



'Round
the
corner

Johnnie Gresham

If you stop to think about it, every community, large or small, gains its sense identity and purpose through the page of its local newspaper. If you want to find out anything or let other people know about some event, service or project, it's a pretty fair bet that the pages of your local newspaper can lend a hand; even ex-subscribers seem to think so.

A letter published in the Hayti, Missouri, Herald makes this point and illustrates, as the editor put it, "...one of the better days in the life of a newspaper publisher." The letter says, "Dear Editor: Please send me a free copy of your newspaper containing the obituary of my aunt. Also publish the enclosed clipping of the marriage of my niece. And I wish you would mention in your columns, if it doesn't cost anything, that I have two calves for sale and our church is having a chili supper Friday night and the tickets are only \$1.75. As my subscription has expired, please stop the paper as I can't waste money on newspapers. - Ex-subscriber."

About the only comment that can be made here is that some days just start out badly, and once in awhile they don't get any better!!

On a more serious vein, we want each and every one of you to feel that The Merkel Mail is YOUR newspaper. A good newspaper reports the NEWS, so if you know of some news that would be of interest to your neighbors, let us know! We are here to serve you in any way we can.

Last, but not least, I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for being so friendly in welcoming us to your town. We are in the process of getting moved and settled in, and as soon as we can possibly get that matter taken care of, we will be here in Merkel on a full-time basis to meet with you and join in the community affairs. See 'ya next week - 'Round The Corner.

J.G.



HIGH SCHOOL TWIRLERS announced at the Spring Band Concert Monday night are: left to right, Audrey Byrd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Teddy Byrd; Christy Boone, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Boone; Janie Clark, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Clark Jr.; Melinda Bowens, daughter of Shirlene Bowens; Kathryn Murrell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max Murrell; and Kathy Hendricks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Hendricks.



JUNIOR HIGH TWIRLERS announced at the Monday night Spring Band Concert include (left to right) Dion Wilkerson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wyman Wilkerson; Lisa Owen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Owen; Lesa Hart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Hart; Lori DuBose, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby DuBose; Cindy Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Smith; and Shannon Bagby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Bagby.

Nursing Home Week Observance May 12 - 18

The Texas Nursing Home Association will celebrate Nursing Home Week, May 12-18, 1974, in member nursing homes all over Texas in order to honor our senior citizens who reside in Long Term Care facilities.

In expanding on the purpose of Nursing Home Week, Rogers Wilson of Austin, President of the TNHA said, "We want to focus attention

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LARRY TOLIVER, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Toliver of Merkel was honored Monday night at the Spring Band Concert presented in the High School Auditorium when he was announced as the winner of the John Sousa Award. This is the first time this award has been given in Merkel. Larry is pictured with Glenn Reed, Band Director.

Trent Honor Students Announced

The honor students for Trent Jr. High and High School have been recently announced by Principal Sam Frasier.

Pam Evans, 14-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Evans, is Valedictorian of Jr. High with a 92.00 average. Pam served as Cheerleader this year and Secretary-Treasurer of the 8th grade class.

Robbie Freeman, Jr. High Salutatorian, 14-year-old daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Ronnie Freeman, had a 88.00 average, over a two-year period. In addition to serving as Class President (8th grade), he was Head Jr. High Cheerleader; and will be Freshman Cheerleader in THS, next year.

Honor Boy in Jr. High is

Timmy Moses, 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Moses, with an average of 80.50.

Graduation Exercises for Trent Jr. High will be May 23, at 7:30.

Valedictorian of Trent High School, with an average over a 4 year period of 89.68, is 17-year-old Gayla Heatly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Heatly. She served as President of the Senior Class and of the Pep Club; Vice-President of Student Council; Secretary of FHA; and worked on the annual staff, and played basketball.

High School Salutatorian is Tina Hamner, 18 year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Wayne Hamner. Tina's average was 89.42. She has been high school cheerleader

4 years, serving as head cheerleader her senior year. She is currently an officer in the National Honor Society; Treasurer of the Senior Class; Secretary of FFA; and FFA Sweetheart. She is a member of FHA and played on the basketball team.

The top-ranking boy in the 1974 Class is Lonnie Riggan, 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Muri Riggan, with an average of 82.45. Lonnie was Football captain and Football Hero his Senior year; and was on the basketball team.

Speaker for Baccalaureate Service May 19 will be Price Mathison, interim pastor of First Baptist Church in Trent; and for the Commencement Exercises on May 24, at 7:30, Brian Bradbury of Abilene, will be speaker.

Organizational Meet Held For Local PTA

A group of concerned parents met in the Merkel High School auditorium Thursday evening, May 2, to organize a local chapter of PTA.

Mrs. Frankie Parker, District 18 President of PTA, conducted the meeting, giving some of the highlights of the functions of the PTA. She stated that a few of the programs initiated by the PTA in years past have been the Hot Lunch, program, the establishment of Detention Centers and Juvenile Judges and Courts for the purpose of helping young people in trouble.

She also stated that the main project for the 1974-75 school year of the PTA will be conforming of the Tax Laws.

John Cain, Elementary School Principal, appointed a committee to adopt the by-laws and organize a nomi-

nating committee. Those appointed to the committee include: Mrs. Wayne Irvin, Mrs. Jimmy Leverich, Mrs. Don Hart, Mrs. Glen Bicinell, Mrs. Bonnie Fariello, and Mrs. Gene Amerine.

It was pointed out that Merkel has had no PTA organization for the past three years. One member of the by-laws committee stated, "We feel our school needs a PTA, as it opens a new line of communication for parents teachers and school board members."

Anyone who is interested in joining the local PTA is welcome and more information may be obtained by contacting one of the members listed above.

A summer meeting is being planned at present at which time the by-laws will be adopted, and plans completed for the coming year.

Two Receive BS Degrees

Kenneth Wayne Purser, son of Mr. and Mrs. K.L. Purser and Larry Don Riney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Riney, both from Merkel, will be among Hardin-Simmons University spring graduates who will receive degrees May 12 in commencement exercises.

Purser and Riney will receive BS degrees. The commencement will be in Behrens-Chapel Auditorium, beginning at 3 p.m.

Commencement speaker will be Dr. James H. Landes, executive secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Texas and a former president of H-SU. Dr. Landes and Zenon Hansen, a Pennsylvania industrialist, will receive honorary degrees.

USE THE WANT ADS

Saturday Turn-Out Lighter Than Expected

A light voter turn out had been predicted for Saturday's elections, but the turn out was even lighter than had been forecast, with less than one-third of the potential voters being cast.

Tye, with a potential of 317 cast 105, Trent, with a possible 210 cast only 64. Similarly, Merkel, with a possible 1176 saw only 387 votes at the polls.

Following the close of the polls, at the precinct convention, a resolution calling for the establishment of a national food and fiber reserve that could only be marketed at least 110 per cent of the parity price headed transactions. The resolution was offered by Billy Bob Toombs, a Merkel for Merckel farmer who was elected

as a delegate to the county convention. Toombs explained that the resolution would be a step toward protecting the farmers' market price. "We need to change the concept of our excess product production from a surplus to that of a reserve," he said. "That way surpluses won't be dumped on the market and drive down prices."

Toombs offered a companion resolution which was also accepted by the convention that called for the "introduction and support of legislation to insure, improve and preserve the family farm."

Eighteen attended the precinct convention with Joe Lassiter elected convention chairman, Laverne Moore elected secretary and Toombs was named chairman of the

nominating committee for the 19 delegates and alternates to the county convention.

Those elected as delegates were Loyd Gilmore, Dorothy Gilmore, June Hogan, Ed Sandusky, Buster Horton, Madeleine Horton, C. M. Seymore, Ida Seymore, Irl Moore, L. L. Millett, Winona Millett, Lassiter, Toombs, Joe McDuff, Joe Cypert and Ford Smith, Jr.

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NEWS NOTES

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'Old Reliable' Undergoing Changes With Sale Of Bank

Farmers and Merchants National Bank in Merkel is undergoing a change.

For the first time since its founding in November, 1904, the Warren family no longer owns the "Old Reliable."

Sale of the bank's stock was announced last Wednesday morning to a group of business men headed by Charles F. Bacon of Abilene, who will be serving as chairman of the board of directors. Don W. Hensley will be new bank president.

J. T. Warren, organized the bank with the help of a fine group of associates who served as the Board of Directors. They included, in addition to Mr. Warren, G. F. West, early day merchant and cotton buyer in Merkel; Ed S. Hughes, international trade figure and early day importer; Henry James, banker at Farmers and Merchants National Bank in Abilene (which is now known as First National); and T. A. Johnson, who served as cashier, also.

Booth Warren, son of the late J. T. Warren, and immediate past president of the bank, was born in Merkel on December 9, 1897 at the corner of South Third and Oak. That was the site of the old Warren homeplace, where Junc Hogan's new home now stands. He was a graduate of the Class of 1914 at Merkel High, which was not an accredited school at the time. That fall he enrolled in Cooper Training School in Abilene under the supervision of Oscar H. Cooper.

