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'Round
the
corner

Johnnie Gresham

A personal friend of mine was relating an experience he had in Fort Worth recently. Seems he was in Cowtown on business and trying to find something to do to kill time, was walking around the downtown area. A young couple passed him and the young lady was overheard saying to her husband, "Isn't that the movie star, what's-his-name?" Well, he thought they had spotted a real-live movie star and did a quick double-take to catch a glimpse of the famed person. But, the couple was walking backward and looking directly at him! So, in order to make the best of the situation, he gave them a knowing smile... and dashed off to find a mirror to see which "What's-his-name" movie star he looked like. After several minutes of discarding movie star names, he came to the conclusion that the young couple must have thought he was either Gabby Hayes or Festus! And so it goes in the life of a newspaper editor!

I had an interesting interview with one of Merkel's truly remarkable citizens this week. Mrs. Sallie Mathews was honored in Abilene Sunday at West Texas' Oldest and Most Active Mother." She is 94 years young and certainly active. Mrs. Mathews does her own housework and most of the yard work and has a spotless home. Our hats are off to you, Mrs. Mathews!

Fred Starbuck and the merchants of Merkel should be proud of their community. We made the front page of the Abilene Reporter-News Monday because of our "Flag-Flying." Fred says tell all the merchants he appreciates their support in the project.

Everything is about to be under control as far as getting moved in and settled goes. I hope. But, my husband and I are official residents of Merkel now, and pleased to be. But if you see an object slightly over five foot tall, strange colors of black and blue, and emitting a strange sound, SMILE, AND SAY HI -- it's your editor!

A man wandered into a federal office building and asked, "Is this the headquarters of the war against poverty?" "Yes, it is," replied the clerk behind the desk. "Good," he said. "I've come to surrender!"

See 'ya next week - 'Round the Corner. - J. G.

NOTICE - A reception to honor the retiring teachers of Merkel will be held in the school cafeteria Tuesday night, May 21 at 7:30. Those to be honored are Lydia Norcross, Jo Finley Barne*, Ellen McReynolds, Anna Belle Shouse, and Velma Rutledge. All their friends are invited to come by.



EVANGELIST DALE FRANKS

Assembly of God To Hold Revival May 22-25

Revival services will begin Wednesday, May 22 and continue through the 25th at the Assembly of God Church, 1206 N. Second in Merkel with Evangelist Dale Franks of Albuquerque, New Mexico. Services will begin each evening at 7:30 and will feature a special musical program.

The Rev. Franks ministry has taken him throughout much of the United States and Canada. He has devoted a considerable portion of his ministry to working with troubled youth. As educational director for Dallas Teen Challenge, and Assemblies of God affiliated youth organization which specializes in the rehabilitation of drug addicts, Mr. Franks worked with youth addicts, and with young people involved in various areas of vice and crime. This work has helped him to gain insight into the cause and effect relationship of youth oriented problems.

Music has always been an integral part of his ministry. A recording artist and studio musician, he has traveled extensively throughout the U.S. and Canada in concerts and services, making stage, radio and television appearances, and giving youth slated concerts on high school and college campuses. His latest album, "In a Moment of Time," has been recently released by Ascending Sound Records.

As master of ceremonies of the program, "Inspirational Night Songs," broadcast each evening on a Houston, Texas, radio station, Mr. Franks hosted many personalities who are well known in the gospel music field. Pastor John Curtis of the Assembly of God Church stated that the public is invited to attend each service of this crusade. The church is located on the corner of North Second and Rannels.

Fire Protection Program Under 'Fire' of Council

Fred Starbuck, director of Emergency Services, and Waymon Adcock, Fire & Rescue Chief, met with the City Council May 9 in a called meeting to review the Rural Fire Protection Program which Starbuck and Adcock had organized some 15 years ago. After considerable discussion, the Council stated that it would no longer be able to subsidize the program and that, effective June 1, this must be financed with donations, and income derived from payment for services rendered. Taylor County is currently paying a nominal fee to the program for rural fires and some donations and service income is received from individuals. This is not enough to pay all expenses and additional in-

come must be secured from some source. Starbuck and Adcock state that "service will continue to be rendered as long as we have enough funds to support the program. When our money runs out we will have to decline to answer calls."

Other items on the agenda was the review of the new wage and hour law and the effect it will have on the city employees who are on call. Roy Kimbrell, City Secretary, stated that the police department and the fire department would not be paid time and a half for overtime, and that since the City was allowed to deduct 11 hours per day for those employees on call, there would probably be no overtime paid except in unusual instances.

