

There are 85 ladies living in the home at the present which the Worthy Matron calls "Elect Ladies." It has complete facilities in the care and nurture of these ladies, including hospital.

The home has 40 employees headed by Mrs. Patsy Sawyer, Administrator-Superintendent.

Attending from Merkel were W. R. and Mildred Cypert, Worthy Patron and Worthy Matron Mrs. H. C. Reid, Mrs. H. H. Windham, Mrs. Odis Griffin and Mrs. Andy Shouse.

Band Boosters To Again Sponsor Local Calendar

The Merkel Band Boosters are once again sponsoring the Merkel Community calendar. The calendar will run from September, 1974 through August, 1975 so they will correspond with the 1974-75 school year.

The Booster Club is offering a \$2.50 family plan. This includes the wedding anniversary, birthday of each family member living at home or in college and one calendar. A single birthday entry and one calendar will cost \$1.50. A single birthday or anniversary entry and no calendar is \$1.00. Organizations can enter their meetings for the year for \$25 per entry. Advertisements for local merchants are \$10.00 for a full ad or \$7.50 for a half ad. Any merchant wishing to sponsor the entries for school or community events will receive a full ad free when sponsoring a minimum of 50 entries.

Mrs. John Brady, president of the Merkel Band Boosters and Mrs. Darla Mawons, Chairman of the Community Calendar state that all local merchants will be contacted within the next two weeks. Organizations need to get their meeting dates ready. There will be a booth set up on Trades Day to make it

Special Board Meeting Held

A special meeting was called Monday, April 22 by the Merkel School Board to consider bids for the Jr. High Science Lab equipment.

The lowest bid of \$4,402 from Rouse and Parsons of Abilene was accepted.

The School Board accepted the resignation of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Woodfin. Both are going to be teaching and coaching in Athens, Texas. Woodfin will be teaching history and will be defensive coordinator and off-season program coordinator and Mrs. Woodfin will be teaching High School English. Woodfin has been teaching and coaching in Merkel for 4 years.

Ronny Aldridge, who has taught and coached here 6 years, was named by the board as Athletic Director.



STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICERS - Officers elected for the Student Council for next year are from L to R, sitting, Jody Barnes, Secretary; Tonya Crenshaw, President; and Janie Clark, Business Manager. Standing, David Copeland, Vice President and Darel Bunch, Reporter. (Staff Photo by Kaye Lanham)

High School Band officers are: Captain, Larry Toller, 1st Lieutenant, Terry Reed; 2nd Lieutenant, Marsha Thompson, and 3rd Lieutenant, David Robinson.

Save
Time & Money
Shop In Merkel

SATURDAY, MAY 4

TRADES DAY

SUPPORT
YOUR HOMETOWN

ELECTION DAY

SUPPORT YOUR
COUNTRY

Man And Woman Of Year Presented

Woman of the Year and Man of the Year were announced Saturday night, April 27 at the Lambda Beta Founders Day Banquet and Dance at the Civic Center.

In charge of the Man of the Year presentation was Xi Nu Eta with James Hallmark. The theme for the presentation was "Fantasy Land." Billy Bob Neff was announced as the Man of the Year.

Lambda Beta was in charge of the Woman of the Year presentation. Women from the 14 chapters of City Council of Beta Sigma Phi were introduced to the audience through the entry way of a

castle built by Lambda Beta. Mrs. Billy Bob Neff was introduced as Woman of the Year from Lambda Beta.

Introducing the ladies and giving a brief account of offices held and years in Beta Sigma Phi was Darla Mawson. Robert Harris ran the spotlight on the ladies while they walked down the red carpet and back.

Alan Mawson presented the background music for the presentation. Pages serving as escorts for the ladies were Drew Mawson and Christi Mawson.

Attending the banquet and dance were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harris, Billy Bob Neff, Lee Yaddow, Juan Ybarra and Don and Darla Mawson.

THE BLOOMING BOUTIQUE
Order Gifts Now For Mother's Day
2 Blocks West of Noodle Highway On I 20 Access Rd.
Ph. 928-5932

for mother - for graduates - for the wedding
JEWELRY GIFTS
they'll cherish!
from
WILSON JEWELERS

MAY SIDEWALK SALE PRICES

100% Polyester DOUBLE KNIT \$2.39	Mens Short Sleeve SHIRTS \$2.99 2 FOR \$5.49
24" X 60" Rug Runner \$1.79	MENS WHITE DRESS SHOES \$18.99
VALUES TO \$8.99 BLOUSES \$3.99	New Summer Styles Double Knit SUITS VALUES TO \$79.99 \$55.99
LADIES SANDALS \$3.99	DOUBLE KNIT COAT AND SLACKS \$55.99 Your Selection
100% NYLON BRIEFS BY TEXSHEEN \$1.15	MENS WORK OXFORDS \$14.99
LADIES DRESS SHOES \$11.99	PERMANENT PRESS JEANS \$6.99

Lay-A-Way Mastercharge 30 Day Charge
CRAWFORDS
135 EDWARD Phone 928-5612

Stitch HD Club Meets

The 50th Home Demonstration Club met April 24 at the Community Center with five members present and three visitors. Miss Louise Hudson was hostess.

Roll call was answered with, "How Can I Help Young People?"

Mrs. Wilburn, County Agent, gave the program on the "Right Way To Take Vitamins."

The Club's next meeting will be May 8 with Mrs. Fletcher Jones as hostess. All interested persons are invited to meet with the club at 2 o'clock in the Community Center.

Use The Want Ads



MRS. MICHAEL BARTLETT TEAFF, nee Gwendolyn Thomas - Photo by Gavaun A. Hedden II

Miss Thomas-Mr. Teaff Exchange Wedding Vows

Gwendolyn Gail Thomas became the bride of Michael Bartlett Teaff of Tye in a ceremony Friday at Abilene Woman's Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Felix Ray Thomas of 618 Harwell are the bride's parents. Bridegroom is the son of Mr. and

Mrs. Johnny B. Teaff of Tye. Jacky Reynolds, minister from Merkel officiated. Pianist was Pamela Marshall. An a cappella chorus directed by James Halesang.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a candlelight gown of satapeau over organza with cluny lace trim on neck, bodice and sleeves.

Maid of honor was Terri Sue Kelley. Bridesmaids were Gayle Teaff of Tye, sister of the bridegroom, Kerry Lynn Lewis of Fort Worth and Lisa Moore.

They wore empire gowns of yellow, orange and green print organza over yellow satin with yellow ribbon at the waistlines.

David McFall was best man. Groomsmen were Steve Teaff of Tye, brother of the bridegroom, Larry A. Teaff and Philip Lana of Duncan, Okla. They also seated guests.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Connally gave the reception at Abilene Woman's Club. After a wedding trip to Dallas, the couple will live at Tye.

The bride, a graduate of Abilene High School, attended Abilene Christian College where she was in Big Purple Band. She is employed by Tucker and Walker Ophthalmologists Associates.

The bridegroom was graduated from Merkel High School and attended Hardin-Simmons University. He is employed by West Texas Utilities.

The bridegroom's parents gave the rehearsal dinner at Barton's Cafeteria.



WEDDING PLANS - Mr. and Mrs. Harry Tom Varner of Baird have announced the engagement of their daughter, Vicki Lee to Thomas Craig Anderson. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Hunter of Merkel and the late Jesse T. Anderson. Vicki graduated from Baird High School and will graduate from McMurry College in August. She is a member of Delta Beta Epsilon, where she has served as Intramural and Social Chairman. She is also a member of Wah Wahsasyee and Student Education Association. Thomas Craig graduated from Merkel High School and attended Eastern New Mexico University, where he was a member of the football and golf team, and also McMurry College. He is currently employed with the Texas Department of Public Safety in Austin. An August 24th wedding is planned for the couple at the First Baptist Church in Baird.

Sweet Adelines To Perform Monday Night

The Sweet Adelines of Abilene will be singing for the Senior Citizens of Merkel, Monday night, May 6th at 7:30 p.m. This group was organized in 1963 and is composed of women who enjoy singing as a hobby. The music is four-part barbershop harmony and is sung a-cappella. These women make up the

chorus: Dora Nell Finch, Director; Bunny Corbin, Carol Roberts, Gladys Blackwood, Charley Hollis, Jenice Short of Anson; Darlene Tension, Anson; Linda Copeland; Syble Roney, Merkel; Betsy Wise, Joyce Smith, Winnie Miller, and Jean Irvin.

Miss Patricia McDuff Honored With Tea

Miss Patricia McDuff bride-elect of Jim Hester, was the honoree for a gift tea Saturday, April 27 in the home of Mrs. Onis Crawford.

Greeting guests were Mrs. Crawford, Miss McDuff, Mrs. Joe McDuff and Mrs. Buster Hester, Miss Mignon Crawford registered guests.

Others in the houseparty were Miss Celia Turner of Quanah, Miss Barbara Hardman of Lamesa, and Miss Cindy Rentschler of Iowa Park, all students of H-SU. Mrs. Wayne Hester of Austin and Mrs. Mike Dudley of Merkel also assisted. The tea table was laid with

linen cloth and appointments carrying out the color theme of yellow and white, the bride-elect's chosen colors.

Out of town guests were from Anson, Stamford, Abilene and Lubbock.

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Holt have been visiting their daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Henager in Charlotte; their son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Holt in Port Isabel. They also visited Mrs. Charlie Oldham in Wimberly.

Add Dimension - Hang A Basket

COLLEGE STATION - Hanging baskets add new dimensions to most landscapes and take up very little space, one authority points out.

Dr. William C. Welch, landscape horticulturist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System, suggested eaves of a house, carports, terraces, porches and trees as possible locations.

Most apartments even have enough space to hang a basket, he added.

"Suitable containers include galvanized wire baskets, which are still popular and last many years.

"Pressed liners are now available for these, but some plants prefer the traditional two-inch thick liner of coarse sphagnum moss."

Other possibilities include wood, plastic and terra cotta, Welch said.

"When using these, fill the basket center with a good potting soil - high in organic material such as peat moss.

"When choosing a container, remember it should be unobtrusive - to feature the plant.

Plants appropriate for hanging baskets are numerous, but most any plant with drooping growth is appropriate," the specialist said.

"Ferns, the traditional favorite, add gracefulness and coolness to the atmosphere. Asparagus sprengeri fern rates high in popularity because it's easily grown and tolerates considerable direct sun and some cold.

"Boston-type ferns create elegant hanging baskets - but require high humidity and partial shade. They do well under large trees or cool porches."

Succulents - such as hen and chickens or Burro tail sedum - make unusual baskets and tolerate considerable heat and drought, he added.

"Since they bloom even through the hottest weather - and on til frost - periwinkles for midsummer baskets are another popular choice.

"Petunias are fine for spring and early summer but sometimes can't withstand July and August heat well."

After choosing plants, place them in the basket at the same depth they were originally growing. To make watering easier, allow at least one inch of space between the soil and top of basket, Welch said.

"The most convenient way to water and fertilize most hanging plants is to occasionally immerse them in a tub of water containing a small amount soluble fertilizer."

After removing the basket from water, set it aside to drain a few minutes before rehanging.

Since they're exposed to dry, hot air on all sides, hanging plants dry out very quickly and need frequent watering. Depending on conditions, some need watering once a day, while most thrive on two or three waterings per week.

To keep plants looking attractive, snip off dead flowers, seed pods or leaves.

GIVE OUR BEST TO Mother...
FLOWERS
Flowers just go with Mother's Day! A pretty corsage or bouquet will cheer your Mom's day.
SUNDAY, MAY 12 IS MOTHER'S DAY
PLACE YOUR ORDER NOW
Ann's Flowers
1025 N. 2nd Ph. 928-4742

MAKE TEXAS YOUR BUSINESS
Please Vote

"Now I know when I am elected, that as a freshman representative in Austin, I'll have my work cut out for me. But if the voters of District 61 elect me their representative by a large enough vote, District 61 will have strength in Austin. I hope you vote for me because during this political campaign those of you I have met I have liked and I would like to keep on working with and for you."