The following year there were not enough students to continue the classes at Cooper Training, so Mr. Cooper returned to the faculty at Simmons College (later to become Hardin-Simmons University), and took the remaining students from his classes with him.

In the summer of 1917, when the United States was engaged in World War I, Booth registered for the draft. He took his physical and was classified 1-A. After a time, when his number had not come up, Booth volunteered for 'immediate' overseas duty in a Motor Corps as a motorcycle dispatch rider, he would be able to transfer to the air corps for pilot training. His application was accepted and he was put on 24 hour alert.

"However," Booth says, "I was never inducted. My actual military experience was in summer camps with the Texas National Guard at Camp Stanley in San Antonio, Texas, 131st Field Artillery, TNG, Captain R. L. Grimes, commanding officer."

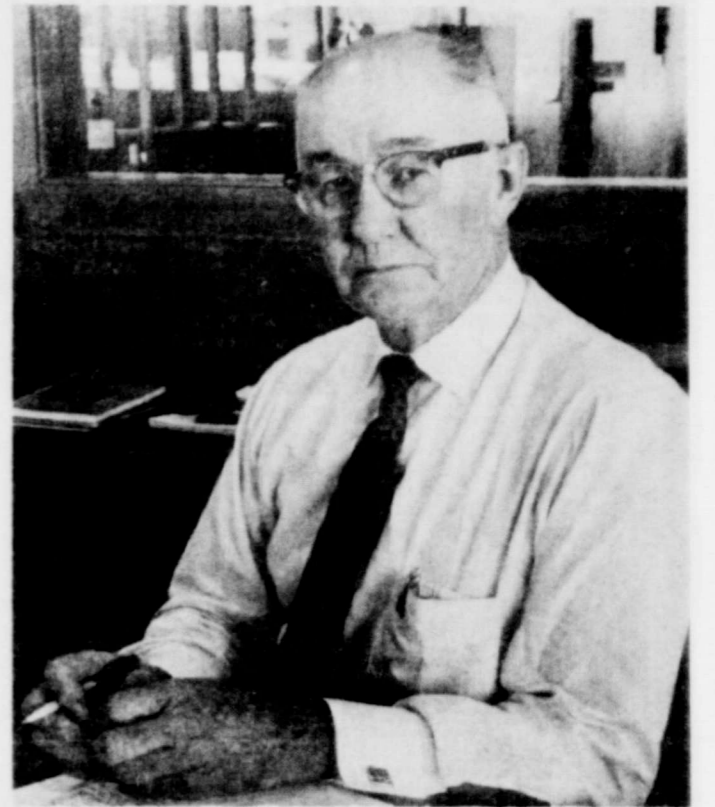
It was also in the year 1917 that Booth started working for his father at the Farmers and Merchants Bank.

On October 16, 1921, Booth married Zoe West, the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. G. West, who was associated with the bank. They have two sons, Dr. Donald W. Warren, M.D., of Merkel and Jerry T. Warren, Vice President at Citizens National Bank in Abilene. They have three grandsons, two granddaughters, and one great-grandson.

In giving some history on the bank, Booth commented, "My father, J.T. Warren was the bank's first president and served in that capacity until his death September 6, 1940. I succeeded him in that capacity and have continued until the date of my resignation last week. For seventy years the bank has known only the two presidents and together we went through wars, panics, droughts, political and economic upheavals, but we kept the ship afloat and seaworthy. May it ever be."

The old bank was located adjacent to the present building and to the north which is now utilized as a drive-in window and on July 25 and 26 (a weekend) it was moved to the present location and opened for business Monday morning, July 27, 1959.

"We have witnessed a tremendous growth in the bank's resources and I am indebted



Booth Warren
...retiring president



Don W. Hensley
...new president

to a wonderful Board of Directors throughout the years, a fine group of Shareholders, and many loyal depositors. Special consideration is due to the employees of the Bank, both past and present. They have been loyal, dedicated, and efficient. I have enjoyed every hour of every day throughout the years.

"The decision to sell was difficult one for me. But, I am persuaded this decision was in the best interest of all parties concerned. Don W. Hensley the new president, who will be taking my place, is knowledgeable in the banking profession. He is personable and has strong financial backing. In my opinion, he will operate a bank that this community and the area around about may well be proud of," stated Booth.

Booth and Zoe Warren have been members of the First Baptist Church in Merkel for many years where he has served as Secretary of the Businessmen's Bible Class for a long while. Commenting on his association and affiliation with the church Booth stated, "It has been a pleasure to serve my church on the finance committee and as a member of the building committee, whose task it was to bring into being the new ground level sanctuary which was occupied for the first time last Sunday, May 5th."

Other organizations to which Booth belongs include the Merkel Masonic Lodge #710 A.F. & A.M.; all the intermediate Masonic Bodies, a Shriner and 32 Degree Scottish Rite Mason. He is also a charter member of the Lions Club.

What is Booth Warren planning to do after his retirement? "I'll just have to wait and see. I haven't actually had time to think about it too

much, but I'll cross the bridge when I get to it. There are a lot of other interests which I can devote my time to, now."

Don W. Hensley, new bank president, was born in Harlingen, Texas May 16, 1933. He is a graduate of Stua High School in Harlingen, 1950 he graduated from Texas Southmost College, Brownsville. That same year during the Korean conflict he volunteered for the United States Air Force, prior to being drafted, and served 4 1/2 years with the Air Force, nineteen months of which he was in the European Theatre of Operation in Frankfurt, Germany. Hensley served as an aerial photographer, assigned to the 317th Troop Carrier Wing which was part of the North Atlantic Treaty Forces under Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Upon his return from Germany, he spent the remainder of his time in Topeka, Kansas and completed his schooling and graduated from Washburn University in 1954.

Hensley's banking career began in September, 1956 when he was employed as Assistant Cashier for the First National Bank in Brownwood. From Brownwood, Hensley went to the Texas Bank & Trust in Sweetwater in February, 1968. In February, 1971, he was part of a group who purchased controlling interest in the Texas Bank & Trust Company from Mr. R. E. Robert of Cleburne, and served as Executive Vice President.

Hensley is married to the former Peggy Charlene Huntley. They are the parents of three sons, Michael Don, James Scott, 15; and Tod Randell, 6. The Hensleys

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Miss Blair Honored At Saturday Shower

Wanda Blair, bride-elect of Troy Walters was honored with a bridal shower Saturday, May 4th in the home of Mrs. John Wheeler.

Mrs. Bill Taft, Mrs. Eva Denton, Mrs. Eva Davis, Mrs. Hazel Light, Mrs. Rex Martin and Mrs. Dale Wheeler.


Hostesses for the shower were Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. Pat Cypert, Mrs. John Curtis,

The couple will be married June 1 at the Merkel Assembly of God Church.

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Adult Education Class Has Three Graduates

Trent's Adult Education Class, which was organized and began classes on February 25, 1974, has three members who received their GED certificates on April 30th.

The three students receiving the certificates are Mrs. Harriett Austerman, of 502 Thornton, Mrs. Nita Harris of 501 Kent, and Mrs. Dianne Seymore of 107 Lamar, all of Merkel.

All three ladies are working mothers. Mrs. Austerman is employed at Carson's Super Market, Mrs. Harris is employed at the Asteroid Motel and Mrs. Seymore is employed by Gilene's.

The Adult Education Class meets two nights each week, Monday and Tuesday from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. There are nineteen students enrolled at present, and new enrollees are welcome to join the class at anytime.

Anyone interested in joining the class may do so by contacting Dean King, Superintendent, at 815-862-2411.

Berlin's "In" for Outdoor Bargains



Sidewalk peddlers of feminine finery teem in other cities too, but West Berlin's maestros of handcrafted jewelry are somewhat different: they are strictly regulated so that absolutely none operates without a license. The license stipulates that the quality and workmanship of the wares they offer must merit an "art object" rating, and no item may be sold that is not the personal creation of the vendor concerned. Also, they do pay taxes, and this, coupled with the "personally created" rule, minimizes unfair competition with or gripping by the regular merchants.

Of course it's impossible to shop only at Berlin's street stands, since no-one can resist the elegant boutiques that line both sides of its famed Ku'damm boulevard, 175 ft. wide, that combines the best of Fifth Avenue, Bond Street, and the Rue de la Paix.

But if beautifully worked silver or copper jewelry is your bag, just watch Berlin's multi-national experts of the art as they transform silver wire into attractive earrings or beat a hunk of copper into glamorous chokers before your eyes. And because prices are reasonable, what you save on the street vendors may help to pay for an evening out at one of the Berlin spots that range from modest to deluxe but in any event definitely will be something to remember.

Founder's Day Celebration Held

The Founder's Day celebration of Lambda Beta was held on April 30, at the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church. The celebration marks the 43rd anniversary of the founding.

The organization was founded in Abilene, Kansas by Mr. Walter W. Ross. The Anniversary was observed by the Chapter here in Merkel and by all other chapters around the world.

Mrs. Larry White served as Chairman of the Founder's Day activities. The toastmaster for the evening was Mrs. Billy Bob Neff. Other members taking part in the program were: Mrs. Harold Holbert, opening ritual and Mrs. Rosie Castille, closing ritual.