MERKEL MAIL TO SPONSOR CONTEST

The Merkel Mail this week is kicking off a Subscription Contest in which the youths in Tye, Trent and Merkel can receive bicycles for selling Merkel Mail subscriptions. Any youth who wishes to enter the contest must come by the Merkel Mail office to register and pick up subscription blanks.

After the required number of subscriptions have been sold (new or renewal), the blanks and money should be turned in to the Merkel Mail office and the bicycle will be presented.

Subscription rates are \$4.00 per year in Taylor and adjoining counties and \$4.50 to anyone outside this area. So, if your subscription is expiring soon, be looking for a youth to come around to take your subscription renewal. All renewal subscriptions will be marked up one year from date of expiration. If you are not already a subscriber, may we take this opportunity to invite you to be among our growing list of subscribers. Remember, you will be helping some youth in your community to earn a bicycle.

More information may be found on page 9 of this issue of the Merkel Mail.

June Trades Day Something 'Extra'

Trades Day for the month of June will feature something "extra" for Merkel and area residents.

George Starbuck, chairman of the Trades Day committee, has announced that each participating merchant in Merkel will have a block of free tickets to be given out to his customers between now and the June 1 Trades Day.

In the May 30 issue of the Merkel Mail, the merchants will advertise an item or items to be given away or sold at a reduced price.

Then, on June 1, merchants will draw a number and post it in the stores. When the customer comes into the store and finds his number posted, he will be entitled to take advantage of the offer that particular store has made.

Mr. Starbuck stated that the merchants should be provided with the tickets by May 15 to begin distribution, so you are invited to pick up your ticket now and hold it for the drawing to be held for Trades Day, June 1.

Betty's Cafe Adds Curb Service, Speakers

Betty Mitchell, owner and operator of Betty's Cafe located in I-20 in Trent, announced this week that they will begin having curb service from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., starting the 25th of this month.

Family-type meals are served at Betty's and outside music speakers have been added for those who

wish to dine in their cars. Another special attraction of Betty's Cafe is the free steak being given away each week. Mrs. Mitchell said you could find out how to be the winner by stopping in and talking to her.

Betty and her husband Henry are the parents of six children, 4 girls and 2 boys.

Cemetery Association To Hold Annual Meet

Midway Cemetery Association members are reminded of the meeting to be held Sunday, June 2 at the Midway Cemetery Tabernacle for their annual meeting.

Memorial services will begin at 11:15 followed by a basket lunch. After lunch, a short business meeting will be held. A new program will be presented for approval of the members and new directors for the program elected.

Officers of the Midway Cemetery Association are: Miss Moore, Chairman; Miss Mae Warren, Secretary-Treasurer; Buster Jones, Director; Walter Cook, Director; U.S. Akins, Director;

and James A. Lee, Honorary Director.

Piano Recital Set For May 17

Piano students of Mrs. Ronny Doan will be presented in recital Friday, May 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church in Merkel.

Students participating are Loyce Baker, Jay Gibson, Gayle Irvin, Kathryn Irvin, Kelly Knight, Cheri Patterson and Suzie Reed.

The public is invited to attend this recital.



NEW SANCTUARY of the First Baptist Church. Dedication services are to be this Sunday at 11 a.m. Rev. Kenneth Jones is pastor of the church. Pictured in the background is the old building.

First Baptist Church

Dedication Services To Be Sunday

Dedication Day services for the new sanctuary of the First Baptist Church will be held on Sunday, May 19, at 11 a.m., pastor Kenneth F. Jones has announced. Other activities of the day will include a covered dish luncheon at 12:30 p.m., and open house from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. During this period of time, visitors and guests will be shown through all the new facilities which have been recently completed.

The new sanctuary building includes the worship area, and a completely modern nursery suite, capable of caring for the total needs of children from birth through five years of age.

Included also in the building are Sunday School facilities for the Senior Adult Department, the Young Married Adult Department, and a complete church office suite.

The church sanctuary features a wood interior of oak paneling, with furniture to match. The floor is fully covered with plush green carpet to beautifully contrast with furniture upholstery of gold. Design includes facilities for expanded seating on

occasions of overflow crowds. Also included is a special control room from which the sound system, radio broadcast, and auditorium lighting is monitored and controlled.

The balcony area includes a Bride's Room, complete with rest room facilities, for use of the bride and her attendants on occasions of marriage ceremonies performed in the church sanctuary.

The sanctuary is of open beam construction, with laminated wood arches supporting the open ceiling of wood. Lighting is accomplished through suspended fixtures from the ceiling and hidden indirect fluorescent fixtures along the sides of the building.