Thank You,

Alton Staggs

Pol. Ad Pd. for by Alton Staggs, 2209 Shoreline, Abilene, Texas 79602

Democratic Candidate for the Texas Legislature, District 61

Sale of Unclaimed Cleaning May 4th Only
ADCOCKS CLEANERS

Flowers for every Occasion

- Weddings
- Funerals
- Anniversaries
- Birthdays
- Births
- Get Well

ANYTHING THAT IS SPECIAL TO YOU IS SPECIAL TO US.

Remember May 12 is Mothers Day. Order Now.

-ALSO MAY 4 IS TRADES DAY. COME SEE OUR SPECIALS.

Estes FLORAL CO
MRS. ERNEST W. ESTES
928-5039

MOM... YOU'LL LOVE OUR LOWER FOOD PRICES

THURS.-FRI.-SAT., MAY 4-5-6

save 20¢
WITH THIS COUPON WHEN YOU BUY THE 1 LB. CAN OF **MAXWELL HOUSE** COFFEE
AT **WILSON FOOD STORE**
LB. CAN ONLY **99¢** WITH COUPON
ONE COUPON PER FAMILY • OFFER EXPIRES **JUNE 29**



TOILET TISSUE NICE & EASY 4 ROLL PKG. **69¢**

MILK MARIGOLD 2% Homo GAL **1 33** Reg. Homo Gal. **1 43** PLUS DEP.

CORN STOKLEY'S 303 CAN **2 FOR 49¢**

BISCUITS MEADS **2 FOR 29¢**

ASPARAGUS DEW DROP 15 OZ. CAN **39¢**

OLEO KRAFTS PARKAY **LB. 45¢**

PEACHES TASTE-O-WEST NO. 2 1/2 CAN **39¢**

ICE CREAM Gandy's Pure 5 qt. Pail **1 99**

CATSUP HEINZ 32 OZ. BOTTLE **59¢**

APPLE BUTTER BEST MAID 28OZ. JAR **49¢**

PICKLES BEST MAID SOUR OR DILL Qt. **49¢**

TEA LIPTON'S 3OZ. JAR **1 09**

GRAPE JELLY SMUCKERS 18 OZ. JAR **49¢**

NABISCO CRACKERS LB. BOX **49¢**

KEEBLER COOKIES PITTER PATTER OR RICH'N CHIP 14OZ. PKG. **59¢**

EASY TO KEEP FROZEN FOODS
KEITH'S CRINKLE CUT Potatoes 5 LB. BAG **1.29**

FLOUR GLADIOLA 5 LB. BAG **99¢**

BAKERS CHOCOLATE CHIPS 12OZ. PKG. **49¢**

PILLSBURY INSTANT POTATOES 16OZ. PKG. **65¢**

REAL LEMON JUICE 24 OZ. BOTTLE **49¢**

STOVE TOP STUFFIN MIX **39¢**

MT. PASS TOMATO SAUCE 8OZ. 3 FOR **35¢**

HUNTING LICENSE NOW AVAILABLE **MONEY ORDERS**

WESSON OIL 48 oz. **\$1.69**

BONUS KING SIZE **\$1.69**

GLADE AIR FRESHNER 7 oz. CAN **39¢**

Donald Duck 12 OZ. CAN **Orange Juice 49¢**

COOL 'N TASTY PRODUCE

Watermelon LB. **10¢**

FLORIDA **CORN** EACH **10¢**

RADISHES BAG **10¢**

CABBAGE LB. **10¢**

BUNCH **Green Onions** **10¢**



HOT BAR-B-Q-BEANS CHILI-POTATO SALAD PIMENTO CHEESE

FRYERS Grade A-Whole **LB. 39¢**

FRESH GROUND HAMBURGER **LB. 69¢**

SAUSAGE GOOCH GERMAN STYLE PKG. **98¢**

STEAKS GOOCH PATTIES **LB. 99¢**

CLUB STEAK **LB. \$1 39**

BACON GOOCH BLUE RIBBON **LB. 83¢**

PALMOLIVE LIQUID GIANT SIZE **49¢**

DASH DETERGENT Giant Size **79¢**

USDA APPROVED TO REDEEM FOOD STAMPS



Wilson's FOOD STORE
Where Customers Send Their Friends

Double Premiums On **WEDNESDAY** ON Purchase of \$2.50 OR MORE IN MERCHANDISE
Save Valuable Cash Register Tapes For Premiums

USE WANT ADS

928-5712

STATE CAPITAL Highlights AND Sidelights by Lyndell Williams TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN, Tex. — Pressure on Gov. Dolph Briscoe to call a special legislative session increased with an appeal by inflation-hit state employees for a \$62 million a year emergency pay raise.

Forty-five thousand state employees signed a petition addressed to Briscoe requesting a special session on these pay matters.

A 10.2 per cent (three step) increase for classified and hourly workers immediately.

An additional 6.8 per cent (two step) boost for 1974-75 benefitting all employees.

An increase in the per diem travel allowance from \$18 to \$25 a day.

An increase in the mileage rate paid for use of personal cars on state business from 12 cents to 20 cents a mile.

Texas Public Employees Association represents more than 70,000 state employees.

TPEA President Walter H. Looney said the raises are needed to help keep up with the inflation spiral and catch up with last year's zooming living cost.

If inflation continues at present rate until September, said Looney, soaring prices will have nullified 98 per cent of the wage raises given state classified employees in the last seven years.

Governor Briscoe said he is "concerned" about the employees' problem and will consider it "along with the other priority matters in state government."

The Governor is weighing demands for a special session to provide \$200 million in emergency school finance aid to help hold down local property tax increases.

COTTON DEADLINES SET — Agriculture Commissioner John C. White ordered cotton farmers from the Winter Garden area to the coast to complete planting by midnight May 10.

The area is ahead of last year's planting schedule, and some of the counties have reached 99 per cent completion, according to the Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service.

White said cotton planting statewide is 16 per cent com-

Another Fine Texas Recipe

TURKEY STEW

4 c. chopped leftover turkey
3 10-ounce cans chicken broth
2 c. water
1 can (1 lb.) whole tomatoes
1 large onion, thinly sliced
4 c. peeled potatoes in thin quartered slices
1 10-ounce package frozen cut okra

1 17-ounce can whole kernel corn
1/4 c. butter or margarine
1 Tbsp. salt
1 tsp. pepper
1 Tbsp. sugar
1 10-ounce package frozen lima beans
1 small green pepper, chopped

In large kettle or Dutch oven add broth and water. Add tomatoes, onion, potatoes, sugar, lima beans, salt, pepper, green pepper and okra. Cook 30 minutes or until vegetables are tender. Add turkey, corn and butter. Cook five minutes longer. Serves 10-12.

For additional recipes write John C. White, Commissioner, Texas Department of Agriculture, P. O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711.

Miscellaneous 1

FOR MONUMENTS and CEMETERY CURBING
M.A. (Sarg) Noster
1404 Herring Dr.
Merkel, Texas
Phone 8-5565

Help Wanted 4

WANTED—Cooks, waitresses, and dishwashers. Merkel Restaurant, 928-4923. 8-11c

For Rent 2

FOR RENT OR LEASE—Mobil Service Station. Nolan Palmer, 928-5113. 3-11c

Card of Thanks

WE WOULD LIKE to thank Stanley Toombs and his family for starting a fund for Billy Joe and to thank those of you who contributed toward this fund thereby making it possible for Billy to make the trip home by Air Ambulance. Thank you for your kindness and concern. May God Bless each of you.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Joe White and Family
10-11p

MASONIC MEETING

Stated meeting of Merkel Lodge, No. 710 on 2nd Saturday and 4th Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Visitors welcome. Members urged to attend.

DUNNING McCONNELL, W.M.
ROY WASHBURN, Sec'y.

STARBUCK FUNERAL HOME

Buy Your Prepaid Funeral Plan Direct From The Funeral Home and Save

WELL KEPT Carpet shows the results of regular Blue Lustre spot cleaning. Rent electric shampooer \$1. Bullock Hardware & Gifts.

FOR YOUR Mary Kay complimentary facial or other needs, please call Barbara King collect 537-2357, Hawley, Texas. 3-11c

LOTS OF TRAILER HOUSE Lots for lease. On Highway 80. Across from Merkel Restaurant. H.H. Webb. 9-5tp

PROFESSIONAL Wedding Photography. 1 shoot, you process, 24 pictures for \$65. 19 years experience. Logan Cravens, 928-5340. 9-8tp

FOR SALE - 10'x60' Hicks Mobile Home. Furnished, \$4,000. Call 928-4877 or 928-5865. 9-11c

SQUARE DANCE Lessons will be given starting Thursday, May 9, at 8 p.m., at Lions Club Building. W.D. Carrigan will be instructor. 10-2tp

BLOUSES - Fabric Trim at cost prices. Gilene Mfg. Co. Trades Day. 10-11c

FABRIC - Fabric - Fabric. Special group. 3 yards, \$1. Gilene Mfg. Co. Trades Day 10-11c

FOR SALE - A bargain for mother. A couch, coffee table and chair, lamps and drapes. Can be seen at 1206 North 2nd or call 928-5761. Going at a real savings! 10-11c

BOX PLEAT TRIM. 30¢ yard. Gilene Mfg. Co. Trades Day. 10-11c

FOR SALE - New 500 gallon septic tank. \$85.00. Contact Tom Carson. 928-5069. 10-11p

FOR SALE - 58 Chevy 1/2 ton pickup, 327 V8 with standard transmission. New inspection sticker. \$400.00. 928-5069. Tom Carson 10-11p

Member 1974 TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

The Merkel Mail

PUBLISHERS STATEMENT
Established in 1889

Published weekly at 916 N Second St., Merkel, Texas

Entered at the Post Office at Merkel, Texas, 79536 as second class mail.

Any erroneous reflection upon the character, standing of reputation of any person, firm or corporation, which may appear in the columns of the newspaper will be corrected, gladly, upon being brought to the attention of the publisher.

SUBSCRIPTION RATE: \$4.00 Per Year Taylor and adjoining counties. \$4.50 Per Year outside of Taylor and adjoining counties.

Member of the Texas Press Association and West Texas Press Association.

STEVE LANHAM and CECIL FLYLER Publishers
KAYE LANHAM.....Editor
IRIS AMERINE.....Advertising Sales

For Classified Rates:
\$1.10 minimum for the first four lines. Excess of 4 lines will be charged at the rate of 6 cents per word.

cards of Thanks \$6.50 for the first 50 words. 6 cents per word for each additional word. TERMS: Cash in advance unless account is already established. NOTICE of typographical or other errors must be given before the second issue or of claims for refunds or extensions will not be recognized.

Card of Thanks

WE WOULD LIKE to thank all of you for the prayers, cards, flowers, phone calls and food sent to us during the illness and loss of our Dad and Grandpa.

May God Bless each of you.

Mr. and Mrs. G.A. Fisher
Mr. and Mrs. F.G. Fisher
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Prentice
Mr. and Mrs. Billy Fisher
Mr. and Mrs. Mack Bigbee
10-11p

Card of Thanks

WORDS CANNOT EXPRESS our thanks to those who were so kind and considerate to us during the illness and loss of our loved one.

For your prayers, cards, and food, thank you so very much.

The Family of Jack Collier
10-11p

Card of Thanks

WE WOULD LIKE to thank all of you for the prayers, cards, flowers, phone calls and food sent to us during the illness and loss of our loved one.

For your prayers, cards, and food, thank you so very much.

The Family of Jack Collier
10-11p

BETTY'S CAFE
in Trent
NOW OPEN
Mrs. 9a.m.-9p.m.
Closed on Sundays
Ph. 862-2854

PEST CONTROL
Tree and Shrub Work
Free Estimate
Cedar Post-All Sizes
Berlie Wilson
Ph. 928-5211

AIR CONDITIONING
SALES & SERVICE
New & Used Units
MIKE HOLMES
Ph. 928-4948

LUCAS & HAYS
WELDING
M Kent
All Types
Welding
Ph. 928-5630 or 928-5794

NEED A New Water Well Drilled? Also Install Meyers Subs & Jacuzzi Jets Call ROBERT HIGGINS 928-5998

MERRITT PLUMBING IS CLOSING BUSINESS.
All material for sale at cost and below.
Some tools also.
Everything Must Go!
301 KENT

Need Any Type ELECTRICAL WORK Call Harris Electric 501 Kent St. Merkel, Texas Phone 928-5143

"The Simple Gospel of Jesus Christ"

The good news of Jesus Christ can be summed up in five basic points. These points include:

- (1) By God's grace, heaven is a free gift.
- (2) Man is a sinner and he cannot save himself.
- (3) God is merciful, but he is also just.
- (4) Christ has paid the price for our sins.
- (5) Faith is trusting in Jesus Christ for our salvation. Baptism is the response to that faith.