President Neff selected for the honor of presenting a special message from the sorority's President. She received the message from the World Headquarters in Kansas City, Missouri. Awards were presented to local members and outstanding members recognized. The theme for the new year, "Stairway to Happiness" was officially launched.

Those attending the dinner celebration were Mr. and Mrs. Billy Bob Neff, Mr. and Mrs. Larry White, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Holbert, Mr. and Mrs. Rosie Castille, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Lucas, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Obie Coker, Mr. and Mrs. Craig Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Seymore, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harris. Also attending were Mmes. Gary Douglas, Larry Teaff and Darla Mawson.

Miss McDuff Honored With Kitchen Shower

Miss Patricia McDuff, bride-elect of Jimmy Hester, was honored with a kitchen shower at Hardin-Simmons University recently.

Co-hostesses for the shower were Cindy Rentschler of Iowa Park, Celia Turner of Quanah, and Barbara Hardman of Lamesa. Guests were classmates of Miss McDuff, a sophomore at Hardin-Simmons. Fifteen attended.

Refreshments of sandtarts and punch were served.

The bride-elects chosen colors of yellow and white were used in the decorations. Special guests at the shower were the bride-elect's mother, Mrs. Joe McDuff, the prospective groom's mother, Mrs. Buster Hester, and the prospective groom's sister, Mrs. Mike Dudley. Miss McDuff and Mr. Hester will be married June 1 at the First Baptist Church of Merkel.

Abilene Garden Club To Hold Annual Tour

Abilene Garden Club is holding their annual Home and Garden Tour on Saturday, May 11.

Featured this year are seven outstanding homes and gardens, three of which include outdoor lighting. Hours are 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. and 6:30 to 8:30 or 9:30 p.m. Tickets are \$2.00 and will be available at Abilene Garden Center as well as at each home of the tour.

Homes on the tour are Dr. and Mrs. Jack D. Ramsey, 2112 Oldham Lane (Lytie Shores); Mr. and Mrs. James Caldwell, 1452 Tanglewood; Mr. and Mrs. John C. Mayfield, Jr., 1425 Tanlewood; Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Partin, Jr., 1333 South Leggett; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hunter, Jr., 1018 South Leggett; Mrs. Stanley Carmichael, 777 Elmwood; and Mr. and Mrs. Mel Richards, 709 Elmwood. Refreshments will be served at the Mayfield home.

Tropic Bedroom Blooms Perennially



Sun worshippers and tropic island buffs will love this brilliantly colorful bedroom inspired by a room in an historic West Indian plantation house. Designer Arthur Leaman, AID, works magic with a ready-made ensemble of quilted bedspread and two pairs of matching draperies. "Alexis" by Cameo is made of Celanese acetate. The large scale floral pattern features tropical blooms in sun-drenched pinks, yellows and apricot-orange.

Unquilted fabric, in the same pattern and available by-the-yard, is taped or stapled to walls. The ceiling and behind the bed are painted in strong colors picked from the fabric. One pair of draperies, mounted on rods attached to the wall, make the bed hangings. The beguiling half canopy is nothing more than the tasseled valance hung on a curved curtain rod. Daytime slipcovers on bed pillows add a smart new look.

Shutters, long associated with island houses, mask a dull view without cutting off light or air.

NURSING HOME WEEK continued from page 1 on the nursing home in order (1) to increase community awareness of the need for nursing home-community involvement for the sake of our residents, and (2) to create a better community understanding of the role of nursing homes - their achievements, goals and future roles in the total health care system."

Mary Outlaw, owner of the Starr Nursing Home of Merkel, said when asked about her plans for special activities during Nursing Home Week, she would welcome all area and local residents to come by for a visit. She also said that she felt "extremely grateful to everyone in Merkel for the wonderful support of the Nursing Home. Several civic organizations and clubs contribute greatly appreciated time and help for which all of us are thankful. Nursing Home Week is an excellent opportunity to visit with a lot of wonderful people. Our patients and staff are looking forward to a visit from the general public."

In proclaiming May 12-18 as Nursing Home Week in Texas, Governor Dolph Briscoe in his proclamation... "urged our citizens (of Texas) to visit a nursing home and acquaint themselves with the patients, staff, the facilities, the services rendered, and the progress and potential for the future."

The theme for this week of emphasis is "NURSING HOMES - WE CARE."

Spotlight on HEALTH
Health & Beauty Briefs
Laugh lines, under the eye pouches and wrinkled skin under the chin are the most frequent symptoms that send older women to the plastic surgeon, according to a new book called "Ageless Aging." Men go for such operations most often for sagging eyelids, a frown between the eyebrows, or a "turkey gobbler neck."

As hair grays, it becomes thicker and coarser. It's scalp trouble that brings on early grey hair, author Ruth Winter writes. Injury or disease of the nervous system sometimes cause graying patterns, she adds.

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NEWS NOTES Pre-Mother's Day Magic

If you have a Home Lawn or Garden Insect or Disease Problem you are invited to attend a Home Lawn and Garden Clinic to be held 9:30 a.m. May 8th in the Abilene Garden Club Center, 300 Westwood Drive, Abilene, Texas. The clinic is being sponsored by County Extension Agents H. C. Stanley and Roberta Watters.

What would you really like for Mother's Day this year, if you could have one magic wish? How about a new figure? Then when the family presents you with a glamorous at-home gown or a snappy new sweater on May 12th, you'll be ready to model your gift in style.

Without waving a magic wand, you actually can have a new figure by Mother's Day. First get an objective view of the problem. Ask a friend to take your picture in last year's swimsuit. The camera doesn't lie. If it says there is room for improvement, you can believe it.

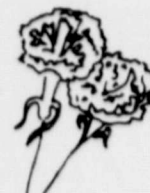
Don't immediately think in terms of starvation diets, however, and hours in the steam room. Plan a sensible program of diet and exercise that you'll be able to stick to.

The basis of your diet must be a method of cutting calories painlessly, without any loss of vital nutrients. This is very important because a diet that robs your body of protein, vitamins and minerals, et cetera, cannot be good for your body in the long run. A delicious and safe way to lose weight is with the Slender diet plan. Slender diet food from Carnation mixed with fortified nonfat milk contains just 164 calories, yet each serving gives you one-quarter of the Recommended Daily Allowance of all nutrients. Thus it's nutritionally sound to substitute a glass for one or more meals as follows.

To go on a diet without your family even being aware of it, follow this eating pattern. Drink Slender for breakfast, lunch and as a mid-afternoon snack, varying the flavors to suit your fancy. Then eat a regular dinner with the rest of the family, simply watching your own portions so that you consume no more than 400 calories at

Rich-flavored oxtails are popular served in soup or braised with vegetables. They need long, slow cooking - braising or simmering - to become tender. Many markets sell oxtails both fresh and frozen. Since they're

mostly bone, allow 3/4 to one pound per serving, says Mrs. Gwendolyn Clyatt, consumer marketing information specialist, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.



When the first magazine was published in America in 1741, few people realized how many future Americans would be affected in so many ways by this growing industry. Today, Americans read more than 850 consumer magazines, 200 farm publications, and 3000 business periodicals. You might say that American reading interests have grown by leaps and bounds!

The year 1741 saw both *American Magazine* and Benjamin Franklin's *The General Magazine and Historical Chronicle for All the British Plantations in America*. Although neither magazine lasted a year out, they did set the tone for special-interest magazines in the years to come. Women were able to read exclusively about other women with the publication of *Ladies' Magazine* in 1828. Children's magazines go back to 1789, the year our first president was inaugurated, with *Children's Magazine: Calculated for the Use of Families and Children*. It contained an "abridgement of geography, essays on morality, religion,

manners, etc., familiar letters, dialogues and select pieces of poetry." Today, special-interest magazines are at the height of their popularity. In fact, although attention has turned to the problems confronting mass circulation magazines, special-interest publications are flourishing. So is the magazine printing industry! Typical of this industry's growth is *World Color Press*, which prints an array of special-interest magazines and has become one of the nation's largest publications printers. It has shown a 15 percent compounded annual growth rate in pretax operating earnings since 1968. *World Color Press* is one of the family of companies owned by City Investing Company, which is well known for operating leading companies in promising fields.

The printing and publishing industries have always mirrored our nation's economic and demographic trends. That's a good reason why these industries will continue to prosper.