"Completion of the new building is the culmination of a dream that has long existed in the hearts of our people," pastor Jones said. "A Building Fund for this purpose has been in existence for many years, and preliminary studies were made as far back as 1965. However, the church did not formally enter into the task of building the new structure until Nov-

ember of 1972, when it accepted the challenge of a Study and Plans Committee," Jones continued. "The thing that I, as pastor, am most grateful for is the strong spirit of togetherness that has prevailed from the very beginning. Our people have given liberally and sacrificially toward the building of the new sanctuary, and they put total confidence in the Building Committee. This means a lot to me," Jones concluded.

General Contractor for the project was Rouse and Parsons Construction Company of Abilene. Other sub-contractors included AAA Plumbing, Heating, and Air-Conditioning; Bowman Painting Company; Wayne Sanford Electric Company; Barr Roofing Company; and Carroll Carter Concrete Company, all of Abilene. Architect was George A. Peterson of Fort Worth, and inspection superintendent was J. P. Click, of Merkel.

Members of the Building Committee were: Joe E. McDuff, chairman; H. O. Boney, Joe Henry, Herman Carson,

Robert Higgins, Joe Earl Lassiter, and Booth Warren.

Total cost of the new structure, furnishings, and paved parking area will be slightly in excess of \$200,000. The membership raised more than \$145,000 toward the construction costs, and negotiated a loan with the Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Merkel, in the amount of \$60,000, in order to complete the structure.

Pastor Jones noted that three of the men serving on the present building committee are descendants of men who served on the committee to erect the old auditorium in 1920-21. They are: Booth Warren, son of J. T. Warren; H. O. Boney, son of W. O. Boney; and Joe Earl Lassiter, grandson of J. N. Teaff.

Groundbreaking ceremonies for the new building were held on May 20, 1973, and the pastor noted that the Dedication Day services are to be held almost exactly one year later. He extended a cordial invitation to all friends of First Baptist Church to attend the special services this coming Sunday.

Merkel Lions Elect Officers

Lions Club officers and directors were elected last Tuesday at the noon meeting, for the coming year. These officers will take office on July 1, 1974.

Those elected are President, Fred Starbuck; First Vice President, Don Hart; Second Vice President, Travis Davis; Third Vice President, George Starbuck; Tail Twister, Herman Carson; Lion Tamer, Connie Mack Seymore; and Secretary - Treasurer, Bill Button.

Directors elected are Steve Lanham, Gene Stuckey, and Russell McAnally. Director by Virtue of Office are Mack Fisher, Fred Starbuck, Bill Button, Herman Carson, and Connie Mack Seymore.

Badger Annuals Arrive Tuesday

The "vehicles of nostalgia", more commonly known as the Badger yearbooks, of Merkel High finally arrived on May 14, 1974. These annuals had many special features this year.

The senior class was featured in a colored group picture, which was taken north of Merkel in the yard of Dr. and Mrs. Jarrett Williams. A page of art work was drawn by Donna White which allowed the students to color the picture in whatever way they wanted. One page in the yearbook was in honor of Billy Patton for all his contributions to the school.

Included in the annual was an Identify Quiz. The students were given a list of names to match to some pictures taken when the members of the faculty were younger - much younger.

Kathy Cypert read the Dedication: "We, the Annual Staff, have learned to love and appreciate one who has given us many hours of her time. Mrs. Gayle Baker is truly an asset to Merkel High School. In the years she has been at MHS, her smile has enlightened and brightened the lives of many. She is a dedicated business teacher with the patience of Job, and is a friend to all she comes in contact with. She is constantly working to better MHS for students and teachers alike because she likes to get involved! She is a sponsor for the Student Council and Annual Staff, and is always ready and willing to help them carry out their projects.

With gratitude, we are proud to dedicate the 1974



MRS. GAYLE BAKER - The 1974 Badger Annual yearbook was dedicated to Mrs. Baker. She is shown with one of the new annuals which arrived Tuesday.

Badger Annual to MRS. GAYLE BAKER."

Each year a senior boy and senior girl are selected by the faculty as Best All-Round students. This year the honorees were Miss Tonja McAninch and Mr. Jeff Cox.

The members of the annual staff, who are Kathy Cypert, editor; Lisa Gregory, assistant editor; Tonja McAninch, Ronnie Sanford, Terry Reed, Beverly

Mawson, Dana White, Jerrie Stephan, Rhonda White, and Ray King, would like to express their appreciation to the business of Merkel and the surrounding area. Without their help in the form of buying ads, this book would not be possible nor the price so reasonable.

Each year a free annual is given to the staff member who sells the most annuals. Donna White won this honor by selling 42 annuals.

Seniors Honored In Bartlett Home Sat.

Connie Jones and Laura Watson Twonzen, Abilene High seniors, were honored at a salad luncheon, Saturday in the home of Mrs. Clyde Bartlett, 507 Yucca Street.