GRACE

Grace is the love of God displayed toward men as sinners. It is emphasized by the fact that eternal life is a free gift of God. The Bible says, "The free gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Rom. 6:23).

Suppose I gave you the keys to a brand new car and told you that it is a gift. I would be extremely insulted if you then pulled out a dollar bill because you didn't want the car for "nothing". Even so, God is insulted when we try to earn what He has given us as a gift. Man doesn't begin to have the resources to pay for heaven!

This means that heaven is unearned, unworked for, unmerited, and undeserved. Ephesians 2:8-9 says, "For by grace you have been saved through faith. . .not of works, lest any man should boast."

Man's best efforts are not enough to earn heaven. Next week, we shall take a look at man and show his need for God's grace.

Larry Gill
CHURCH OF CHRIST
MERKEL
"COME VISIT WITH US"

COURTS SPEAK — The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals held both criminal and civil penalties can be exacted for water pollution.

A divided State Supreme Court concluded an Abilene fireman, who was fired for declining to take a lie detector test concerning a stolen truck, must be reinstated.

A new trial was ordered by the Court of Criminal Appeals for a 23-year-old man sentenced to 101 years imprisonment for stabbing a drinking companion to death near Brownwood in 1970.

MANUFACTURING FIRMS WIN — Five manufacturing firms won the annual governor's Industrial Expansion Awards for 1973.

Winners were Hi Pro Feeds Inc. of Friona, Datapoint Corporation of San Antonio, Superior Continental Corporation of Brownwood, Owens-Corning Fiberglass Corporation of Waxahachie and the Beaumont Shipyards of Bethlehem Steel Corporation.

Local Chambers of Commerce nominated the winners. Selections were made by the Texas Industrial Commission for civic and economic contributions to communities.

THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Benny Luna Castaneda, Defendant, Greeting:
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation; same being the 3rd day of June A.D. 1974, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 19th day of April A.D. 1974, in this cause, numbered 9246-DR on the docket of said court and

THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: William Alex Maddry, Defendant, Greeting:
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 20th day of May A.D. 1974, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 30 day of January A.D. 1974, in this cause, numbered 8921-DR on the docket of said court and styled Beatrice Maddry, Plaintiff, vs. William Alex

THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Benny Luna Castaneda, Plaintiff, vs. Benny Luna Castaneda, Defendant.
A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Parties married on or about December 30, 1961; On or about March 29, 1962, separated and ceased to live together; Petitioner requests Managing Conservatorship of one child, to-wit: Benny Luna Castaneda born October 4, 1962 in Mercedes, Texas; No community property as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: William Alex Maddry, Defendant, Greeting:
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 20th day of May A.D. 1974, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 30 day of January A.D. 1974, in this cause, numbered 8921-DR on the docket of said court and styled Beatrice Maddry, Plaintiff, vs. William Alex

THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: William Alex Maddry, Defendant, Greeting:
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 20th day of May A.D. 1974, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 30 day of January A.D. 1974, in this cause, numbered 8921-DR on the docket of said court and styled Beatrice Maddry, Plaintiff, vs. William Alex

"The Simple Gospel of Jesus Christ"

The good news of Jesus Christ can be summed up in five basic points. These points include:

- (1) By God's grace, heaven is a free gift.
- (2) Man is a sinner and he cannot save himself.
- (3) God is merciful, but he is also just.
- (4) Christ has paid the price for our sins.
- (5) Faith is trusting in Jesus Christ for our salvation. Baptism is the response to that faith.

GRACE

Grace is the love of God displayed toward men as sinners. It is emphasized by the fact that eternal life is a free gift of God. The Bible says, "The free gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Rom. 6:23).

Suppose I gave you the keys to a brand new car and told you that it is a gift. I would be extremely insulted if you then pulled out a dollar bill because you didn't want the car for "nothing". Even so, God is insulted when we try to earn what He has given us as a gift. Man doesn't begin to have the resources to pay for heaven!

This means that heaven is unearned, unworked for, unmerited, and undeserved. Ephesians 2:8-9 says, "For by grace you have been saved through faith. . .not of works, lest any man should boast."

Man's best efforts are not enough to earn heaven. Next week, we shall take a look at man and show his need for God's grace.

Larry Gill
CHURCH OF CHRIST
MERKEL
"COME VISIT WITH US"

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Benny Luna Castaneda, Plaintiff, vs. Benny Luna Castaneda, Defendant.
A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Parties married on or about December 30, 1961; On or about March 29, 1962, separated and ceased to live together; Petitioner requests Managing Conservatorship of one child, to-wit: Benny Luna Castaneda born October 4, 1962 in Mercedes, Texas; No community property as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs. Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 19th day of April A.D. 1974.

(SEAL)
Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD Clerk, Domestic Relations Court, Taylor County, Texas; By Myrna Lawrence Deputy. 10-11c

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that Trent ISD will receive in the office of the superintendent sealed bids for one 1967 Chevrolet 36-passenger bus, Bids must be received in the office of the Superintendent by 4:00 p.m. on June 10, 1974.

The bus may be inspected at the bus barns located in Trent, Texas, 79561. Additional information may be obtained by contacting Dean King, Superintendent or Clayton Brazelton, Business Manager, at 915-862-2411 or 862-3411.

Trent ISD reserves the right to refuse or reject all bids.

(6) 1971 PONTIAC CATALINA 4 DOOR, SEDAN, AIR AND POWER. SOME WITH VINYL TOPS, NEW TIRES, NEW PAINT. BETTER HURRY. FROM \$1145

67 PONTIAC Tempest, 2 door hardtop, V-8, automatic. New Engine Overhaul. Red with black vinyl top. \$795

66 PONTIAC Tempest 2-door hard-top. New overhaul on engine, V-8 automatic, red with black vinyl top. \$795

70 PONTIAC Bonneville 4-door hardtop, air and power, green color only \$1295

71 PONTIAC LEMANS SPORT Coupe, air condition and power, bucket seats with console. Beautiful lime color. NICE Only \$1995

66 FORD 1/2 Ton Pickup, V-8 Standard trans-mission. Red color, only \$495

72 PONTIAC CATALINA, air and power. Bronze and white. NICE \$1995

72 PONTIAC GRAND SAFARI, 6 passenger. Has all the GOODIES. One owner \$3095

69 PONTIAC GTO, 4 speed, V-8, power steering, air, chrome wheels, new tires, vinyl top \$795

73 PONTIAC BONNEVILLE 4-door, hard top, air and power, cruise control. \$3295

72 PONTIAC BONNEVILLE 2 door, hard top, air and power, tops. Red with white vinyl top. One owner \$2695

69 PONTIAC TEMPEST Wagon, air and power. Bronze and white. Only \$1295

69 PONTIAC CATALINA 2 door, hard top, air and power, new tires. White and blue color \$1195

71 PONTIAC GRANDVILLE 4 door, hard top, loaded. One owner. \$2095

73 PONTIAC Safari, 6 passenger wagon. Air and power. Luggage rack. Real nice, only \$3895

71 DODGE POLARA 4 door, sedan, air and power. Only \$995

72 PONTIAC CATALINA 4 door, sedan, air and power. Blue color. NICE \$2395

73 PONTIAC CATALINA 4 door, sedan, air and power. Only \$2895

"We Sell 'Em — We Lease 'Em"
Palmer Pontiac & GMC
MERKEL
G. E. APPLIANCES & TV'S
MERKEL, TEXAS 928-5113 ABILENE 673-1182

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS
Maddry, Defendant.
A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: suit was filed January 30, 1974; parties were married December 15, 1969 and separated on or about May 15, 1972; the marriage has become insupportable because of discord or conflict of personalities between the parties; no children now under 18 years of age born to or adopted by this marriage; no Community property has been accumulated; petitioner requests a change of name to Beatrice Cardenas, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs. Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, this 8th day of April A.D. 1974.

(SEAL)
Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD Clerk, Domestic Relations Court, Taylor County, Texas; By Sandra Van Cleave, Deputy. 8-11c

ELECT A FULL-TIME COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT VOTE FOR Bob Thompson FOR TAYLOR COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

— THE QUALIFIED CANDIDATE —

Bob Thompson
Butterfield School Administrator for 7 years under the present County Superintendent 10 Years with Abilene Public Schools at Mann Jr. High and Cooper Sr. High as Social Study, Math and Special Education Teacher.
Teacher and School Administrator in New Mexico for 2 Years.
B.S. Graduate of Midwestern University.
B.S. Degree from New Mexico State.
Master of Education Degree from McMurry College
Certification in Special Education from Hardin-Simmons University.
Active in Texas State Teachers Association and Texas Classroom Association.
Member of Phi Beta Kappa (Professional Fraternity for Men in Education)
United Way Co-Chairman for Schools.
Paid Political Advertisement by Bob Thompson, 3533 Highland, Abilene



JOE BRYAN is the new owner of Bryan's Shell Service located at 211 Kent. He has been associated with Palmer Pontiac for the past year. Joe and his wife, Cindy have one son, Kurt, age 3 1/2. She is the former Cindy Parker from Tahoka. They live at 1408 North First in Merkel. Joe says when he has time, he enjoys hunting and fishing as hobbies. You are invited to come by Bryan's Shell Service and enjoy fast, friendly service.

Girl Scouts To Hold Bake Sale

The Girl Scouts of Merkel held a Keep America Beautiful poster contest recently. The three division winners are: Brownies - Shanna Norton, 1st; Kimberly Pack, 2nd; and Barbara Ledford, 3rd. Junior - Cindy Doan, 1st; Nancy Click, 2nd; and Loyce Baker, 3rd. Cadette-Debbie Glasscock, 1st; Janet Wade, 2nd; and Patsy Biera, 3rd. The posters are on display in store windows downtown and will be for the remainder of the week. Saturday, May 4th, the Cadette scouts will hold a bake sale in front of West Texas Utilities. The girls are earning money for a trip to Six Flags and will spend the night at the Arlington Girl Scout Lodge the last of May. They are also collecting newspapers to sell to help finance the trip. Call 928-4883 and they will be glad to pick up your old newspapers on Wednesday from 3:30 to 5:00.

Five Finalists To Compete In Cook-Off

AUSTIN-Five Texans will compete for the championship in the state's first annual chicken cook-off May 31 at Austin's Municipal Auditorium. Agriculture Commissioner John C. White has announced. The winner will be sent to Winston-Salem, N.C., where she will vie for \$25,000 in prizes with representatives from 50 other states July 25 at the National Chicken Cooking Contest. Top prize will be \$10,000. The Texas Broiler Council is sponsoring the state contest. "It is one of many ways Texas agricultural products are promoted," White said. State finalists will be selected from entries submitted to National Chicken Cooking Contest Headquarters in Washington, D.C. Rules and entry forms are available at supermarkets. Entries must be postmarked by April 1 and received by April 8. Texas judges will select the state champion at the cook-off. Round-trip expenses to Winston-Salem will be paid. Contestants must be at least 18 years old by July 25 and residents of the states they represent at the time of the national cook-off. Recipes must be prepared exactly as submitted and ingredients must include a broiler-fryer chicken whole, cut-up or in parts. Trade name ingredients described in the entry rules are required also. The national contest is sponsored by the National Broiler Council.



TURKEY CASSEROLE
1 1/2-ounce package wild rice and herb mix or plain wild rice
1 1/2-ounce can French-style green beans, drained
1 10-ounce can celery soup
1/2 c. mayonnaise
1/4 c. chopped onions
2 c. turkey in small pieces
1 2-ounce jar pimiento, sliced
1/4 c. slivered almonds
Paprika

Cook rice according to directions, less five minutes. Mix all ingredients with rice and sprinkle with paprika. Bake 30 minutes at 350 degrees. Serves 8.