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS Madry, 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 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. 8-4tc

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: William Alex Madry, 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 Madry, Plaintiff, vs. William Alex

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against natural mother, Billie Jean South and natural father who is known Respondent(s) and said suit being numbered 9273-DR on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In the Interest of Baby Boy South, a child and" the nature of which suit is a request to terminate parent-child relationship.
Said Baby Boy South was born the 16th day of April, 1974, in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota.
The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the child's interest which will be binding upon you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption.
Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this 29th day of April, 1974.
(SEAL)
Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD Clerk, Domestic Relations Court in Taylor County, Texas; By Rilla Mahoney, Deputy. 11-tc

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TO: Josephine N. Faulkner, Defendant, Greeting:
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Taylor, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 17th day of June A.D. 1974, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 11th day of February A.D. 1974, in this cause, numbered 8966-DR on the docket of said court and styled Clarence H. Faulkner, Plaintiff, vs. Josephine N. Faulkner, Defendant.
A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Divorce. Parties married on or about September 25, 1971; separated permanently prior to the filing of petition for divorce. No children; Parties made mutual and satisfactory settlement of all community property, as 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 the due returns as the law directs.
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Our thanks to all who prepared food, sent beautiful flowers, served as pallbearers and all whose words of love and kindness made our grief easier to bear. Special thanks to Rev. Lynward Harrison for his love and understanding and to Ann and Bud Derrington for many ways.
May God Bless You All.
The ADDISON Family
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I WANT TO THANK my many friends for the food, flowers, cards, visits and prayers while I was in the hospital.
A special thanks to the fine boys who brought oxygen to the house which I needed so desperately.
May God richly bless each of you.
Charlie Seaggs
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I just want to say thanks to all our friends, neighbors and loved one for being so good to me during my stay in the hospital.
May God bless each one for their prayers, visits, flowers gifts, cards, letters, phone calls and good food, for my family and everything that each one did.
Mrs. Paul Bradley and family
11-1tp

CARD OF THANKS
During the time of sorrow we learn how much our friends really mean to us. We would like to express our appreciation, once again, to you all.
The Family of
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family has sold their home in Sweetwater and will be moving to Merkel around the 15th of June, and are planning to build a home. Michael will be graduating this year from high school and entering ACC in the fall. Scott is a junior in high school and Todd is in the second grade.

In talking with Mr. Hensley, he had the following comments to make in regard to his plans for the Farmers and Merchants Bank. "It is certainly a privilege to be identified and working with the employees of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank. I certainly feel like a novice in so far as years of service; as these employees have demonstrated many past years of competent and efficient service for Mr. Warren. They have expressed that they are looking forward to a continued association with me as President."

"I feel the function and efficient operation of any bank hinges 90% on the personnel identified with it and this is truly the case with our entire staff at the Farmers and Merchants National.

"We are making no changes in personnel as we feel that there could be no improvement on what we all ready have. We do hope to attain additional growth in the future and in so doing will require additional people to accomplish this task.

"I have known Mr. Warren indirectly for many years and I can say without reservations that he holds the utmost respect in the banking industry and various banking circles in West Texas.

"It is indeed a pleasure and I am enjoying the close association with Mr. Warren during our transition period at this time.

"Our first and primary concern at this time is, of course, to adequately service the existing customers of this bank as Mr. Warren and his staff have for many years. We certainly welcome and solicit new business in this community and area and pledge our assurance that we, as a full service bank, will supply the financial needs of this community.

"We must all realize that as the community grows, so will the Farmers and Merchants National Bank grow. We plan to be second to no other bank in this area in service to our customers."

Hensley added, "My family and I are looking forward to a long and lasting association and warm friendship with the many lovely people in Merkel and this community."

Don Hensley is active in several civic activities of which include the Kiwanis Club, Big Country Tuberculosis Association Area Board Member; American Lung Association State Representative, serving with James Binion of Abilene; United Fund Board Member; Masonic Lodge Number 57; B.P.O.E. Elks Lodge Number 1257; Sweetwater Chamber of Commerce; Sweetwater City Planning & Zoning Board; Sweetwater County Club; Texas Cattle Feeders Association; Sweetwater Mustang Booster Club; Sweetwater Bass Club and the Sweetwater Chuck Wagon Gang.

The Hensley family has been affiliated with the Church of Christ at Fourth & Elm in Sweetwater the past six years.



Sandwiches Sublime
Here's a sandwich idea that's really top dog, even though it's full of bologna. It should cut the mustard with the whole family, especially for taking along on picnics or sandwiching in between innings or TV shows.

- GIANT "HOT DOG"**
- 1 whole bologna, about 3/4 pound
 - 1 can (1 pound) sauerkraut, drained
 - 2 tablespoons finely chopped onion
 - Dash of pepper
 - 1/4 cup gin
 - 1 long loaf French or Italian bread
 - Mustard

Place bologna in a skillet and cook over medium heat, turning occasionally, until browned and heated through. Meanwhile, rinse sauerkraut in cold water; drain well. Combine in a saucepan with chopped onion, pepper and gin. Heat through. Slice bread lengthwise and place whole bologna in bottom half. Make a lengthwise slit, about 1 inch deep along top of bologna and fill with hot sauerkraut mixture. Cut into sections to serve, with remaining sauerkraut on the side. Serve with mustard. Makes 3 to 4 servings.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

When I had to deliver some homeless puppies down to John Brewer's Puppy Farm at Ovalo recently, I stumbled upon something quite unusual there which made me feel that I must have gone back in a time tunnel - 70 years ago, to horse-and-buggy days of yore.

Although modern in tone, it was Mr. and Mrs. Allmand's COUNTRY STORE, stocked with just about everything which the modern farmer and rancher (as well as old timers) might desire. They had 'headache' racks, utility chests, side bins, rails and 42-gallon extra gas tanks for pickup trucks and small cars, full lines of feeds and seed, all kinds of livestock remedies, ropes, bridles, saddles, nails, staples, barbed wire, (a scarce item amidst the steel shortage) steel posts,

cedar posts and plumbing supplies. In fact, this Country Store is simply running over with such which one would hardly believe it possible to buy anymore, not counting general staple groceries.

It all reminded me of the popular song, 'Country Mama, - country road, - mountain mama, - lead me home, - Country Road!! It nestles at the foot of a small orphaned-appearing mountain beyond Tuscola, amidst fresh, easy-to-breathe air, considerable mesquite trees which cover the countryside and friendly people who inhabit those parts.

Possibly there are other such stores in our own vicinity (although I have seen none with such a complete modern and old time variety) and I guarantee that anybody who drives down that-a-way into Southern Taylor County



MR. ALLMAND, along with two young customers in front of his Country Store in Ovalo.

for a look-see will not regret such an experience. 'Country Road, - Mountain Mama, - lead me home, - to - Allmand's little Country Store!'

Sincerely,
The Country Squire

Coffee Project Is Now Underway

The third annual Memorial Day Coffee Project to benefit the West Texas Rehabilitation Center is underway in participating restaurants throughout the Big Country. Funds from the annual event make possible a special concentrated five week program of therapy for 100 handicapped youngsters at the Center.

Last year's project raised \$7,000. Officials at the Center are hoping to raise \$10,000 with this year's project.

Waitresses will be selling plastic American flag pins for \$1.00 each through Memorial Day. On Memorial Day, May 27, anyone wearing a pin is entitled to drink coffee free in any participating restaurant.

More than 100 restaurants within a 100 mile radius of Abilene were involved in the 1973 Coffee Day.

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Lone Star Objects To Report By Railroad Commission Staff

DALLAS, TEXAS - Lone Star Gas Company announced that it will file with the Texas Railroad Commission exceptions to the Gas Utilities Division staff report dated April 23, which recommends to the Gas Utilities Division staff 29, which recommends a substantially lower rate adjustment than Lone Star had requested in its filing of May 11, 1973.

Lone Star's application sought to increase its authorized intra-company city rate for natural gas sales to residential and commercial customers in Texas and for distribution unaccounted-for gas, including a return on portions of its new West Texas Supply System, advance payments and prepayments necessary to buy gas from producers; to bring its weighted average cost of gas used in the Commission's calculation of the city gate rate to the March, 1973 level; and to "pass on" to residential and commercial customers 100% of the increase or decrease in the weighted average cost of gas on a monthly basis after March, 1973.

The staff report would not allow the company a return from residential and commercial customers on the included \$63 million of investment in its West Texas Supply System, on the basis of a segmented application without consideration of its entire transmission system. The company will point out to the Commission that the new West Texas Supply System is absolutely critical to the assurance of firm gas service to its residential and commercial customers, such that rates to those customers should include a return on an appropriately allocated cost of that system. However, the staff does state that the cost of the new West Texas Supply System would obviously be considered as part of its rate base if a system-wide rate application were filed.

The staff report also would allow Lone Star to earn its residential and commercial rate on only about 25% of the gas supply advance payments, which is the proportion of residential and commercial gas volumes delivered to its total system deliveries on an annual basis. Of paramount importance, with the cost of gas purchase increasing so rapidly, the staff report allowed 100% of the increased purchased gas cost, not previously recovered through the 65% automatic adjustment, up to the time of March, 1973, gas cost used for the rate filing last May.

Possibly because the evidence available to the staff, which was limited to gas purchase costs prior to the company's application last year, did not reflect the more recent sharp escalation of gas costs, the report recommends a continuation of the present 65% cost adjustment factor on a six months basis.

The company feels that on the strength of current facts which it will present to the Commission, and the fact that in another proceeding involving an unaffiliated company, a 100% monthly gas cost "pass on" has been allowed or recommended by the Commission, when the staff report and other data are considered, the Commission's final order in Lone Star's current case should include 100% gas cost adjustment monthly.