Hostesses were Miss Jones' grandmothers, Mrs. Bartlett and Mrs. Oddie Jones. Kim Jones helped with the serving.

Tiny packages market

place settings for eight seniors at a table centered with spring flowers. The girls honored were Dana Watson, Debbie Winters, Becky Davison, Cindy Jones, Laura Wojcick, Jill Davis, Laura Twonzen and Connie Jones.

Special guests were Mrs. Dwan Jones and Mrs. Jack Watson, mothers of the honorees.

Twice As Nice

Sp. 6 and Mrs. John T. Bryant of Handorf, Germany are announcing the arrival of twin girls born April 27 in Muenster, Germany. The girls, Kimberly Dawn, weighed 4 lbs. 6 oz. and was 17 1/4" long and Krystal Dionne, weighed 4 lbs. 1 oz. and was 17" long.

Mrs. Bryant is the former Jennifer Lynn Hunter and the granddaughter of Mrs. Minnie Hunter of 1108 North Third of Merkel.

The Bryants have another daughter, Amy Jamie, 21 months old.

Sp. 5 Bryant is with the 39th Signal Battalion, U.S. Army currently stationed at Handorf, West Germany.

Open House To Honor Mr. & Mrs. Price Melton

An open house, Sunday from 2 til 5 p.m. will honor Mr. and Mrs. Price Melton on their 50th Wedding Anniversary at their home in Merkel.

Hosts will be their children Denzal Melton of Kermit; Mrs. John (Del) Nall of Orange, Calif.; Mrs. Marklin (Billie) McElmurray of Cleburne; Rev. T. C. Melton of Abilene; Doyle Melton of Austin; Mrs. Bob (Pat) Williams of Houston and Benny Melton of Merkel.



MR. AND MRS. PRICE MELTON



SALLIE MATHEWS, 94 and going strong.

Sallie Mathews Honored As 'Most Outstanding'

Sallie (Mrs. R. H.) Mathews of 412 Orange was honored in Abilene last Sunday, May 12 by the Abilene Downtown Association after being named Queen for a Day in honor of Mother's Day. The contest was sponsored by the Abilene Downtown Association to honor the oldest, most active mother in West Texas.

Sallie commented, with a twinkle in her eyes, "I never thought anything like this would ever happen to me." Mrs. Charles E. (Theima) Long of 411 Orange, submitted Mrs. Mathews' name and she was chosen out of a field of approximately 100 names.

Mrs. Mathews is 94 years young and the mother of six

children, four of whom are still living. They include Era Blair of Santa Rosa, California; Frank Mathews of Richardson, Texas; Thelma Reeves, Germany; Pearl Addy, Tucson, Arizona; and a daughter-in-law, Lillian Mathews of Abilene. She has three grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

When asked how long she had been in Merkel, during an interview, she replied, "Well, I've lived in the area since 1914, but we moved to town in 1934."

Among the honors and gifts given to Sallie was a trophy bearing the inscription "Most Outstanding Female Senior Citizen of 1974 - Sallie Mathews."

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Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Cox and family of Fort Worth visited in the home of his mothers, Mrs. A. H. Murphy Tuesday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Hudson from Rising Star visited with Louise Hudson over the weekend.

Stith HD Club Meets

Stith Home Demonstration Club met Wednesday, May 8 with Mrs. Fletcher Jones as hostess.

Mrs. Ray Perry led the group in singing and directed the recreation. Roll call was answered with "My Favorite Mother From the Bible." Devotion was on Psalms 113:9. Mrs. Jones led the prayer. The program on Mothers

Mr. Melton was born Sept. 3, 1904 in Coryell County, and Mrs. Melton March 4, 1907 in Blair, Texas. They were married May 16, 1924 in Brokenridge and lived in the Blair Community until 1960 at which time they moved to 1109 S. 8th where they still reside.

They are active in the Merkel Church of Christ.

Mr. Melton is a retired Taylor County Employee and presently drives a schoolbus for Merkel Public Schools. Mrs. Melton is a housewife, and enjoys crocheting and working in her yard.

Day was given by members. The hostess gift went to Louise Hudson. Refreshments were served to six members and one visitor.

Next meeting will be May 22 with Mrs. Ray Perry, Hostess.

New Officers For Xi Nu Chi Installed

Xi Nu Chi Chapter of Beta Sigma met May 7, at the Asteroid Restaurant with Mrs. Gerald Derrick as hostess.

The Founder's Day message was presented by Mrs. Bobby DuBose. The theme for the new year was revealed as "Stairway to Happiness."