'74 To Be Profitable Year For Wool Producers

"Spring shearing of goats and sheep is under way in Taylor County and 1974 promises to be a profitable year for the mohair and wool producer," Agriculture Commissioner John C. White has announced.

Though production figures for the 1974 season are not expected to equal the spectacular 1973 yields, goat and sheep raisers can look for substantial increases over previous slump years. Sheep shearing, underway for the 12-month clip, is expected to run into the first of June. Producers in the southern part of the state who clip twice a year have completed their first clipping.

Texas Agriculture Explosion Noted By Commissioner

AUSTIN - "Texas agriculture is on the threshold of a technological and production explosion, brought on by pressures of a worldwide demand for food and fiber," Agriculture Commissioner John C. White said this week.

"We completed a record-smashing year in Texas Agriculture in 1973, with cash receipts totaling near \$5 billion. For the first time in a generation, our farm and ranch families began to make a decent wage while serving as the main contributors to the highest standard of living in the world," said White.

"These successes have brought with them some problems," the 49-year-old commissioner noted. "The big demand for our products abroad has caused domestic price increases for our own consumers. Our big challenge ahead is to increase our production to meet these needs and relieve some of the pressure on our own food prices."

White said a guarantee supply of fuel and fertilizers for our farmers and ranchers is the key to increased production. "We must take all necessary steps to assure these supplies for our agricultural operations if our state economy is to remain strong," he added. Commissioner White is seeking re-election to the farm post he first attained at the age of 25. "Despite our industrial advances, Texas is still, first and foremost, an agricultural state, dependent upon a healthy and vital farm economy. My goal is to see Texas become not only first in farm sales but also seek fair profits for the producers at reasonable prices for consumers."

Experts expect wool shearing yields to be down a little from last year's production, due principally to West Texas drought conditions. Prices are quoted as fair for wool, with wool sold at a recent Sanderson sale averaging \$1.80 per pound for the better quality wools. January exports of wool top and raw wool, clean basis, totaled 1,375,636 lbs. and 380,354 lbs. respectively. Texas produces 20% of the total U.S. wool production, which is more wool than any other state in the nation. "Goat shearing has been completed statewide with adult hair bringing an average of \$1.40 per pound, and young goat hair going for \$1.54 - \$1.70 per pound," Commissioner White said. With Texas producing about 97% of the U.S. mohair, state-wide exports of mohair in January totaled 272,926 lbs., clean basis. Prices received for wool and mohair made tremendous jumps in 1973 over previous figures. A combination of increased world demand and the worry of decreased supplies of synthetic fibers due to the energy crisis helped bring about the surge of 1973 receipts. Prices for the 26,352,000 lbs. of wool sold in 1973 averaged \$1.88 a pound, compared to \$1.48 a pound in 1972.

Prices are quoted as fair for wool, with wool sold at a recent Sanderson sale averaging \$1.80 per pound for the better quality wools. January exports of wool top and raw wool, clean basis, totaled 1,375,636 lbs. and 380,354 lbs. respectively. Texas produces 20% of the total U.S. wool production, which is more wool than any other state in the nation. "Goat shearing has been completed statewide with adult hair bringing an average of \$1.40 per pound, and young goat hair going for \$1.54 - \$1.70 per pound," Commissioner White said. With Texas producing about 97% of the U.S. mohair, state-wide exports of mohair in January totaled 272,926 lbs., clean basis. Prices received for wool and mohair made tremendous jumps in 1973 over previous figures. A combination of increased world demand and the worry of decreased supplies of synthetic fibers due to the energy crisis helped bring about the surge of 1973 receipts. Prices for the 26,352,000 lbs. of wool sold in 1973 averaged \$1.88 a pound, compared to \$1.48 a pound in 1972.

Prices received for wool and mohair made tremendous jumps in 1973 over previous figures. A combination of increased world demand and the worry of decreased supplies of synthetic fibers due to the energy crisis helped bring about the surge of 1973 receipts. Prices for the 26,352,000 lbs. of wool sold in 1973 averaged \$1.88 a pound, compared to \$1.48 a pound in 1972.

Prices received for wool and mohair made tremendous jumps in 1973 over previous figures. A combination of increased world demand and the worry of decreased supplies of synthetic fibers due to the energy crisis helped bring about the surge of 1973 receipts. Prices for the 26,352,000 lbs. of wool sold in 1973 averaged \$1.88 a pound, compared to \$1.48 a pound in 1972.

Prices received for wool and mohair made tremendous jumps in 1973 over previous figures. A combination of increased world demand and the worry of decreased supplies of synthetic fibers due to the energy crisis helped bring about the surge of 1973 receipts. Prices for the 26,352,000 lbs. of wool sold in 1973 averaged \$1.88 a pound, compared to \$1.48 a pound in 1972.

Prices received for wool and mohair made tremendous jumps in 1973 over previous figures. A combination of increased world demand and the worry of decreased supplies of synthetic fibers due to the energy crisis helped bring about the surge of 1973 receipts. Prices for the 26,352,000 lbs. of wool sold in 1973 averaged \$1.88 a pound, compared to \$1.48 a pound in 1972.

Prices received for wool and mohair made tremendous jumps in 1973 over previous figures. A combination of increased world demand and the worry of decreased supplies of synthetic fibers due to the energy crisis helped bring about the surge of 1973 receipts. Prices for the 26,352,000 lbs. of wool sold in 1973 averaged \$1.88 a pound, compared to \$1.48 a pound in 1972.

Prices received for wool and mohair made tremendous jumps in 1973 over previous figures. A combination of increased world demand and the worry of decreased supplies of synthetic fibers due to the energy crisis helped bring about the surge of 1973 receipts. Prices for the 26,352,000 lbs. of wool sold in 1973 averaged \$1.88 a pound, compared to \$1.48 a pound in 1972.

Ranchers Urged To Prevent Screwworms

MISSION - Livestock owners of the southwestern United States should redouble their efforts this spring to find, treat and prevent screwworm cases, since the livestock parasite is expected to reach record numbers due to the unusually mild winter just ended.

This warning comes from Dr. M.E. "Cotton" Meadows Jr., director of the Mission-based screwworm eradication program of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Meadows also cautioned producers to refrain from live-stock surgery or other manmade wound to prevent screwworm infestations. "Thirty per cent of all laboratory confirmed cases so far in 1974 have been collected from manmade wounds (dehorning, branding, docking and the like), and every effort should be made to prevent wounding animals during the screwworm season," Meadows said. The USDA veterinarian emphasized that the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association also solicits the cooperation of all livestock owners in an all-out effort to eliminate the screwworm fly. In a special resolution approved by the industry organization at its recent annual meeting in Dallas, all livestock owners of the southwest were urged to support the eradication effort by:

1. Inspecting their animals frequently.
2. Treating all wounds with an approved product.
3. Collecting and submitting worm specimens to the Screwworm Laboratory at Mission, Texas, for identification. Positive cases then can be given sterile fly treatment, officials reminded.

Screwworm cases are off to a fast start this spring, with 23 new Texas cases confirmed last week from counties as far north as Brown and Haskell. Others reporting first '74 cases last week were Atascosa, Brooks, Frio, Jim Hogg, Willacy and Zavala. Total case tally for Texas thus far in 1974 is 78, while only 59 were recorded through the end of March a year ago. The U.S. total for 1974 now stands at 90, with California reporting 8 and Arizona, 4. The Veterans Administration reports 83,600 veterans and other eligible applicants were provided educational and vocational counseling under three education programs in fiscal year 1973.

FARMERS UNION INSURANCES



See **MACK SEYMORE**
102 Edwards
928-5379
Merkel, Texas

fun-time fashions

One Rack Dresses 1/3 Off
One Rack Pant Suits 1/3 Off

Piece Good Specials
100% Polyester Reg. \$5.98 \$3.98

Lady Fair Cotton / Rayon Prints Reg. \$1.69 \$1.19

100% Cotton Prints Reg. \$1.29 79¢

Crushed Velvet Reg. \$3.98 \$2.98

BRAGG'S

"Exclusive But Not Expensive"

QUIKSTOP TRADES DAY SPECIALS

Special Group Mens & Womens Boots - \$35.00

All Felt Hats 25% Off

QUIKSTOP AND BOOT SHOP

1207 S. 9TH PH. 928-5331

A DEMOCRATIC CHAIRMAN SPEAKS OUT

About Our District 61 State Representative's Race

Nolan County Democratic Chairman Ocie Hunt is Concerned About the State Representative's Race For District 61. Following is His Letter To Democratic Party Precinct Chairmen in the District's Five Counties of Mitchell, Nolan, Fisher, Jones and Taylor.

April 18, 1974

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Don't think I'm trying to help you run your business, or that I think you even need help. Furthermore, nobody asked me to write this letter. I just wanted to get something off my chest.

It's in regard to our State Representative of District 61.

This district is made up of these counties: Jones, Fisher, Nolan and Mitchell, and the rural part of Taylor. A slice of Abilene is also in this District 61, and it so happens that the biggest voting box is in the Abilene part. Of course, Abilene "doesn't" have the remotest idea as to how this happened".

In taking a look at the district, it is obvious it is predominantly rural, and what we need is to always see that our representative comes from the rural counties - one who is interested in us, our rural development; one who "speaks our language", and one who savvies our needs.

Abilene has two candidates out for the job, and the only one from the rural sections is Elmer Martin, our present representative.

I know Elmer personally, and his outstanding qualifications are, he's honest and a hard worker - something that is unusual for politicians of these days. He's a hick like the rest of us, coming from a hick territory.

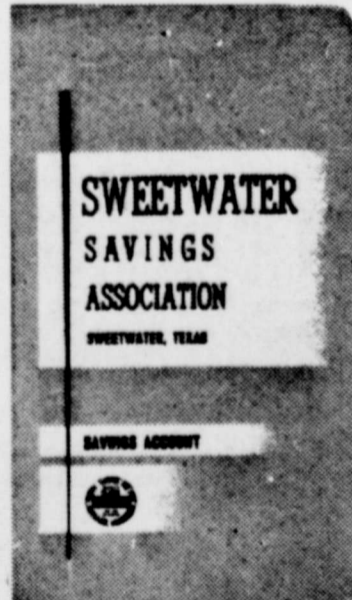
So, let's return Elmer to the post of District 61.

Get the word out to your voters. It's important.

Sincerely,
Ocie Hunt
County Chairman

The No-Nonsense Investment.

paid daily from date of deposit to date of withdrawal



At Sweetwater Savings, we don't fool around. Your savings investment goes to work for you the day you deposit it to your Sweetwater Savings passbook account. It goes to work earning 5 1/4% a year at current rates, and we compound your earnings every day, from date of deposit to date of withdrawal! Whether you leave your savings on deposit for 20 days or 20 years, you'll earn more money on your Sweetwater Savings account. You'll earn on your earnings, too! That's why you'll call your Sweetwater Savings program your No-Nonsense Investment!

A substantial interest penalty is required for early withdrawal of certificate accounts.

ANNUAL RATES				
7 1/2% 4 YR. CERT. \$5,000 MIN.	6 3/4% 30 MON. CERT. \$1,000 MIN.	6 1/2% 1 YR. CERT. \$1,000 MIN.	5 3/4% 90 DAY ACCT. \$1,000 MIN.	5 1/4% PASSBOOK NO MINIMUM



SWEETWATER • 208 ELM ROTAN • 206 W. SNYDER

RESPONSIVE and RESPONSIBLE LEADERSHIP

Balanced Representation - Another reason Why State Rep Elmer Martin Is Honestly Good For A Second Term

Pub. Pol. Adv. B5 Elmer Martin Campaign Elmer Martin M...

Candidates for 61st Representative Speak Out on Issues

Elmer Martin

My campaign for re-election as your State Representative for District 61 is founded on honest approach to good government and my record of service during my first term.

One fact for sure, I am no glamour boy. Not a show-

boat talking for headlines. I am a worker, I am honest. Dedicated, honest. And I believe my unwavering integrity has created a special respect in the Capitol for our 5-county District 61.