Based on the company's initial interpretation of the report, Lone Star would be permitted an increase in its current intra-company charge of approximately 1.8¢ per thousand cubic feet which is equivalent to an estimated \$2.2 million, based on 1973 sales, instead of \$10.6 million based on 1972 sales sought in the company's application.

Under Railroad Commission procedure, some 50 days are provided for exceptions and responses before the Commission finally acts on the application.

Leaders In Action Seminar To Be Held

Texas Farmers Union will host its first state-wide "Leaders In Action" seminar May 17 and 18 in Crosbyton. The purpose of the seminar is to organize a state educational program for Farmers union youth.

Beginning with a cook-out and ice cream supper on Friday, May 17, participants will join in fun and fellowship at Silver Falls Park in East Crosbyton, followed by a sing-song, folk games, and get-acquainted party.

Saturday, attention will be focused on the camping program and Farmers Union study topics, with Mrs. Sherry Leach, NFU Director of Youth & Young Adult Activities, leading the group discussion. Members of the TFU Senior Youth Advisory Council will present a report on youth activities and plans for the summer's youth camp. Also to be discussed will be the role of cooperatives in the Farmers Union, craft ideas and recreational activities for camps, and special projects and awards for the entire family. Participants are invited to stay as guests of Farmers Union member families in Crosby County. A night at White River Lake is being planned for all youth participants.

All interested Farmers Union members, including high school youth, are urged to attend, and may do so by contacting Bobby Toliver, president of Taylor County Farmers Union. Activity points will be awarded for each county participating in the seminar.

Personals

Visiting the Alvin Wozencrafts and Mrs. Lucy Ford over the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Russ Blair of Lawton, Okla.

The group celebrated three birthdays. Celebrating birthdays were Alvin Wozencraft, Mrs. Kenneth (Terry Sue) Purser, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Wozencraft and Mrs. Lucy Ford.

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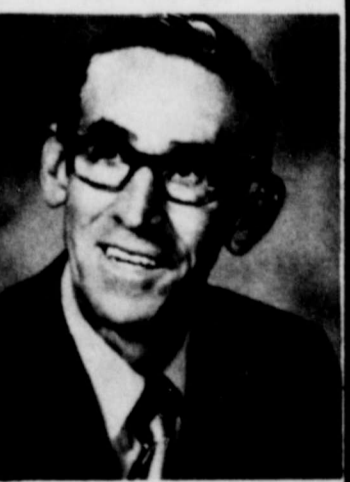
A PERSONAL NOTE OF THANKS

FROM STATE REP.
ELMER MARTIN

MY SINCERE THANKS TO THE GOOD CITIZENS OF MERKEL, TRENT, TYE AND SURROUNDING AREAS FOR THE FINE SUPPORT IN MY BEHALF IN SATURDAY'S DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY.

I AM GRATEFUL TO HAVE MERITED THE CONFIDENCE THAT PROVIDED A SIGNIFICANT LEAD FOR MY RE-ELECTION AS YOUR STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 61, ONLY 168 VOTES SHORT OF WINNING WITHOUT A RUN-OFF.

IT WAS ESPECIALLY ENCOURAGING THAT IN MY HOME COUNTY OF MITCHELL, AN UNPRECEDENTED 88% OF THE VOTERS CAST THEIR BALLOTS FOR MY CANDIDACY.



THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION RE-CONVENED MONDAY AND MY RESPONSIBILITIES AS YOUR DELEGATE TO THIS HISTORIC CONVENTION WILL NECESSITATE MY PRESENCE IN AUSTIN DURING THE RUN-OFF CAMPAIGN. I TRUST YOU WILL UNDERSTAND THE REASON FOR MY ABSENCE AND SAY A GOOD WORD FOR ME WHILE I AM AWAY. YOU CAN BE SURE I WILL BE BACK IN THE DISTRICT ON WEEKENDS ATTEMPTING TO SEE AS MANY OF YOU AS POSSIBLE.

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Time and savings deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations		1,961	997 39
Deposits of United States Government			12,158 73
Deposits of States and political subdivisions		292	144 09
Deposits of foreign governments and official institutions			none
Deposits of commercial banks			none
Certified and officers' checks, etc.		21	873 77
TOTAL DEPOSITS		7,457,590.92	
(a) Total demand deposits		\$ 5,495,593.53	
(b) Total time and savings deposits		\$ 1,961,997.39	
Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase			none
Liabilities for borrowed money			none
Mortgage indebtedness			none
Acceptances executed by or for account of this bank and outstanding			none
Other liabilities			none
TOTAL LIABILITIES		7,457	590 92
MINORITY INTEREST IN CONSOLIDATED SUBSIDIARIES			none
RESERVES ON LOANS AND SECURITIES			
Reserve for bad debt losses on loans (set up pursuant to IRS rulings)			none
Other reserves on loans		100	000 00
Reserves on securities		100	000 00
TOTAL RESERVES ON LOANS AND SECURITIES		200	000 00
CAPITAL ACCOUNTS			
Capital notes and debentures			none
% Due		\$ none	
% Due		\$ none	
Equity capital-total		672	984 24
Preferred stock-total par value			none
No. shares outstanding		none	
Common Stock-total par value		150	000 00
No. shares authorized		3,000	
No. shares outstanding		3,000	
Surplus		150	000 00
Undivided profits		372	984 24
Reserve for contingencies and other capital reserves			none
TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS		672	984 24
TOTAL LIABILITIES, RESERVES, AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS		8,330	575 16
MEMORANDA			
Average of total deposits for the 15 calendar days ending with call date		7,473	607 20
Average of total loans for the 15 calendar days ending with call date		1,350	714 24
Interest collected not earned on installment loans included in total capital accounts			9,726 15
Standby letters of credit			none

I, **Betty Jane Tittle**, Cashier, of the above-named bank do (Name and title of officer authorized to sign report) hereby declare that this report of condition is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Betty Jane Tittle

We, the undersigned directors attest the correctness of this report of condition and declare that it has been examined by us and to the best of our knowledge and belief is true and correct.

James A. Starnes, M.D.
W. P. Sadler, M.D. } Directors

Police Report

By JIM BROUSSARD

The Merkel Police Department received a call from the Asteroid Motel indicating that a subject whom had rented a room there had left with a Color Television Set. Investigation revealed that a subject who checked in the Motel the night before had given his name as James Curtiss with an address of Alabama. He also signed the register indicating that he was driving a Red Volkswagen with Alabama License No. 38-22519. A check of records with Alabama Department of Public Safety revealed that the License number given by this subject was fictitious as that number was on a different type of vehicle and registered to a subject in Dothan, Ala. Items taken were an Admiral Color TV with Pedestal Mount and rabbit ears. The items taken were placed on the com-

puter in an attempt to retrieve and get a correct name on the subject that took them.

The Police Department noticed that the door glass on the Laundry on Kent St. had been busted out around Midnight of April 27. Investigation revealed that some one had apparently kicked the glass in as there were no items found at the scene that could have been used. There was nothing taken out of the laundry at the time of the break in. Further investigation revealed the subject that had broken the glass and restitution has been made for the damage.

The Police officers in Merkel have noticed a number of window panes broken out of unoccupied building around Merkel, and also some damage that was done inside the laundry on Kent St. Even though none of this has been reported as of this date, the Department does have suspects that did this damage.

Parish Council Members Elected

Members of Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church in Merkel elected four new members to the Parish Council to fill vacancies incurred by out-going members.

Those elected were Mr. and Mrs. Juan Sierra, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rodriguez, Mrs. Geo. Starbuck, Mrs. Cal McAninch.

The Parish Council is the governing body of the church

and has the responsibility of administration of the church business.

Pastor of the Church is Mon. Andrew Marthaler of Holy Family Church of Sweetwater.

President of the Council is Juan Sierra.

A complete kitchen "overhaul" can cost between \$5,000 and \$6,000 says Anna Marie Gottschalk, housing and home furnishings specialist, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

Reserve District No. 11

State No. 1398

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF CONDITION OF

HOME STATE BANK OF TRENT, TEXAS

And Foreign and Domestic Subsidiaries, at the close of business April 24, 1974, a state banking institution organized and operating under the banking laws of this State and a member of the Federal Reserve System. Published in accordance with a call made by the State Banking Authorities and by the Federal Reserve Bank of this District.