Mrs. Almeda Bullock, Honorary member presented awards to Mrs. John Brady, Mrs. Don Watts and Mrs. DuBose for best program of the year.

The following new officers were installed: Mrs. Glenn Teaff, President; Mrs.

Charles Eager, Vice-President; Mrs. Darla Mawson, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Weldon McAninch, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Bobby DuBose, Treasurer; Mrs. Bob Garner, Extension Officer and Mrs. Almeda Bullock, Honorary Member. Mrs. Edgar Tipton, outgoing officer was installing officer. Other members present were Mmes. Glenn Robertson, Carrol Benson, Jack Boone, Mamie Steck, Jimmy Leverich, Bullock, DuBose, Tipton, Teaff, Eager, McAninch, Watts, Brady, Garner and Mawson.

Former Resident Named To Who's Who of Musicians

Mrs. Ellis (Eva Williams) Warren, former Merkel resident, now of Knox City was notified recently that her name had been submitted for entrance in Volume I of the Worlds Who's Who of Musicians, and later received notice that her name would be included in the book.

and Knox City areas for many years, has had several honors bestowed upon her by her students.



MRS. EVA WILLIAMS

This was a complete surprise to her, as she does not know how her name came to be submitted. She believes it stems from the fact that all of her early teachers came from the music schools of Paris, Rome and London, and she can trace her musical pedigree to the days of Bach, who is called the Father of Music.

The book, which will be out late in 1974, is being published in Cambridge, England.

Mrs. Warren, who has taught music in the Munday

New Arrivals

Mr. and Mrs. Corky Land of Midland, Texas, formerly of Merkel, announce the birth of a baby girl May 10 in Odessa.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Stalle of Merkel and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. James (Corky) Land also of Merkel.

AVOID THESE GARDENING MISTAKES

You may be your garden's worst enemy - if you make

these three common garden errors.

1. Poor feeding habits. The food that makes your grass grow greenest may produce anemic flowers. Generally fertilizers with a high percentage of nitrogen are best for leaf and root crops; flowers and many vegetables do better on a formula with more phosphorus. Too much fertilizer of any kind can kill plants by dehydrating their rootlets. Be leary of lime as well. Many gardeners assume their soil needs lime when it doesn't. A test can tell you for sure. Extra liming can only hurt growth and it's a needless expense.

2. Letting the pests get the best of you. One single aphid can lead to 1,560,000,000,000,000,000,000 more! So, spray early and often with an efficient insecticide such as nicotine sulphate. Unlike many of the more modern "miracle-poison" pesticides, which your mites might easily become immune to, this naturally occurring bug killer, popularly known as Black Leaf 40, has kept the pest population down for over 80 years! Because it's a biodegradable insecticide made from tobacco leaves and alcohol, Black Leaf 40 can

remain on target without leaving dangerous residues. Non-caustic and harmless to plants, pets, people, birds or



beneficial bugs, Black Leaf 40 can be sprayed alone or in combination with other pesticides, to "gas" bugs away two ways: with fumes and on contact!

3. Toiling with the wrong tools. Most gardeners need a shovel, spading fork, steel rake, wooden rake, hoe, cultivator, grass edger, several types of shears, pen-knife, trowel, wheelbarrow, spreader, sprayer, watering can and gardening gloves. Never leave these outdoors and always wash them after use. As for your lawn mower, don't let the blades get dull or they'll split the grass tops and turn them brown!

If you give your garden good care, you should be able to beat the bugs, win out over the weeds and reap great rewards!

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Last year Texas marketed \$49.5 million in sheep and lambs, second only to New Mexico. Around 95 percent of slaughtered lambs were shipped east and to the West Coast where appreciation for the little animal runs high.

Persons with ties to the Near East and countries like Greece and Ireland are raised with lamb in their diets. In Texas, however, where cattle has always been king and the appearance of sheep once was enough to start a range war, lamb is still branded with the epithet "mutton."

The prejudice was further instilled during World War II when mutton and poorly prepared lamb were served in mess halls around the world. "There are many men who remember that experience and don't want their wives to serve lamb," White said.

But those days are over. Mutton, strong-tasting meat from adult sheep, is found only in sausage or processed meat. Only 367,000 head of Texas sheep were slaughtered last year compared to 1.1 million lambs. Lambs are slaughtered between 4 and 12 months. Because they are young, their meat is tender.

Lambs are fattened on grass for 4 months, White explained. Those not slaughtered then are sold to feedlots. This relatively new practice has permitted the lamb industry to develop into a year-round business. Previously most lambs were slaughtered in the spring. Hence, the name spring lamb.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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TRENT BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING
TRENT ISD

The Trent School Board of Equalization will hold a public hearing on May 29, 1974 at 8:00 A.M. in the Trent School Tax Office.