This is important, I believe, in these days when so many have misused our public trust from State House to Washington.

Integrity is important enough for me that I have, in the last few weeks, turned down hundreds of dollars in

campaign cash offered by lobbyists. They said "no strings" would be attached to the donations, but I still refused their offers. This is just the way I am.

My opponents talk in vague promises, mostly about actual work I have already accomplished as your representative.

When they talk of effective representation, look at my actual record. Of 77 first-term legislators in the last session, only 10 passed more legislation than Elmer Martin.

Seven bills I sponsored or carried through the House were voted into law. Two important House Resolutions sponsored and co-sponsored by me were voted overwhelming - one helping influence Washington to continue to keep open Agricultural Stabilization & Conservation Offices in each county, the other calling for release of REAP permanent conservation funds impounded by President Nixon.

I was part of the "reform 63rd Legislature", an advocate and supporter of the entire government reform package that brought us Ethics & Financial Disclosure, Open Meetings, Campaign Disclosure, Access to Public Information, Laws against Bribery and Corruption.

However, there is nothing for which I am more proud than being a key supporter in hammering out our State's first no-new-tax budget in 13 years.

I respect the taxpayer and his dollar. This is why an independent audit shows that Elmer Martin spent only \$1,442 of his contingency fund during the last fiscal year.

This is a fund for office expense, phones, travel, postage and other items. There are 166 of us in the Legislature. One hundred thirty-five spent more, ranging up to and above \$15,000 each. Only 14 spent less than my \$1,442.

It was my amendment to the Appropriations Bill which won approval and brought \$200,000 in needed building funds for Texas State Technical Institute in Sweetwater.

A landmark proposal to tax agricultural land in relation to productive capacity has been approved on two readings in the State Constitutional Convention and awaits a final reading. I was a co-sponsor of that resolution because we must encourage the best productive use of our lands if we are to continue to feed, clothe and supply ourselves.

The Texas Historical Society commended my work for sponsoring legislation that provide for local governments to join in financial support of local museums. I helped revise and pass a bill which now allows the hunting of predatory animals in an effort to control the increasing threat of coyotes to sheep and cattle.

The National Energy Office this spring cut back gasoline and oil supplies as much as 20 per cent to Lone Wolf Electric Co-operative Inc. and all other Texas electrical co-ops because their electricity was not produced from nuclear or hydro electric power plants. It was Elmer Martin alone

who rose up to protest, to fight and to point out this inequity and threat to the co-ops which are the life-line of power to our major energy source - oil fields. Within 10-days, my action caused the Office of Energy to back-track, announce its error and return our co-ops to equal status.

As your representative I serve on three major House committees - Agriculture, Environmental Affairs and Liquor Regulation. In addition, I am a member of the special Sub-Committee studying the contracting of Texas cotton and grain, marketing of Texas food and meat products, plus the sub-committee on parks.

My sub-committee on cotton and grain contracting already has conducted hearings in 8 separate areas of the state. In the summer my sub-committee on parks will visit Lake Colorado City State Park.

The importance of committee work was never more evident than when I was one of four in committee who banded together to block legislation that would have allowed the public to cross privately-owned pastures and crop land for access to stream, a picnic site or scenic view.

Something else. Seventy-five per cent of the people in our 61st District live in the small town. I am the only candidate who earns his living by farming.

My two opponents - one a lawyer with oil interests, the other a car dealer - reside in Abilene, make their living there.

It is my firm belief that the people of District 61 want an effective representative who is a part of the vast majority - that 75 per cent living and working in the small towns and rural communities. My record is working evidence of my effectiveness.

Responsibilities in the State Constitutional Convention necessitate my presence in the Capitol until after the first week of April.

Just late start in campaigning has made it necessary for Billie and me to be on the road much of the time visiting those areas outside of Mitchell County. We earnestly ask that you understand, that you remember we keep all of you in our hearts and prayers.

We trust that I merit your confidence and vote. We sincerely ask for your good word and, May 4, your vote in our Democratic Primary.

Veterans Administration benefits counselors used mobile vans to tour 120,000 miles in 24 states and stop in nearly 1,100 communities.

Alton Staggs

Alton Staggs, 30-year-old automobile dealer in District 61, is seeking to win the May 4th Democratic primary election to become the Democratic candidate as representative to the Texas House. His platform has a strong plank for returning to the people of West Texas effective and efficient representation that "is all business, dedicated and hardworking."

He pledges to make greater efforts for legislation that helps farm productivity.

"When elected your state representative, I will support legislation that helps farmers to produce; and I will vote against laws that provide needless governmental control."

The life-long Democrat who makes his home in Abilene pledges "to be a friend and spokesman for education, vocational and academic, in the Texas House."

Besides these three planks, Staggs has campaigned hard stressing that "as a business man I know I must stay in touch with my customers, just

as I know when you choose me as your representative, I must stay in touch with the people back home."

His business background is apparent when he tells voters throughout the district:

"One thing that has caused inflation to hit us harder and harder is the high cost of government. I say the place to start fighting inflation is in Austin. Taxpayers need a representative who knows how money should be spent... and saved."

While Staggs has told voters repeatedly that "shortages are real...but I believe shortages will decline when responsible businessmen have the freedom to say what they will buy...and what they will pay."

Staggs earned his bachelor of business degree from McMurry College and received his masters degree from Southern Methodist University.

He served in the Army before entering into business. Staggs' wife, the former Sue Dunn, is expecting a child in June.

Environment class action suits have been filed for the dramatic effect that for the positive I do not feel class action should be permitted substantial actual damage being shown by the courts.

On matter of legislative salaries - they are inadequate, but I know the pay was when I first application.

Water development West Texas is vital. We insure not only adequate supplies for the present but the future. This depends on water. It's problem that is going solved overnight, but not only involves areas of the state but also involves operation between states.

On Par-mutual I would be bound by the will of the people in the district and I suspect the will will be against it.

I am for a right law.

On the matter of insurance, I am suspicious of bureaucracies and evil fault plan that I've seen posed to have an actor or a bureaucrat to resolve those difficulties.

Noting the statistics on no-fault insurance in other states, they that no-fault, so-called, is no where in care-all that its predicted it to be.

I want to state that the district who need be working for the straddle the fence on it is not my nature to snap judgments, but have the facts before me. I have studied them and up my mind, no one way difficulty in I where I stand.

To be elected to office be a public trust, which I will not take. There is a feeling of appreciation for all people of this district have worked so hard election to office, a done so without one string attached. It is possible to name all of the ple at this time, be aware of who you a I'll express my person after May 4 then, let me say in that I'll work as hard the people in my district as you're worth me in the district.

It Looks Like Near-Record Onion Crop

AUSTIN--Texas producers have not cry about. They're proud 18 percent more on year than last, and this is expected to be the since 1967 and the largest on record.

Agriculture Committee John C. White said onions are starting to market. He said a harvest in Texas is 21,000, an eight percent increase over a year. Yield per acre is estimated to be up also, nine above 1973.

A check on onion producing areas around revealed that peak in the Lower Rio Grande Valley should occur in Crop quality is excellent.

In the Coastal Belt harvest is expected underway in mid-April Laredo, the crop harvested beginning week in April.

Crop harvest should in the San Antonio Garden area in late early May.

Trades Day Specials


1 Group Ladies Jeans Asstd. Sizes \$5.00

Large Group Mens Western Shirts 50% Off Asstd. Sizes Levi Jeans 'Boot Cut' 'Baggies' by Lee Cuffed Jeans only \$6.99 All Sales Final

Final Clearance Men's Double Knit Sport Coats Campus Brand Values to \$55.00 \$30.00

Circle A Western House 924 N. 2nd. Merkel, Texas

How Will Your Business Be Affected?



Every businessman or woman peering into the future is worried about the same problems. How will the energy crisis, rising prices and the political climate affect me.

With hard decisions coming up in the difficult months that lie ahead, a strong bank traveling on your side of the road makes good sense and good company. We would like to be your banker.

"The Old Reliable" FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK

MERKEL, TEXAS

FDIC A FULL SERVICE BANK

TAYLOR COUNTY QUARTERLY REPORT OF TREASURER

On April 23, 1974 the Commissions Court met in regular session compared and examined the report of Mrs. Hayden Thomas, County Treasurer, for the Quarter ending March 31, 1974, and found it to be correct and for the amounts received and paid out to be correct since the preceding report.

FUNDS	BALANCE LAST QTR.	RECEIVED THIS QTR.	PAID OUT THIS QTR.	BALANCE THIS QTR.
Precinct 1.	\$ 33,997.52	91,891.93	20,343.88	105,545.57
Precinct 2.	34,626.60	91,830.95	18,970.99	107,486.56
Precinct 3.	19,309.19	91,518.92	19,502.96	91,325.15
Precinct 4.	54,041.91	91,595.23	19,554.90	126,082.24
General	135,035.87	735,242.45	349,611.93	520,666.39
Lateral Road.	51,310.57	559.76	2,274.70	49,595.63
Coliseum Skg. Ser'67.	12,165.36	60,113.83	34,462.50	37,816.69
F.I.C.A. Tax.	2,134.80	15,408.26	00	17,543.06
Perm. Improvement Skg.	8,715.47	46,468.26	00	55,183.73
Law Library	3,992.29	2,777.50	3,783.17	2,986.62
Federal Revenue Sharing	184,547.68	130,495.92	155,671.68	159,371.92
State Criminal Justice Plan.	5,116.42	4,650.00	4,593.25	5,173.17
Perm. School	3,494.77	165.31	25.31	3,634.77
Courthouse & Jail Skg. Ser'67.	26,853.40	185,705.73	149,188.20	63,370.93
Payroll Account	1,050.00	269,425.26	269,425.26	980.00
Special R. & B.	900.00	00	00	00
Special Tax.	933,289.86	8,129.22	941,419.08	00
Road & Bridge R.O.W.	7,445.40	32.07	7,477.47	00
Road Bond Ser'47.	230.00	00	230.00	00
Road Bond Ser'53.	5.20	00	5.20	00
Road Bond Ser'55.	666.40	00	666.40	00
	\$ 1,516,548.71	1,826,398.60	2,004,996.78	1,339,950.55

Citizens National Bank	\$ 263,993.25
Bank of Commerce	45.54
First State Bank in Tuscola	217,607.39
First National Bank	392,949.06
First State Bank, Abilene	365,155.29
Abilene National Bank	100,000.00
Total Bank Balances	1,339,950.55
Total Time Deposits	910,421.00
Total Checking Account	\$ 429,529.53

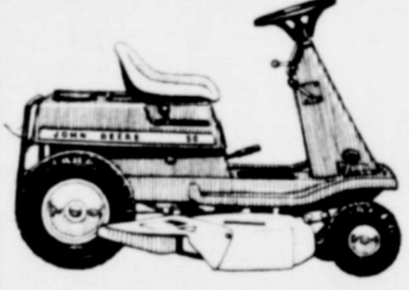
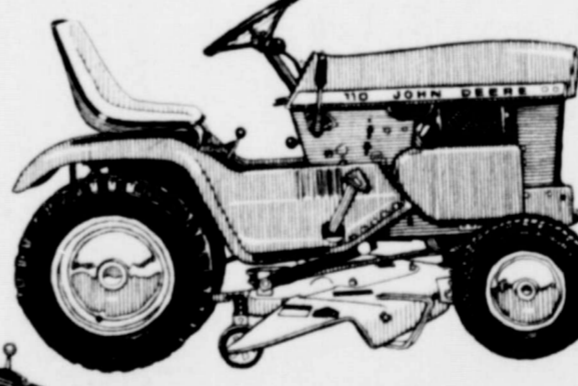
Securities Owned by Taylor County and Perm. School

Buffalo Gap School Bonds owned by the School Fund.	\$ 5,800.00
Everman Independent School Bonds.	8,000.00
State of Texas Veterans Land Bonds (face value \$2,000.00)	1,636.30
	\$ 15,436.30

ISSUE	ORIGINAL ISSUE	BONDS REDEEMED	BONDS OUTSTANDING
Bond Issue Series 1954.	\$ 850,000.00	\$ 794,000.00	\$ 56,000.00
Courthouse & Jail Bond Series 1967.	3,000,000.00	565,000.00	2,435,000.00
Coliseum Bond Series 1967.	1,750,000.00	00	1,750,000.00
	\$ 5,600,000.00	\$ 1,359,000.00	\$ 4,241,000.00

The Requirement of Art. #401 P.c. Have been Complied with, and a tubular State has been filed as required.