ASSETS

1. Cash and due from banks (including \$-0-unposted debits)	263,349.64
2. U.S. Treasury securities	175,000.00
4. Obligations of States and political subdivisions	4,220.65
5. Other securities (including \$3,750.00 corporate stocks)	3,750.00
7. Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell	450,000.00
8. Other loans	339,919.65
9. Bank premises, furniture and fixtures, and other assets representing bank premises	3,428.50
13. Other assets (including \$-0- direct lease financing)	112.50
14. TOTAL ASSETS	1,239,780.94

LIABILITIES

15. Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	957,734.84
18. Deposits of States and political subdivisions	108,228.03
22. TOTAL DEPOSITS ... 1,065,962.87	
(a) Total demand deposits	1,065,962.87
28. TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,065,962.87

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

35. EQUITY CAPITAL, TOTAL (sum of items 36 thru 40 below)	173,818.07
37. Common stock-total par value (No. shares authorized 250) (No. shares outstanding 250)	25,000.00
38. Surplus	100,000.00
39. Undivided profits	47,200.37
40. Reserve for contingencies and other capital reserves	1,617.70
41. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS (sum of Items 34 and 35 above)	173,818.07
42. TOTAL LIABILITIES, RESERVES, AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS (sum of Items 28, 29, 33 and 41 above)	1,239,780.94

MEMORANDA

1. Average of total deposits for the 15 calendar days ending with call date 1,093,113.93
2. Average of total loans for the 15 calendar days ending with call date 788,868.14
3. Unearned discount on installment loans included in capital accounts 9,643.40

I, J. G. Wilks, President of the above-named bank do hereby declare that this report of condition is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Correct Attest:
J. G. WILKS

We the undersigned directors attest the correctness of this report of condition and declare that it has been examined by us and to the best of our knowledge and belief is true and correct.

J. G. WILKS
DON WILLIAMSON
H. H. McLEOD Directors

State of Texas County of Taylor, ss:
(SEAL) Sworn to and subscribed before me this 1st day of May, 1974.
BETTY FREEMAN
Notary Public

BADGER TRACKS

By JANIE CLARK

At the Spring Band Concert Monday night, new twirlers for next year were announced. Jr. High are Shannon Bagby, Lori DuBose, Lesa Hart, Lisa Owen, Cindy Smith and Dion Wilkerson. High school twirlers are Christy Boone, Melinda Bowen, Andy Byrd, Janie Clark, Kathy Hendricks and Kathryn Murrell.

The all awards Banquet is this Saturday, 7:30 p.m. at the Starlite Inn. Next Tuesday night will be the Jr.-Sr. Banquet starting at 7:30 at the Hilton Inn. "Celebrating Life," the Choir Concert, was a huge success thanks to many people, especially the director Robert Bailey. Thank you for helping us. That's all for now. See ya next week.

4-H Officers, Leaders To Be Elected Thursday

Thursday, May 9th, the Merkel 4-H Club will meet at Taylor Electric Co-Op at 7:30 p.m. Patrolman Wendell Rehm, Safety Education, Texas Department of Public Safety will be in charge of the program. He especially requested that the parents

accompany their children to this meeting. The public is also invited to attend.

New officers and adult leaders will be elected for 1974-75. Other important activities will be discussed. Please make every effort to attend.

Senior Citizens News

The Senior Citizens will have their regular monthly luncheon Tuesday, May 14 at the Senior Citizens Building.

On Monday, May 6th, the Sweet Adelines sang for the Senior Citizens. Syble Riney and Jean Irvin of Merkel are members of the group which sang music in four-

part barbershop harmony and sang a capella. There were 80 registered at the singing. Game nights is every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. with regular monthly games night being the 4th Monday of each month.

Mrs. Albert Criswell is president for the month of May.

The Lieutenant Governor's Report

AUSTIN - A recent national poll has indicated that more Americans would prefer to live and work in a rural community than in a large city. The emphasis on urbanization which we have witnessed during the past few decades may well be at an end with a renewed interest in rural America.

Agriculture, in addition to being the largest industry in our state, has also become our most dynamic growth industry. The demand for agricultural products has risen to a level where once again it pays to be a farmer. That is; it pays if you can find seed; fertilizer, water, and fuel to run the farm machinery.

Not only do we have more people, but their incomes have increased tremendously. They want and can afford better food, and that means more protein and more livestock. The American farmer can meet this world demand for food if he is not derailed by foolish government policy.

It is a tribute to the American farmer and rancher that recent federal price ceilings did not bring agricultural production to a halt. We saw the damaging results of government intervention in the free market place... poultry raisers, for example, killed over 2 million baby chicks because they cost more to feed than they would bring

under artificial price controls imposed by government.

Our agriculture industry is a national asset that can be counted on to keep this country strong. The United States had a trade surplus for the first three quarters of 1973. This has a very beneficial effect on the strength of the dollar both at home and abroad. The surplus can only be attributed to the productivity of American agriculture.

Farmers already have benefited from the demand for farm products with their net income rising from \$15 billion in 1968 to about \$24 billion this year. That is a well-deserved raise for a segment of the American population that has worked harder and invested more in this country's future than any group I know.

What should government do, if anything, about agriculture? I want to see agriculture liberated from government restrictions and the stifling subsidies of the past replaced by greater opportunity in the marketplace.

We should continue to support agricultural research and market development for Texas agricultural products through our Agricultural Experiment Stations, Agricultural Extension Service and our State Department of Agriculture.



FARM AND RANCH MANAGEMENT WINNERS - Willy Townsend (left) and Leighton Batey (right) won a first place in Taylor County 4-H Competition in Abilene, April 21st and a second in District competition in San Angelo May 4th. Willy is the son of Dr. and Mrs. John Townsend and Leighton is the son of Dr. and Mrs. John Batey.

Beverly Gilmore Wins 2nd in State Spelling

Beverly Gilmore, Junior at Merkel High School, won 2nd in State at the University Interscholastic League Spelling meet in Austin this past week.

Miss Gilmore had to learn 2,386 words for the state meet and missed only 4 words to place second in state. She is the daughter of Mr.

and Mrs. Lloyd Gilmore and is active in 4-H.

Miss Gilmore went to Austin Thursday, May 2 and returned Saturday, May 4. Making the trip with her was her mother, Mrs. Lloyd Gilmore, Mrs. Ruth Windsor, Tonya Crenshaw and Mrs. Pat Dudley. They toured the Capitol and other sites while in Austin.

Trent Teacher Honored

Mrs. Edith Rudd will be honored at a Tea, May 16, at 8:00 p.m., in the Trent Schools Luncheon. All students, former students, parents, and friends are invited to attend.

Mrs. Rudd has served 39 years in the schools of the Trent Community. She

began her teaching in 1935 at Eskota. When Eskota consolidated with Trent in 1945, Mrs. Rudd resumed her teaching at Trent ISD.

At the close of this school term, she will retire after 28 years of service to the Trent Schools.

Meat Labeling Needs Push

AUSTIN--Consumer pressure may hasten the adoption of voluntary meat label standardization which will reduce the names of meat cuts from 1,000 to 300, said Agriculture Commissioner John C. White.

According to White, the Texas Department of Agriculture is encouraging the use of standard names at meat counters across the state.

The department has distributed beef charts with the new nomenclatures as a consumer aid and meat identity standard manuals to meat department managers. The charts, printed in small and large sizes, are also available to individuals.

"In a mobile society such as ours, standardization will cut down on the confusion a consumer faces after a move from California to Texas," White said. "As it is now, cuts of meat are called by different names in every region of the country."

The National Livestock and Meat Board, which has

coordinated the program, reports that response has been favorable where standardization has been adopted. Most major chains and local markets are expected to comply eventually.

New labeling first identifies the species of meat (for example, beef), the primal area (rib) and the recommended retail name (eye steak). Gone will be such misleading terms as Beauty, Spencer and His 'n' Her Steaks. Names like Porterhouse Steak and Filet Mignon that have become traditional and accepted nationwide may be used on the label in addition to the other information.

"For consumers to get the best buy, it is important that they know as much as possible about the meat they select," White said.

Three grades of beef are currently marketed at the retail level, U.S. Prime, U.S. Choice and U.S. Good. Choice is the favorite of most consumers and is sold in most retail stores.

Prime beef is liberally marbled, tender, juicy and flavorful. Choice is of high quality with less fat than Prime. Good is lean beef of fairly good quality. It has less flavor than Prime and Choice but because of its high proportion of lean to fat it contains more protein per weight.

White said there is a move to introduce a new grade of beef between Choice and Good into the market. As yet unnamed, the grade would have less marbling than Choice beef and would include the best meat now marketed as Good.

"Good," White said, "has become a catch-all for cattle of different sizes and ages. Therefore, quality within the grade varies considerably."

A consumer bonus if the category is adopted might be lower beef prices. Cattle would be fed for a shorter period than Choice animals, and the savings would be passed along.

TDA beef charts are available by writing to Commissioner of Agriculture John C. White, Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711.

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School Menu

THURSDAY, MAY 9
Fried fish, tartar sauce, catsup, cole slaw, seasoned spinach, Batter Bread, Milk, and Lime Jello w fruit.

FRIDAY, MAY 10
Sloppy Joe, pinto beans, sweet pickle relish, sliced onions, potato chips, school made buns, milk, peanut-butter strips, and orange juice.

MONDAY, MAY 13
Chicken fried steak, cream gravy, hominy, potatoes au gratin, hot rolls, milk, apricot cobbler.

TUESDAY, MAY 14
Tamales, pinto beans, spanish rice, cornbread, milk, sliced peaches w topping.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15
Turkey pot pies, Green salad 1 (choice 1000 Island or French), Biscuits, Milk, and Cherry Jello.

THURSDAY, MAY 16
Fried fish, tartar sauce-catsup, cabbage, pepper relish, potatoes in cream sauce, slice bread, milk and Lemon Pudding.