Purpose of the hearing will be for equalization of all real and personal property owned by individuals situated in the tax jurisdiction of the Trent ISD.

All persons owning land, buildings, or personal property within the district may appear before the Board.

Signed:
Clayton Brazelton
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NO. 9595

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

To all persons and parties interested in the estate of James Rickey Blankenship, You and each of you are hereby cited, required and commended to appear before the County Court of Taylor County, Texas, to be held in the County Court Room in the Courthouse of said county in the City of Abilene, in said county, such appearance to be at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the First Monday next after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance hereof, that is to say, at or before 10:00 o'clock A.M. on Monday, the 24th day of June, 1974, and contest, by filing written answer of contest, if they or any of them see proper so to do, a verified account, the nature of which is an account for final settlement of such estate, which has been filed by LADY NELL BROWN the Guardian of the Estate of James Rickey Blankenship, and is now pending there, in a Probate proceeding on the Probate Docket of said Court styled in re: The Estates of Danny Lee Blankenship, et al, Minors, the file number of which account and the Docket Number of which proceeding is 9595, which account will at such 10:00 o'clock hour, on such day, and at such place

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The officer serving this citation, who shall be any Sheriff or any Constable of the State of Texas, shall, in compliance with the law, serve it by publication once in a newspaper of general circulation in this, the county in which such proceeding is pending, for not less than ten days before the return day hereof, exclusive of the day of publication, and the date of publication said newspaper bears shall be the day of publication.

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WITNESS Mrs. Chester Hutcheson Clerk of the County Court of Taylor County, Texas.

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God has a dual nature. Romans 11:22 says, "Note then the kindness and severity of God." This kindness is revealed in His mercy toward us. God is merciful and therefore doesn't want to punish us. "The Lord is not slow about His promise as some count slowness, but is forbearing, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance." (1 Peter 3:9; 1 John 4:8).

"God loves you and doesn't want to punish, but as a just God He must punish sin. "God will by no means clear the guilty. . . . The soul that sins shall die. . . . The wages of sin is death" (Ex. 34:7; Ezek. 18:20; Rom. 6:23).

We would have contempt for any earthly judge who did not punish the lawbreakers. God is not like the earthly judge who would fine one criminal \$1,000 and forgive another because he knows the family. God is just. As Gen. 18:25 says, "Shall not the judge of all the earth do right?"

This seems to present a problem. God wants to extend mercy because he loves us, yet he cannot let sin go unpunished because He is just!

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CONNIE JONES, Abilene High Senior, was named the 1973-74 Outstanding Industrial Cooperative Training (ICT) Student Thursday, May 10 at the ICT employer-employee banquet. Miss Jones was given a plaque by Bill Decker, ICT coordinator and had her name engraved on a permanent plaque on display at Abilene High School. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dwain Jones, 2001 Delwood and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oddie Jones and Mona Faye Bartlett of Merkel.

Starr Nursing Home News

BY MARY OUTLAW

Nursing Homes all over Texas are observing Nursing Home Week this week. We had a lot of visitors Sunday. Space won't permit mentioning everyone but we are happy to have you.

We have been doing a lot of deep freezing and canning and have been unable to write the news. Sorry.

Thanks to Lizzie Gouge for the clothes she gave the home. We miss Charlie very much. Lizzie worked for me for many years and they were our guests at the lake, to fish, for many years. We were sorry to hear Lizzie sold out and moved, we hope she decides to move back to Merkel. They were Merkelites many years until he passed away a few months ago.

Larry Cochran of Lakeside, Calif., visited us last week. Larry used to work for me and is employed in California at the present time.

Iris Amerine, who works at the Merkel Mail, wanted to share her Mothers' Day corsage with some mother in the home. We gave it to Mrs. Deatherage.

(The following was written by Loessa Allison, charge nurse.)

We have lost one of our dearest friends with the death of Mrs. Mattie Addison on the 3rd of this month. Mrs. Addison was a member of our family here in the Nursing Home for two years before being moved to Wichita Falls in April to be near her two daughters.

We have missed her cheery smile and sweet disposition so very much, as has her roommate, Miss Celia Hester, who asks for her every day since she left. These two ladies were constantly together, one depending upon the other for daily companionship.

Mrs. Addison will always be remembered as a lovely lady who never said an unkind word about anyone and when any person was mentioned by her it was with a complimentary remark.

No matter how gloomy and dark the day, she would always say, "It's gonna be a beautiful day today, ain't it?" We feel sure all her days are beautiful ones now.