But Chapman Commissioner Precinct 1.
Joe McDuff Commissioner Precinct 2.
J. I. McMillan Commissioner Precinct 4.
Ray Jones Taylor County Judge
Max Chester Hutchison Taylor County Clerk


John Deere - Quality Lawn-Care Products

Whatever your lawn-and-garden requirements - our John Deere dealership can fill them. Choose from our brand-new line of 18- and 20-inch rotary mowers. Large lawn? Then look over our line of Riding Mowers and Lawn and Garden Tractors. Power sizes from 6- to 14-hp. Ask us about parts, service, Repair Service

Also Available



Max Murrell Chevrolet Co.

Home of Service

Ph. 928-4736 Merkel IH 20 Ph. 673-3181 Abilene

Plant Golden Acres

T.E. HAYGRAZER

the big yielder

for TOP GRADE GRAZING LOADS OF GREEN CHOP EXTRA TONS OF HAY

Henderson Grain Co.

North 1st Street - Merkel
502 Ash St. Abilene, Texas 677-7987

WHY IS MIKE YOUNG BEST MAN BY FAR FOR YOUR RURAL VOTE



For generations of reasons, Mike Young from a family of Fisher County pioneers, over 70 years, the Youngs have been proud residents of Fisher, Jones and Taylor Counties. Mike Young was raised here, lives here, works here as a lawyer and businessman. I Democrat who understands your rural problems because they're his problems. No other candidate can match his record as a true native son, the kind of man you want to represent. Remember - you get only one voice in a Make it a strong one - a rural one, Mike Y.

Mrs. D.C. Hendricks is Supporting Mike in His Bid For State Representative.

ELECT MIKE YOUNG STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 61

Paid political adv. by Mike Young committee; Joe Galloway, Chairman; Box Abilene, Texas 79604.

Co-Op Meeting Held Sat.

Members of the Merkel Co-Op Gin No. 1 met Saturday, April 27th at the school cafeteria for their annual Membership Meeting.

A report on the condition of the Co-Op was given and dividend checks were passed out to members.

Members re-elected D. L.

Moore, Jarrett Finkley and Bernel Teaff as Directors, Mr. J.W. Borders of Sweetwater, showed a film and presented a program on the progress of the Sweetwater Cotton Compress.

Approximately 50 persons attended the annual meeting.

Senior Citizens News

April has been a busy month for the Senior Citizen Club. Chairs have been repaired, there are new curtains on the windows which has surely improved the appearance of the building and new members have been added.

All of the April meetings were well attended and game nights enjoyed by all. Talent night was well attended also,

and those present enjoyed an outstanding "Top Spinning" event.

Thursday night is game night.

Plans are being made now for the May activities. All members are urged to be present for all meetings.

Irl Walker has served as president of the club for April.

Dixon Receives McMurry Honors

John Dixon, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Dixon of 412 Locust, Merkel, has been elected to the office of Senator of the 1974-75 school year.

He has also been elected to the post of corresponding secretary in Kiva, a men's social club at McMurry College. Members are known as "Medicine Men" on the Indian Reservation of McMurry.

A 1971 graduate of Merkel High School, John is a junior at McMurry. He is majoring in accounting and minoring in finance.

On an average day, more than 33,000 veterans are treated in the Veterans Administration's nationwide system of more than 200 outpatient clinics.

Farm-facts

A Weekly Report Of Agri-Business News

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

More About Shortages . . . High Plains Dry . . . REAP Is Back . . . Citrus Harvest Almost Over . . . Mohair, Wool Production Down

SHORTAGES ARE the worry of farmers already worried with spring planting of crops; but the fuel shortage is reported bad in only a few Texas counties. Hartley, Wichita, and Sherman Counties reported tight diesel situations; and Lamb, Wichita, Hartley, Denton, Randall and Mitchell report tight gasoline supplies. High prices are the main concern of fertilizer users. Anhydrous ammonia was reported selling at around \$180 a ton, ammonium nitrate \$140, 32% nitrogen solution \$135, and mixed fertilizer (12-12-12) \$130. . . . Counties reporting short supplies of baling wire and twine expect to have the back orders filled by baling time. There were 105 counties reporting short supplies of baling wire, and 100 counties reporting short supplies of baling twine. In some places, wire averages \$29 a bundle, and twine \$26 a bundle.

LACK OF MOISTURE plagues the High Plains area, and hopes of subsoil moisture for dryland cotton planting are dim. Dryland wheat is in bad condition except in the eastern part of the Northern High Plains where rain has revived wheat crops. Despite an expected increase of about 10 per cent in cotton acreage on the High Plains, the 1974 cotton crop is not expected to be as good as was the 1973 crop. Irrigated wheat is reported in good conditions on the High Plains. Irrigated cotton has usually been about 60 per cent of the total on the High Plains.

THE 1973 RURAL Environmental Assistance Program (REAP) has been reinstated, which means \$225,500,000 is authorized for cost-share payments to the nation's farmers participating in approved conservation measures. Texas' share in the REAP funds is \$19,330,000. Farmers may apply at their county Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation (ASC) offices for more information about the program.

THE GRAPEFRUIT and Valencia orange harvest is almost over in the Valley. Grapefruit production was reported by the Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service to be about 11 million boxes, seven per cent below last season's production. Early and mid-season oranges were estimated at 4.3 million boxes, 14 per cent below last season; and Valencia oranges were estimated at 2.3 million boxes, down four per cent. The United States grapefruit production was forecast at 64.1 million boxes, down two per cent from last season; and the orange crop was expected to be 215 million boxes, down four per cent from last season.

MOHAIR AND wool production are other Texas crops showing decreases in 1973. Mohair production fell to 9,930,000 pounds, the lowest since 1925, according to the Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service. And the 1973 clip was three per cent less than in 1972. The average price for mohair was \$1.87 per pound, highest since records began in 1910. Texas produces about 97 per cent of the nation's mohair. The wool clip for 1973 totaled 26.4 million pounds, also the lowest since 1925. The 1973 production was 10 per cent less than in 1972 and 13 per cent less than in 1971. In the nation, the 1973 wool production was 153.9 million pounds, grease basis, down eight per cent from 1972.

Syphoning Gas Can Be Fatal

Using your mouth when syphoning gasoline is extremely dangerous and can be fatal, the Texas Medical Association warns.

Gasoline is a poison which acts as an irritant in the digestive tract. In the lungs, however, it is most often fatal. Relatively small amounts of gasoline in the stomach will cause pain and discomfort, irritate the digestive tract and cause ulceration and other complications.

Police Report

JIM BROUSSARD
Police Chief

The Merkel Police Department closed its case on the shooting of the Merkel Water tank which occurred last December. The City was reimbursed the \$400,000 it cost to repair the tank. The names of persons involved are withheld due to juveniles being involved.

The Police Department received a call pertaining to someone inside the Sewing Factory the evening of April 22, 1974. Subject was acting as though he was drunk and was attempting to use the telephone. Subject was found walking on North 1st and upon investigation it was learned that he was drunk and had no type of identification on his person. Subject was placed in the Taylor County Jail and charged with drunk in public. He was brought before the City Judge the morning of April 23. Subject pleaded guilty to the charge and was fined a total of \$52.00 including Court Costs.

The Police Department received a complaint from a citizen that some one had attempted to rape his wife on Saturday night, April 20. Upon checking th Merkel area, subject was found passed out in the front seat of his car by the Standard Station in Merkel. Subject admitted driving the car to that location and it was found that he did not have any drivers license. Being found drunk in the front seat of the vehicle with the keys in the ignition can constitute a Driving While Intoxicated charge. Subject was charged with Drunk In Car and no Drivers License, and was placed in the Taylor County Jail over night and the complainant decided against filing the Rape Charge against him. Subject was brought before the Merkel City Judge and pleaded guilty to Drunk In Car and was fined \$102.50 for Drunk In Car, \$27.50 for No Drivers License, and \$12.00 Court Cost. Had he been filed for DWI, the minimum cost is \$50.00 Plus Court Cost, three days in Jail, and drivers license suspended for one year.

Vet Questions And Answers

Q - Is the Veterans Administration hiring its share of Vietnam veterans?
A - Yes. The agency is setting an example in the hiring of Vietnam veterans and minority citizens. Some 20,000 more than 10 per cent of VA's employees, are Vietnam veterans.
Q - How do I go about getting the \$150 annual clothing allowance the Veterans Administration pays certain disabled veterans?



**J. L. FISHER
FINA SERVICE**

WEST HIGHWAY 80
INTERSTATE 20 &
TWO LOCATIONS

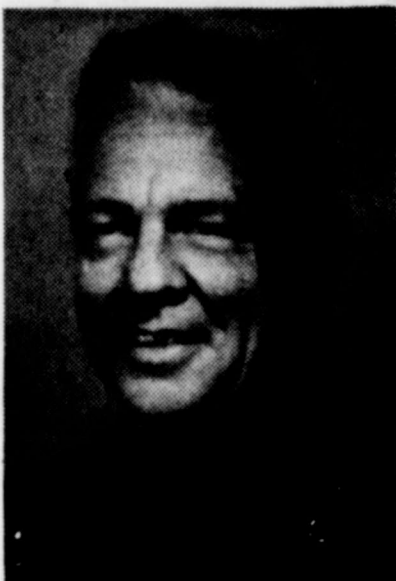
**MERKEL
AUTO PARTS**
921 N. 2nd
WE WELCOME
YOUR BUSINESS

Billy Yarbrough Will Make Taylor County Children A Good Superintendent

Here's Why Ten Years Ago

BILLY YARBROUGH

Worked To Make Taylor County Children A Good School Supervisor



Billy Yarbrough

Here's Why TODAY

BILLY YARBROUGH

IS WORKING TO MAKE TAYLOR COUNTY CHILDREN A GOOD SCHOOL SUPERVISOR

Here's Why Action Speaks

Billy Yarbrough will make you a good County School Superintendent because he is the only candidate with 15 years' experience with the Taylor County School System. Billy Yarbrough is qualified because:

- He attended Texas A&M two years.
- Received his bachelor of science degree from McMurry College.
- Earned his Masters of Education Degree from Hardin-Simmons University.
- Was issued his Supervisor's certificate from Abilene Christian College.
- Holds an administrative certificate and elementary and secondary principal's certificate.
- Is a veteran of three years' service during World War II and also three years during the Korean conflict.


Keep The Man Who Keeps On Working ADVANCE

BILLY YARBROUGH

TO TAYLOR COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

Pol. Adv. Pd. for by Billy Yarbrough, 2244 So. Willis, Abilene, Tex. 79605

DOLPH BRISCOE PROMISED TO RESTORE INTEGRITY TO TEXAS POLITICS. HE KEPT THE PROMISE.



RE-ELECT GOVERNOR BRISCOE

Political advertising Paid for by the Briscoe '74 Campaign Committee. David A. Dean, Campaign Manager, 1212 Guadalupe, Austin, Texas. Published by: The Merkel Mail, Merkel, Texas 79536

TRADE DAYS

SCHICK Warm & Creamy
REG. \$27.00 **\$18.95**

COLGATE Toothpaste
FAMILY SIZE REG. \$1.18 **79¢**

Listerine
32 oz. REG. \$2.49 **\$1.69**

REMINGTON MIST-AIR Hot Comb
STYLER-DRYER REG. \$17.95 **\$13.95**

MERKEL DRUG CO.
Your Health (R) Service Store

ALL TYPES OF INSURANCE

BONEY INSURANCE AGENCY

Phone 8-5151

Noodle Co-Op Gin

Now Handling a Wide Variety of Seeds

Check Our Seed Prices

MILO - Taylor Evans and Surgrow
Varieties Y 88 YE 90 YE 90E RS 610
HYBRID Kow Kandy - Stockmans Pride
- Matador, Sorghum Hybrid
SUDAN SEEDS - Sweet Sudan,
California Sweet Sudan HIEGARI - Texas Grown
Texas certified, Texas Heigari
HERBICIDES - Treflan, Caparol, Milogard 24D Esteron
COTTON SEED Lankart 57 LX 571

HOURS 8-12 Phone 736-6152
"We Try Hard To Please"
JACKIE JEFFREY, MGR

SELECT LAWYER

BRUCE EVANS

as your

COUNTY JUDGE

BRUCE EVANS IS A QUALIFIED :
LAWYER
DR. OF JURISPRUDENCE
CITY ATTORNEY
FAMILY MAN

Bruce Evans wants to work with Merkel to stimulate desirable growth. (Has the incumbent?)