AMERICAN HOUSEHOLDS GOING SOFT

Your own refrigerator, medicine cabinet or cupboard will tell you: American households are going soft.

That's because many shoppers, preferring safety and convenience, are switching from glass to plastic containers for household supplies.

Last year, in fact, Americans took home nearly seven billion plastic bottles for a wide range of products, from foods and milk to floor care products.

Plastic's shatterproof quality is one reason for the switch. Open the average home medicine cabinet and you'll see shampoos, baby oils, talcs, lotions and hair preparations—all packaged in plastic—jostling each other for position on the shelves.

And, plastic's unbreakability means no mess on the floor if the bottle slips from your hand.

Plastic bottles also have made themselves at home in kitchen cupboards. Last year more than 330 million plastic food containers were purchased off grocery shelves. Consumers chose them for their lighter weight and the wide variety of grip-contoured handles and dispensing tops.

Among food products you can buy in plastic containers are sauces, salad dressings, extracts, spices, vinegar, syrups, honey, toppings and spreads.



Gallon milk containers in plastic are now becoming a familiar sight in home refrigerators.

Shatterproof plastic containers are also ideal for home floor care products that are in constant danger of being dropped, knocked over or let slip from wet hands.

Plastic bottle producers feel that by 1975 at least 70 percent of floor care products will be packaged in plastic.

With its great consumer appeal, the plastic bottle is fast becoming one of the most popular members of the American home packaging family.

Saturday, May 11
Dance to the Music of
"The Hilltops"
8:30 - 1:00
Dinner Served 7:30 to 10:00
Special Buffet - \$2.75
PRIVATE PARTY TONIGHT - EXTRA SEATING LIMITED
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Merkel Country Club

STATE CAPITAL Highlights AND Sidelights

by Lyndell Williams
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN, Tex. — New federal revenue sharing funds totalling \$294,045,044 will be distributed to state, county and city governments in Texas during the next fiscal year.

This is \$9 million more than allocations for the current year which amount to \$285,228,345 for all units of government in the state.

Gov. Dolph Briscoe reported state government will get nearly \$3 million more for the 1974-75 fiscal period beginning July 1 than the 1973-74 allotment.

State government's cut is \$95,283,488 compared with \$95,283,488 for this year.

An overpayment of \$108,711, due to an Office of Revenue Sharing mistake in Washington, will be deducted from next year's funds sent to Texas.

The allocation is based on a formula including consideration of population, per capita income and tax effort.

Under next year's formula, hospital district taxes will be considered in the total county tax effort. Hospital taxes previously had been considered a city tax effort.

Six Texas counties will get larger revenue sharing allotments while some cities within the counties will get smaller amounts.

Harris County, which now receives \$6.87 million, will get \$9.65 million for 1974-75. Houston will receive slightly less — \$17,366,689 as compared with \$18 million under current formulas.

The Dallas County total will increase from \$3.58 million to \$5.2 million. Nueces County's share will increase from \$1.7 million to \$2.3 million. Bexar County's from \$2.6 million to \$5.2 million. El Paso County's from \$1.2 to \$1.9 million and Tarrant County from \$1.8 million to \$3.25 million.

The city of Dallas will get slightly less — \$13.1 million, as compared with \$13.6 million. Corpus Christi's total will decline from \$3.66 million to \$3.4 million. San Antonio's from \$9.6 million to \$9.3 million. El Paso's from \$6.1 million to \$6 million and Fort Worth's from \$5.26 million to \$5 million.

DROUGHT DECLARATION SOUGHT — Governor Briscoe has requested U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Earl L. Butz to declare Coleman County a disaster area as a result of drought conditions in the county. Briscoe requested the disaster declaration provide low interest loans and other assistance to farmers and businesses that suffered wheat crop losses from the drought.

The Governor informed Secretary Butz a number of other Texas counties have been affected by prolonged dry weather and high winds and similar requests for supplementary Federal assistance may be received from other county officials in the near future.

State Agriculture Commissioner John C. White said estimates of wheat losses due to drought conditions in 47 Texas counties run about \$160 million.

ATTORNEY GENERAL RULES — Under most circumstances submission by State Welfare agencies of basic information concerning the identity of welfare recipients to a centralized computer does not violate any Federal or State common law statutory or constitutional right of privacy, Atty. Gen. John Hill has ruled.

In an opinion requested by Governor Briscoe, Attorney General Hill noted there would be no public disclosure of the information, hence no violation of law. The Governor had noted that the centralized computer list would eliminate the need for welfare recipients to fill out applications.

Hill also issued an opinion saying it is a legitimate expenditure of campaign funds for "publicity" purposes to furnish transportation to members of the press to accompany a candidate on campaign travels.

"If paying for the transportation of newsmen is a means of securing publicity, and we think it is, then we cannot say that it is an unreasonable one," Hill said in his opinion.

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APPOINTMENTS — Governor Briscoe has named five Pilot Commissioners for the Port of Galveston and Texas City. Each will serve a two-year term expiring April 15, 1975.

Appointees from Galveston are Sam Tramonte, William Spruill, Leroy Brown, and J.C. Seiffert. Fifth appointee was Allen D. Wilkenfeld of Texas City.

HOST COMMITTEE NAMED — Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby has named the following four state senators to serve on an ad hoc host committee for the Southern Legislative Conference in San Antonio, July 16-19: Sens. Nelson W. Wolff and Glenn Kothmann, both of San Antonio; John Traeger, Seguin; and Grant Jones, Abilene.

RIGHT TO READ MEETING — Dr. Ruth Holloway, U.S. Office of Education director of the nationwide "Right to Read" program, will speak at the conference of Texas reading coordinators in Austin May 13-14.

Sponsored by the Texas Education Agency, the conference will be held at the Thompson Center on the University of Texas-Austin campus. Eighty additional schools will be added to the program in September. The program is designed to match learning needs of every student with special training for reading teachers and supervisors.

HUD AGREEMENT SIGNED — Governor Briscoe has entered into an agreement with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development transferring administrative responsibilities for HUD's 38 neighborhood facilities to the Texas Department of Community Affairs.

The facilities, which are located in 32 Texas communities, have been built under terms of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1965. Under terms of the Act, ownership of the centers is vested in the community with HUD remaining responsible for administering use of the centers.

Under the new agreement, the Department of Community Affairs will assist local governments and local service agencies in developing and implementing programs to more fully utilize the neighborhood facilities. At present, HUD officials say, there is gross under-utilization of space and equipment at many of the facilities.

SALARY-PERSONNEL POLICIES — Salaries and personnel policies for non-faculty employees of Texas universities will be examined as a part of a statewide study directed by the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System.

First phase of the study, to be completed this fall, is expected to result in recommendations to the 64th Legislature regarding level of state funding required to support equitable salary policies for non-faculty employees, says Higher Education Commissioner Bevington Reed.

SHORT NOTICES
Dr. Kenneth Gaver has been selected to serve as new Commissioner for the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation. Gaver comes from Ohio where he performed similar duties.

Frances Smith Dodds, former member of the Houston Chronicle Capitol Bureau, has been named Director of Planning for the Governor's Criminal Justice Division.



LITTLE LEAGUE SEASON opened Thursday afternoon at 5:00 with a parade through Merkel.

Smoking Up: Tars And Nicotine Down

Ask nearly anyone who smokes "Is it bad for you?" and you'll probably get the same answer time and time again: "Yes."

And yet ten years after the Surgeon General labeled the cigarette as "Dangerous to your Health," and more than three years after all cigarette advertising was banished from radio and television, approximately 60 million Americans still smoke cigarettes.

Many noted physicians, scientists and government officials will concede both publicly and privately that as long as there are cigarettes, people will smoke them. Therefore, new approaches to the problem are being taken.

In recent brochures printed and distributed by the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, smokers are advised of "simple steps (that) can help give you a measure of protection; but remember, this does not make smoking 'safe.'"

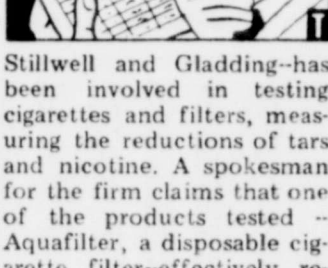
In brief, the advice given is to have smokers reduce their intake of the tars and nicotine. Although there is still much discussion in the scientific community as to the relative dangers of each substance that can be categorized under the general term of "tar," there is little argument as to the overall dangers.

Dr. Ernest L. Wynder, president of the American Health Foundation and a leading expert on cancer and research, is very much in favor of reductions of tars and nicotine. In his book, *Tobacco and Tobacco Smoke*, (co-author Dietrich Hoffmann), he realistically states:

"We regard it as most likely that as the 'tar' exposure of leading cigarettes is reduced, the risk of tobacco related diseases will decline, although it will not be eliminated. In view of the apparent fact that a majority of cigarette smokers will continue to smoke in spite of all educational efforts,

any practical measure for decreasing the risk among cigarette smokers is most desirable."