Nighttime Bike Drivers Must Protect Themselves

A long-time bicycle accident, which more than likely can be fatal, N. Y. says, "When I drive my bike at night I look like a Christmas tree." This sophisticated, veteran cyclist is telling it like it is.

Accident statistics from the National Safety Council and the Consumer Product Safety Commission's "NEISS" program reveal that most bicycle accidents occur in the daytime, but a large percentage of those which occur at night or at the hours of dawn or dusk are serious, if not fatal.

These alarming facts must reach the growing army of American cyclists, who now, according to the Bicycle Institute of America, number more than 100 million. And this army is growing in numbers every day. For more than two years now, the Bicycle Institute of America has been pointing out the virtues of the BMA/6 safety standard for bicycles instituted by the Bicycle Manufacturers Association of America.

If Americans must drive their bicycles at night—although there are some long-time cyclists who never do—they must be sure that they have maximum protection if they are to avoid serious accidents, which more than likely can be fatal.

Installation of Officers For Aux.-Barracks 2248

The Veterans of WWI and The Ladies Auxiliary of Merkel-Trent Barracks 2248 will meet Tuesday, May 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the Taylor Electric Co-Op Building.

The meeting will open with a Pot Luck Supper.

A Joint Installation of both men and women will be the main order of business.

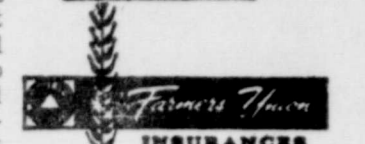
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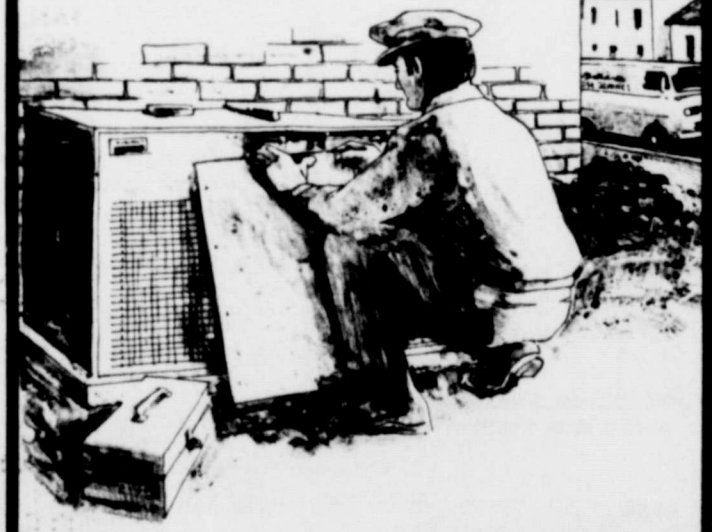
Choir To Sponsor 'Alleluia' Musical

The First Baptist Church Choir of Merkel under the direction of Roy Davis is sponsoring a Christian musical presented by the First Baptist Church of Munday, Texas. The 35-member choir will present the musical Alleluia on Wednesday night, May 22 at 7:30 p.m. The musical is a "praise gathering for believers." The Munday choir is under the direction of Brian Burgess.

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Tuesday was a beautiful day for the Ladies Golf Association to invite their husbands out for a Hully Gully Golf Tournament.

The gentlemen golfer is beginning to realize that the lady golfer can learn to master this game also, although you certainly won't hear the men admit this.

Every month on the second Tuesday, the Ladies invite the men out for a round of golf and a meal.

Two weeks ago Sherry Aldridge and Murel Thompson won golf balls. Hang in there, Murel, those golf lessons are beginning to pay off.

Three members of the Ladies Golf Association have been playing in tournaments the past two weeks. Sherry won fourth place in the first flight at Dyess last week. Faye Robertson and Jo Ann Smith each came home with prizes from the Cisco tournament last week. Congratulations from all of us to each of them.

LIBRARY NOTES

By LORETA MORGAN

Our Library is still growing. We have new members every week. We welcome all new members. Some of the latest members are Mrs. Jean Branton, Mrs. Ruby York, and Craig Bowen.

We want to thank the following for donating us books: Mrs. Harold Walton, Noodle; Mrs. A. D. Scott, Nubia; and Mrs. Lona Ferrier, Fort

Worth. We really do appreciate paper-back books as they are easy to handle and many people like to read the small books.

Come to see us at the Library on Wednesday afternoon from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. and on Saturday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Riding Club Event Results

The Merkel Riding Club had a large crowd out Saturday night. Everyone had a nice time and some of the riders made some very fast times. We are still having some bronc riding if it continues we may have to get a whistle and keep time on that event.