Bruce Evans wants to work with local leaders. (Has the incumbent?)

Bruce Evans will make his own decisions. (Does the incumbent?)

FOR A CHANGE AT THE COURTHOUSE
Vote For
BRUCE EVANS
May 4
Paid Pol. Adv. Paid by by Bruce Evans.



STATE REP. ELMER MARTIN HAS DONE THE JOB FOR US

**WE NEED TO RE-ELECT THIS EFFECTIVE
LEGISLATOR TO KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK**

Elmer Martin Is The Only Small Town, Rural Candidate.

Elmer Martin is One of Us - a small town. He lives in Colorado City, earns his living from a small farm he owns and another he rents. Small towns and rural communities make up 75 per cent of our 5-county Legislative District 61 (Nolan, Fisher, Mitchell, Jones and Taylor). The other 25 per cent are from Abilene. Martin's 2 opponents live in Abilene, which already has a State Senator and one State Representative. Our small towns and agriculture communities need more voice in Austin, not less. We need more of Elmer Martin.

Elmer Martin's Integrity Brings New Respect To Our District

Elmer Martin is a breath of fresh air for the Texas Legislature. His lasting honesty and moral uprightness have brought new respect for the 61st Legislative District. When Elmer Martin's name is mentioned in our State Capitol, there is no doubt. He is respected. He is trusted. We need more of this old-fashioned goodness in government. That is why it is so important Saturday, May 4, in our Democratic Primary that we re-elect this State Representative who matches his honesty with hard work and dedicated effort.

His Record Proves Rep. Martin One Of State's Most Effective Legislators

In his first term as State Representative for your 61st District, Elmer Martin passed more legislation than two-thirds of the entire House. Of the 77 first-term State Representatives, only 10 passed more legislation than Martin. In all, Elmer Martin sponsored or carried 7 bills that were adopted into law. He sponsored an 8th bill adopted by the House and a 9th that was reported favorably out of committee but was caught by adjournment before vote.

No New Taxes

Elmer Martin was a key supporter in hammering out the State's first no-new-tax budget in 13 years. All expenditures paid for on pay-as-you-go basis with a budget surplus.

Brought Reform

Elmer Martin was an advocate, supporter of entire government reform that brought us Ethics & Financial Disclosure, Open meetings, Campaign Disclosure, Access to Public Information, Laws against Bribery, Corruption.

Vocational Education

An advocate of more technical-vocational education and training, Elmer Martin sponsored the Appropriations Bill amendment that brought \$200,000 building funds for vital West Texas program at Sweetwater's Texas State Technical Institute.

Won For Co Ops

When the Federal Energy Office in Washington recently unjustly cutback gasoline and oil supplies for Texas rural electric co-ops as much as 20 per cent, Elmer Martin alone intervened for the co-ops. Result: the Energy Office backtracked, admitted error and all Texas co-ops were returned to original supply.

Blocked Public Access

As member of Environmental Affairs Committee Elmer Martin helped block legislation that would have given the public right to cross privately owned cropland and pasture to reach scenic and environmental sites.

Lowest Spender

Elmer Martin was one of 15 Legislators spending less than \$1,500 last fiscal year for office, travel and other expenses. The other 135 Legislators spent more ranging up to and above \$15,000.

Agriculture Leader

Elmer Martin is a leading capitol voice for Agriculture as member of important House Agriculture Committee and the special Sub-Committee studying the contracting of Texas cotton and grain.

Tax According To Productivity

Elmer Martin co-sponsored the Texas Constitutional proposal for taxing agricultural land in relation to land productive capacity. This has been approved on 2nd reading in the Convention.

Pay As You Go

In his first term as State Representative Elmer Martin took with him to Austin his pay-as-you-go policy tested 12 years as County Judge of Mitchell County. His pay-as-you-go tenure brought road building and other improvements and left the County free of debt.

Fair Representation

Texas' metropolitan newspapers cited Elmer Martin when he was County Judge for being the pacesetter for all of Texas by leading Mitchell County in redistricting precincts.

Be Sure You Vote Saturday To Re-Elect State Rep. Elmer Martin ... He is Honestly Good For A Second Term

PD. POL AD . BY ELMER MARTIN CAMPAING, ELMER MARTIN MRG 725 ELM ST. COLORADO CITY, TEXAS

Prospecting, 1974 Style, Can Be Profitable

By LAVONNE BUNCH

Dirt digging, pick pushers, stream sluicers; call them what you will, but prospectors are alive and well in the United States.

"Actually, it is a profitable business if one has the time and patience," says Capt. Ralph G. (Bill) Smith, who has successfully panned for gold in Alaska and more recently unearthed Indian artifacts.

Capt. Smith, his wife, Shir-

ly, and Mabel Huss are visiting the A. McNarys, who are prospectors, after a fashion. The families met in Big Spring before the Captain's retirement from the Air Force.

Armed with a Spanish Dip Needle, spades and other paraphernalia, the prospectors headed out, aided by a geographical study of the area.

"Your Big Country is a crossroad of Legends," says Capt. Smith. "Fort Phantom and Butterfield Trail stories suggest many hidden treasures. The tale of the Spanish Padres hiding the 40 burros' skins filled with gold bullion is very interesting. True or not, the searching makes a delightful way to spend a vacation."

"Permission to prospect land is often difficult to obtain and rightly so because of unscrupulous folk who litter the area and tear fences down. I'm grateful to each person who allows my entrance. I try to leave the site intact. It's sad to fill up a 'digging' after working on it several



days. But it's never a fruitless chore, the arrowheads and adventure are worth the elbow grease and unbanked brain."

The Smiths and Ms. Huss live in Michigan when not on the treasure trail. Capt. Smith farms, raises cattle and produces synthetic sapphires and rubies. This pro-

cess is a reconstruction of raw beryl into gem boules - but that is another story! The trio will travel to the Guadalupe Mountains this week and from the excitement in their story of a silver cask and the twinkle in their eyes, one almost believes a rich cache of surely gold mine is just around the next hill.

BADGER TRACKS

By JANIE CLARK

Well, next year you will have someone else writing these few words of news from M.H.S. The Student Council has elected all new officers for the next year. They are: Tonya Crenshaw, president; David Copeland, vice president; Jody Barnes, secretary; Janie Clark, Business Manager and Darel Bunch, reporter. Congratulations.

This Friday, twirler tryouts will be held with the winners being announced Monday night at the Spring Band Concert. Good Luck to all the girls trying out.

Also this Friday, the Choir's production of "Celebrate Life," a musical

drama, will be presented at the high school auditorium at 8 p.m. I hope all of you will come and see because it's something Merkel never has had before and will touch everyone who sees it.

The dates for the All-Award Banquet and the Jr.-Sr. Banquet are set. The All-Awards will be held on May 11 at Bartons Cafeteria and the Jr.-Sr. Banquet will be May 4 at the Hilton Inn.

Don't forget this week's happenings - Friday night, "Celebrate Life," and Monday night, the Spring Band Concert. Be sure and come! See ya next week.

Jr. High Girls Win District Meet

The Merkel Jr. High Girls Track Team once again beat Jim Ned to win 1st place at the 8A District Jr. High Meet held at Albany, April 23. The point difference this time was even closer - 1/2 point!

"This has been a good track season for the girls. We've accomplished a lot by working hard and not giving up. This win tops off a good year for our Jr. High Athletics, Boys and Girls. I want to thank all the parents for their cooperation and support of our sports' program. Once again, girls you've done a good job - keep going," said Coach Russell.

Results follow:
440 Relay - 2. (Kathryn Irvin, Beth Phipps, Gayle Reed, Pam Morgan) 55.6.
440 Dash - 2. Cathy Holloway, 68.6; 5. Kelly Magee, 73.1.
220 Dash - 2. Gayle Reed, 29.3; 6. Cathy Holloway, 31.1.
60 Dash - 1. Beth Phipps, 8.1; 2. Jeanette Robinson, 8.4.
100 Yd. Low Hurdles - 3. Ronnye Trull, 16.3; 6. Pam Morgan, 16.6.
880 Relay - 2. (Kathryn Irvin, Christy Fudge, Gayle Reed, Beth Phipps) 2:00.4.
100 Yd. Dash - 4. Kathryn Irvin, 13.7; 5. Pam Morgan, 13.75; 6. Jeanette Robinson, 13.8.
880 Run - 1. Mary Roeder, 2:53.5; 3. Sherry West, 2:59.9; 4. Sharon Dossier, 3:05.5.
Mile Relay - 2. (Cathy

Holloway, Kandi Ascencio, Kelly Magee, Ronnye Trull) 4:59.5.

Discus - 2. Freda Crenshaw, 72' 1/4"; 4. Kandi Ascencio, 65' 4 1/2"; 5. Pam Crenshaw, 63' 10".

Shot Put - 1. Freda Crenshaw, 29' 2"; 5. Jeanette Robinson, 26' 0"; 6. Kandi Ascencio 25' 1".

High Jump - 1. Ronnye Trull, 4' 8".

Broad Jump - 1. (Tied) Beth Phipps, 14' 3"; 4. Diana Bien, 13' 2".

Triple Jump - 4. Pam Morgan, 28' 5".

Riding Club To Meet Saturday

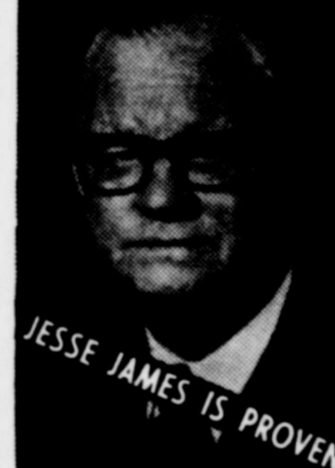
The official opening of the Merkel Riding Club will be Saturday, May 4 at 8 p.m. at the Riding Arena.

The events to be run are: Western Pleasure, Pole Bending, Boot Race, Flips, Pickup Race, Barrels, and Pony Express.

All members and anyone interested in joining are invited to come.

LET'S RE-ELECT JESSE JAMES STATE TREASURER

His proven record merits your vote and support



JESSE JAMES IS PROVEN

JESSE JAMES STATE TREASURER

State Treasurer Jesse James made for the people of Texas over \$35,963,000.00 last year in interest earned on State Funds deposited in over 1,180 Texas Banks, more than any Multi-Billion Dollar Bank in Texas made net during the same period. Jesse James saved the taxpayer over \$100,000,000.00 financing the General Revenue deficit.

Jesse James has proven he knows how to handle your State Finances efficiently.

LET'S VOTE FOR AND RE-ELECT JESSE JAMES STATE TREASURER

Pol. Adv. Paid for by Jesse James, Box 12404, Capitol Sta. Austin, Texas 78711

Second Chance At Turkey This Spring

AUSTIN - Miss getting a turkey last fall?

You've got a second chance at the end of April when spring turkey season rolls around in 39 counties.

April 27 - May 5 is set for most counties: Archer, Baylor, Bell, Blanco, Brown, Burnet, Callahan, Clay, Coleman, Comanche, Cooke, Coryell, Crockett, Dallas, Denton, Eastland, Ellis, Hamilton, Jack, Johnson, McCulloch, Menard, Mills, Montague, Palo Pinto, Parker, Schleicher, Shackelford, Stephens, Sutton, Tarrant, Throckmorton, Val Verde, Wichita, Wilbarger, Wise and Young.

A special April 21-29 season also is scheduled for Bandera and Kerr Counties.