An independent testing laboratory in New York-



Stillwell and Gladding—has been involved in testing cigarettes and filters, measuring the reductions of tars and nicotine. A spokesman for the firm claims that one of the products tested — Aquafilter, a disposable cigarette filter—effectively reduced tars and nicotine an average of more than 75 percent. Thus a smoker using Aquafilter can smoke a pack of cigarettes per day and have a tar and nicotine intake equivalent of only 5 cigarettes.

While the best answer is obviously to quit smoking altogether, those who do continue can at least reduce their tar and nicotine intake. Other hints given on "how to take some of the danger out of smoking" by the agency are:

1. Choose a cigarette with less tar and nicotine.
2. Don't smoke your cigarette all the way down; you get the most tar and nicotine from the last few puffs.
3. Take fewer draws on each cigarette and you'll cut down on your smoking without really missing it.
4. Reduce your inhaling. Don't inhale as deeply; take short shallow draws or just puff.

Apparently, some smokers are heeding some of the warnings about tar and nicotine. For example, Aquafilter sales have recently increased so rapidly that the manufacturing facilities have been enlarged and there are three shifts working just to meet the demand.

Another Fine Texas Recipe

EGG SALAD IN ONION CUPS

- 4 medium Texas sweet onions
- Salt to taste
- Cream
- 1 3-oz. pkg. cream cheese
- 1/4 c. chopped green pepper
- 2 Tbsp. chopped green onions
- 1/2 medium cucumber, chopped
- 3 hard-cooked eggs, chopped
- 1/4 c. salad dressing

Peel onions. Cut slice from top

and scoop out centers. Sprinkle with salt. Invert and chill. Blend enough cream with cream cheese to soften and line onion cups with mixture. Combine green pepper, green onions, cucumber, eggs and salad dressing. Fill onion cups. Chill. Four servings.

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

Riding Club Event Results

Everyone enjoyed the opening of the Merkel Riding Club last Saturday night. The results of the events were as follows:

We tern Pleasure
12 Under:
Terry Gamberger, 1st
Shannon Boyd 2nd
Le-la Dokey 3rd
Lucky Campbell 4th
Lesicon Masonheimer 5th

13 through 16
Cindy Boone 1st
17 and Over
Lynn Dokey 1st
Kathryn Whisenhant 2nd
L. J. Gray 3rd
Jarrett Pnekley 4th
Walter Whisenhant 5th
Barrels

12 and Under
Terry Gamberger 1st
Lesia Dokey 2nd
Sherri Williams 3rd
Dee Masonheimer 4th
Lesicon Masonheimer 5th

13 through 16
Cindy Boone 1st
17 and Over
Mary Beth Phillips 1st
Kathryn Whisenhant 2nd
Jarrett Pnekley 3rd
Walter Whisenhant 4th
Ruth Hogan 5th

Boot Race
12 and Under
Brooks Boyd 1st
James Allday 2nd
Kevin Cooker 3rd
Ronnie Williams 4th
Donald Mallard 5th

Flags
12 and Under
Terry Gamberger 1st
Sherri Williams 2nd
Lesicon Masonheimer 3rd
Vicky Campbell 4th
Leisa Dokey 5th

13 through 16
Cindy Boone 1st
17 and Over
Ruth Hogan 1st
Kathryn Whisenhant 2nd
Mary Beth Phillips 3rd
Barbara Whisenhant 4th
Jim Allday 5th

Poles
12 and Under
Terry Gamberger 1st
Sherri Williams 2nd
Lesia Dokey 3rd
Brooks Boyd 4th
Vicky Campbell 5th

13 through 16
Cindy Boone 1st
17 and Over
Kathryn Whisenhant 1st
Jack Hogan 2nd
Wathes Whisenhant 3rd
Ruth Hogan 4th
Rusty Holloway 5th

The Montly Business meeting is set for Thursday night May 9th at 8:00. It is a Pot Luck supper. All members are urged to attend and anyone interested in joining is invited.

REPORT YOUR NEWS BY CALLING 928-5712

TRENT EXES MEETING

May 14 - 8:00 P.M.
High School Library
Trent

THANK YOU

I'd like to personally thank each voter and campaign worker who helped me in my campaign. The run-off is June 1. The next 30 days, I'll be working even harder to become your State Representative. I ask all of you who voted for me, to be sure to do so again on June 1. I'll need your support now more than ever. You only get one voice in Austin, I'll make it a strong one.

Vote June 1, and Elect Mike Young State Representative, District 61.

Pd. pol. adv. Mike Young Committee, Joe Galloway, Chairman.

Missionettes

By SUSAN WHEELER

Missionettes met Friday, April 26th for a weiner roast, and a game playing session. The mothers of the missionettes furnished the weiners and buns.

At the meeting May 3rd, the girls tried to finish making the dolls they are working on as a project. Refreshments were served to the 37 members present by Bonnie, Diane and Tish Anderson and Lisa Rayburn.

HOT WEATHER MEANS AIR CONDITIONING

COLLEGE STATION — Hot summer weather is approaching, and once again many homeowners' thoughts are turning to room air conditioners.

W. S. Allen, agricultural engineer for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, describes the function of room air conditioners as well as selecting the proper unit.

"A room air conditioner has four functions — it cools, dehumidifies, cleans and circulates conditioned air," points out Allen.

For maximum cooling, a fan draws in warm, moist room air which passes through a filter to remove dust and lint. When the air reaches the evaporator, it is cooled and moisture is removed by condensation. A thermostat maintains the desired temperature. Grills direct the conditioned air so it circulates efficiently without causing drafts.

Room air conditioners can also be set to ventilate and exhaust air from the room, notes the Texas A&M University System specialist.

"The cooling capacity of a room conditioner is expressed in British Thermal Units (BTU's). This refers to the amount of heat the unit can remove from the air. In other words, an air conditioner with a cooling capacity of 6,000 BTU's per hour is capable of removing 6,000 BTU's of heat every hour."

Allen emphasizes the importance of choosing a room air conditioner of the proper cooling capacity. "If it's too large, it won't provide proper comfort conditions. If it's too small, it won't do the job expected of it. An oversized unit will cool a room in a hurry but will cut off while the room air is still highly humid. A smaller unit could do the same cooling job while performing its dehumidifying function properly."

Room air conditioners are available in a variety of sizes, models and types. Some of the smaller units can be used on a wiring circuit that is only partially loaded, points out the engineer.

Nine To Compete In District 4-H

Mulberry Canyon 4-H members met April 28th at the home of Beverly Gilmore. The members and parents went on a trail ride to the mountains and then had supper. After the meal, the meeting was called to order by President Teresa Clemmer with the roll called by secretary Lisa Swinney. The 4-H Pledge and prayer was led by Terry Cryner. The inspirational was given by Johnny Gray.

Several of the members will be going to District in Rifle Team. They are Doug Hutchings, Lisa Houghts,

Terry Cryner, Dolen Morris and Craig Hutchings.

Teresa Clemmer will be competing at District in Public Speaking.

Competing in District Horse Judging are Johnny Gray, Patricia Boyd and Cindy Whisenhant.

Members present at this meeting were: Sherrie Williams, Johnny Gray, Beverly Gilmore, Lesa Swinney, Teresa Clemmer, Lesa Masonheimer, Dee Dee Masonheimer, Cindy Hutchings, Patricia Boyd, Kenny and Vince Eillard, Terry Cryner, and Dwan and Teresa English.

Guests were Debbie Cursey and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Pillers.

At the next meeting, new officers will be elected. The date will be announced at a later time.

Personals

Mrs. Ruth Reidenbach visited in Abilene last week with her two sisters, Mrs. Nettie Thompson and Mrs. Eulala Holland.

During her visit she helped her sister, Mrs. Nettie Thompson, celebrate her 90th birthday on Monday, April 29, at her home at 2418 Russell.

Sisters, children, grandchildren and friends attended from Merkel, Raymondville, Arlington, San Angelo and Abilene.

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MAN IS A SINNER

Man is a sinner. We can look at the mess the world is in to know that. We can read the newspapers and listen to the news and hear the cruel sins and atrocities committed by man. The Bible says that "None is righteous, no, not one. . . since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:10, 23).

In our thoughts, words and deeds, we continually fail to keep God's commandments. There are many of us who know what we should be doing in our relationship to Jesus Christ, and yet we sit idly by. James speaks to this in the New Testament where he says, "Whoever knows what is right to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin." (James 4:17)

How many times each day do you sin? How often do you think dirty thoughts, curse, ignore the needs of others? If you sinned only three times a day, you would have over a thousand sins per year, and I know of no one who sins so little. What chance do you think you would have before the judge of all mankind with a lifetime total of over 60,000 sins?

Man cannot save himself and we should realize that God doesn't grade on the curve. He is not going to weigh the good deeds against the bad and see which side tips the scales.

You wouldn't scramble eggs for breakfast with three rotten eggs and nine good eggs and serve it to company and expect it to be acceptable. Neither can we serve up our lives to God that are filled with rotten deeds and thoughts and expect them to be acceptable to God.

Man cannot save himself. Titus 3: 5 says, "He saved us, not because of deeds done by us. . . but in virtue of his own mercy." Since man cannot save himself, he must look to God. Next week we'll consider the two-fold nature of God.

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