Hunters may take one turkey gobbler during the spring turkey season.

Department officials say that there should be ample adult gobblers this year in both the Edwards Plateau and Possum Kingdom Regulatory Districts. Overall numbers in the southwest Edwards Plateau are down because of low production last spring but this will affect only the amount of yearling turkeys in that area.

This is only the fourth year of the spring gobbler season and indications are that the hunt is gaining in popularity with both hunters, as outdoor recreation at a time of little traditional hunting, and with landowners as a source of income.

Wildlife biologists say that the Rio Grande turkey is an underutilized resource in Texas and probably more birds die of natural causes each year than are killed by hunters.

One turkey gobbler is capable of mating with many hens so reproduction of the flock is not hindered by spring hunting.

But don't get the idea that spring turkey hunting is a piece of cake.

The key to a successful spring hunt is the ability to imitate the call of a love-sick turkey hen. As with other types of game calling, unskilled turkey calling is worse than none at all.

A deer rifle can double as a turkey gun. The .22 rimfire, while illegal for use on deer, is permitted for turkeys and is adequate in the hands of a marksman. Many hunters prefer a shotgun loaded with number six shot for a head shot, but if hit in the body, the birds

are difficult to bring down and buckshot might be more effective for long shots.

A turkey's eyesight is extremely keen and concealment is necessary and movement must be kept to a minimum. Blinds or camouflage clothing are essential to success.

Turkey, like quail, cannot be stockpiled. The status of the population at any time is directly proportional to the quality of the habitat.

When times are good, populations flourish.

These populations decline when drought and food shortage prevail.

Legal hunting has little to do with the annual ups and downs in turkey numbers.

Land use plays a much bigger role in the dynamics of the turkey population.

Little League Season Open

Merkel Little League season kicks off their season of play this Thursday with a parade at 5 p.m. All major teams and T-shirts will be participating in the parade which will start south of Carsons Food Store.

First game of the season will be at 6 p.m. with the Kilowatts against the Vets. Second game starts at 8 p.m. and will pit the Bankers against the Brave.

Friday night, May 3rd, the Vets will play the Willies at 6 p.m. and the Braves will be up against the Supers at 8. Tuesday, May 7 the Vets will play the Bankers in the first game and the Kilowatts against the Braves in the second game.

The T-Shirts will kick off their season May 11th at 6:15 when the Mustangs meet the Yankees.

Jr. Badgers Win Fifth

The Jr. Badgers traveled to Albany for the District 8-A Jr. High track meet on April 23. They scored 43 1/4 points to 5th.

"All the boys and girls would like to say thank you for the support we have received this year, from all of the people of Merkel and Tye. Knowing that these people were behind us 100% is very encouraging and gratifying to us," said Coach George Martin. "Again we say thanks so very much."

The results are as follows:
440 Yd. Relay - 5. Merkel, 52.8.

880 Run - 3. Whisenhunt, Merkel, 2:21.1.

60 Yd. Int. Hurdles - 2. Pursley, Merkel, 9.4.

100 Yd. Dash - 6. Howes, Merkel, 12.45.

880 Yd. Relay - 4. Merkel, 1:50.2.

Shot Put - 6. Howes, Merkel, 37' 2".

Pole Vault - 2. Pursley, Merkel, 9' 6".

High Jump - 5. Frazier, Merkel, (tie-ribbon) - 4' 10".

Boosters To Meet

Band Booster meeting Thursday night, 7:30 in the band hall. This is a very important meeting and all band parents are urged to attend.



Re-elect ROY SKAGGS County Judge

Roy Skaggs has worked full-time to do what the people of Taylor County have asked him to do. When voters asked for a new courthouse and coliseum, Judge Roy Skaggs worked to help Taylor County commissioners do the will of the voters. From probate court to county administration, Judge Roy Skaggs is a full-time judge.

ROY SKAGGS HELPED:

- ★ Reduce tax rate from 80 to 70
- ★ Exempted in accordance with state law 65 years and over from property taxes
- ★ Set up surplus commodity food program to meet food needs of disadvantaged people of Taylor County.
- ★ Appointed "Committee of 100" Taylor County people to study needs of the county and to assess its capabilities for meeting its needs.

No Need to Guess

What Roy Skaggs Is For!

Roy Skaggs says he's for responsible County Government... Roy Skaggs means he's for responsible County Government... Roy Skaggs is for responsible County Government.

RE-ELECT ROY SKAGGS County Judge

Pol. ad. pd. for by Roy Skaggs 1407 Grope Abilene, Texas

WHY IS MIKE YOUNG THE MAN TO REPRESENT ALL OF DISTRICT 61?



Mike Young

Mike Young's roots are in District 61. His family has strong ties in this district. He knows the tax problems. The education problems. The agriculture problems. The business problems. The gas and oil problems. You can be sure Mike Young will represent all of District 61 in all of its needs. Can you be this sure about the other candidates? Remember - you get only one voice in Austin. Make it a strong one - a voice for District 61, Mike Young.

ELECT MIKE YOUNG FOR YOUR STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 61

Paid political adv. by Mike Young committee; Joe Galloway, Chairman; Box 505, Abilene, Texas 79604.

CARPET SALE!

ALL HARBOUR TOWN PATTERNS:

CARPET \$4.74 sq. yd
PAD75 sq. yd.
INSTALLATION \$1.50 sq. yd.

NO INTEREST OR CARRYING CHARGE ON APPROVED ACCOUNTS FOR ANY CARPET PURCHASED DURING MAY, JUNE & JULY.

STARBUCK FURNITURE

TO THE VOTERS OF JONES COUNTY

It has been my privilege to serve the people of Jones County for several years as your County Clerk; I have thoroughly enjoyed serving in this capacity. I would like to continue to serve you for another term. I feel the experience I and my associates have gained working in this office will enable us to continue the efficient and courteous service we have always sought to give.

Please accept this as a personal solicitation of your vote. Your support has been and will be appreciated deeply.

Very Sincerely Submitted,

ROY THORN

County Clerk of Jones County

Pol. Adv. by Roy Thorn, Anson, Texas

Now Open Under New Management

BRYAN'S SHELL SERVICE

211 KENT MERKEL

Offering You Shell Products Plus Fast Friendly Service.

COME SEE US!

BAKE 'N' BROYL ... a new concept in cooking!



Indoor or Outdoor

All-electric Bake 'N' Broyl cooks meat faster using infrared rays and super-heated, swirling, moisture-laden air. Meats cooked in the Bake 'N' Broyl are more succulent, juicier, tender and tasteful than conventional cooking methods. Use it right at the table because there's no smoke, fumes, gas, flames, flare-up or charcoal. Portable, weighs only 12 1/2 lbs. Costs 25-35 per hour to operate on 110-volt outlet. In Chinese Red, Avocado or Harvest Gold acrylic finish.

\$59.95

Gingham Plaids

Polyester - Cotton Blend

\$1.17 yd.

White Polyester

Double Knit

Fancy Weaves

\$2.88 yd.

BEN FRANKLIN

129 EDWARDS

PH. 928-4933

SPEND LESS



Get **MORE**
of the **FOOD!**
You like **BEST**

PRICES GOOD
THURSDAY
FRI. and SAT.
MAY 4-5-6th

SHOP
AND
SAVE

CREAMY
CRISCO
3
LB CAN **1²⁹**

WITH \$7.50 IN TRADE OR
MORE EXCLUSIVE OF CIGARETTES

**FROZEN
FOODS**

DEL MONTE 12 oz.
PICKLES DILL CHIPS JAR **25¢**

CARNATION
COFFEE MATE 11 oz. JAR **73¢**

WISHBONE FRENCH
DRESSING 8 oz. JAR **39¢**

DEL MONTE 303
FRUITCOCKTAIL 2 FOR **65¢**

DEL MONTE
PRUNE Juice QT. **53¢**

DEL MONTE 303 C.S.
Golden CORN 2 FOR **49¢**

DEL MONTE 303
SPINACH 2 FOR **45¢**

HUNTS 300
TOMATO Sauce 2 FOR **45¢**

TEXSUN
SALT 26 oz. BOX **10¢**

GANDYS 1/2 GAL
Butter MILK 1/2 GAL Crtn. **69¢**

GANDYS
Cottage CHEESE 12 oz. **49¢**

DEL MONTE
TUNA
FLAT CAN **49¢**

KEEBLER
PECAN SANDIES CHOC DROPS
COOKIES
YOUR CHOICE PKG. **69¢**

HAIR SPRAY
DEP
13 oz. CAN **19¢**
(2 LIMIT)

ASSORTED - FLAVORS
KOOL AID
REGULAR
3 FOR **19¢**

FRENCH
Bar B Q
SAUCE
16 oz. JAR **33¢**

TOAST-EM
POST ASSORTED BOX **39¢**

WEIGHT WATCHERS
LEMON AID 6 oz. CAN **10¢**

MORTON ASSORTED
T.V. DINNER EA. **49¢**
JENO'S
PIZZA Snacks PKG. **83¢**

CAKE MIX PILLSBURY Asst. 3 FOR **98¢**

FLOUR GLADIOLA (2 LIMIT) 5 LB. BAG **93¢**

COKE COLA MEADOWLAKE SOFT PINT 6 PACK **53¢** Plus Dept.

OLEO MEADOWLAKE SOFT LB **45¢**

CARSON COUPON
SAVE 20¢ WHEN YOU BUY A
1 LB. CAN of
FOLGER'S COFFEE
SPECIAL PRICE WITH THIS COUPON
89¢
WITHOUT COUPON \$1.09
COUPON CASH VALUE 1/20 OF 1¢
GOOD THRU MAY 23

GANDYS
Homo 2 MILK
1/2 GAL Crtn. **69¢**

GANDYS
Ice CREAM
1/2 GAL Crtn. **89¢**

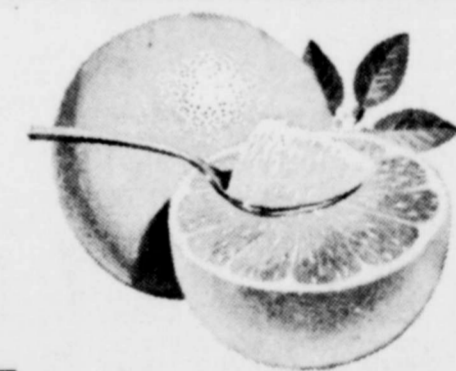
SCOTT
TOWELS
JUMBO ROLL (2 LIMIT) **43¢**

DEL MONTE
CATSUP
20 oz. Bottle **39¢**

TENDER, TASTY, MEATY
FRYERS
FOR THRIFTY BUYERS



GARRETT
MED. DOZ.
EGGS **49¢**



FRESH PRODUCE
RUBY RED

HORMELS
Wranglers SMOKED
Pound PKG. **109**

GRADE 'A'
WHOLE ONLY
Pound **39¢**
CUT-UP LB. 45¢

LUX
KING SIZE
63¢

BRER RABBIT
SYRUP
BROWN 1/2 GAL JUG **69¢**

Grapefruit LB **12¢**

CALIFORNIA
AVOCADOS 3 FOR **1⁰⁰**

DOLE
BANANAS LB. **12¢**

HORMEL B.L.
Pound **89¢**

HORMEL LITTLE SIZZLER
PKG. **69¢**

HORMEL ALL MEAT
LB. **89¢**

BOLD
KING BOX (1 LIMIT) **1²³**

GAIN
GIANT BOX (1 LIMIT) **73¢**

FRESH K.Y.
GreenBEANS LB. **33¢**

RED DELICIOUS
APPLES LB. **25¢**

FRESH
CORN 2 EARS **23¢**

CHOICE BEEF
SIRLOIN LB. **1⁶⁹**

ASSORTED
KINDS PKG. **39¢**

CHOICE BEEF
LEAN LB. **49¢**

Authorized
STORE
FOR
FOOD
STAMPS
CARSONS

WE GIVE
GIFT BOND
STAMPS
Double on
Wednesday
with \$5.00
or more

CARSON'S
SUPER MARKET
MERKEL, TEXAS
FREE DELIVERY
MON. WED. FRI.
FRESH VEGETABLES
BEST MEATS IN TOWN