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1 pound round steak in thin strips 1/2 c. chopped canned tomatoes
2 1/2 Tbsp. shortening 2 tsp. soy sauce
1/2 tsp. salt 1 large green pepper in strips
1/4 tsp. pepper 1 Tbsp. cornstarch
1 10-oz. can condensed onion soup 2 Tbsp. water
1/2 c. water

In skillet brown steak in shortening. Pour off fat. Sprinkle with pepper and salt. Add soup, water, tomatoes, soy sauce and green pepper. Cover. Cook over low heat 30 minutes or until tender. Stir now and then. Mix cornstarch with 2 Tbsp. water until smooth and gradually stir into sauce. Stir until thickened. Serve over rice. Serves 4.

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Girl's Softball Team Now Being Organized

A girl's softball league is in the process of being organized in Merkel.

Any girl in 4th, 5th, or 6th grades interested in playing should contact either Ben Allgaier at 204 Ash, phone 928-6165 or E. V. Walters

at 305 Taylor or call him at 928-5156.

Mr. Allgaier also stated that any parent who is interested and willing to help is desperately needed.

At present, the playing site has not been determined, but plans are still in the making.



The Consumer Alert

by John L. Hill
Attorney General

AUSTIN - One popular investment today, and periodically throughout the past, is fine jewelry. Gold jewelry, diamond rings, and other jewelry with precious metals and stones are being purchased in record amounts.

But it is often impossible for an inexperienced consumer to tell if a piece of jewelry or an uncut stone is what it is represented to be.

Reports from other states indicate there is a rash of deceptive practices in segments of today's jewelry market, although most jewelers are honest and depend on customer good will. Sometimes, however, even an unwary jewelry store owner may be "taken."

One report revealed that a jeweler who had been selling "amber beads" for years discovered when he had the beads tested that they were not amber at all. His foreign supplier had misled him.

Federal Trade Commission officials report that the problem is compounded by the fact that so few people are taken advantage of by deceptive practices in the jewelry industry ever discover the deception and file complaints.

It is usually only when a person has a piece of jewelry appraised for insurance or when he tries to sell it that he becomes aware that he had been taken.

A diamond engagement ring is often the first piece of expensive jewelry many persons purchase. It's of great importance to select a highly reputable jeweler and to depend on his advice when picking a diamond, since for most couples an engage-

ment ring is a major investment.

There are four things to consider when buying a diamond: carat, color, clarity, and cut. And there are two standard grading systems that classify diamonds by these four criteria. One system is used by the Gemological Society of America, the other by the American Gem Society.

Attorneys in our Consumer Protection Division learned of a consumer who bought a diamond from one jeweler, only to have another jeweler appraise the stone a few months later at about half what he had paid for it.

To avoid such disappointments, have the jeweler indicate on the sales receipt the exact description of the diamond according to one of the two standards mentioned. The receipt should state which standard was used and should indicate precisely the diamond's carat size, clarity, color and cut.

"Carats" and "points" are terms of weight for diamonds. There are 100 points to a carat, so a quarter of a carat is written ".25." It takes 142 carats to make one ounce. The Federal Trade Commission standards require that there be no more than one-half point variance from the exact weight in grading a diamond.

Jade and American Indian jewelry are two other types of jewelry especially popular today.

Because of increased trade with China and a corresponding interest in Chinese goods, jade is now in the limelight. It has been valued in China for thousands of years, although the best jade come from Burma.

Due to the recent upsurge of interest in American Indian silver and turquoise jewelry, many amateur collectors are combing the market for good buys.

If you have a consumer problem, consult our Consumer Protection Division, your county or district attorney, or your local Better Business Bureau.



SNOW WHITE and the Seven Dwarfs was presented by fourth grade students, the tonette band and choir in assembly Friday morning in the school cafeteria. The play was also presented for the parents Friday night.

Membership Drive Successful

Fred Starbuck and Mack Fisher, Co-chairmen for the American Red Cross Membership Drive in Merkel, announce the completion of a most successful response from the people of the area. They would like to thank Ben Melton for handling instructions to the solicitors, to Betty Tittle & the Farmers & Merchants Nat. Bank for the handling of funds, to the clubs for active solicitation, to all the teachers and students involved and to the Merkel Mail for the splendid publicity.

Personals

Writing in the home and Mrs. Fred Perry last weekend was their father and family the Billers and Jennifer of Ga.

When cooking, match of pan to surface unit, too small for a unit heat, while heat reflects from too large a pan cause porcelain surface to craze, warns Garrett, home management specialist, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University, Tem.

Police Report

The Police Department received a call on May 4 that there was someone believed to be intoxicated in one of the local businesses. Upon investigating it was found that a subject from Roscoe was intoxicated to the extent that he had fallen asleep. Subject was removed from the establishment and taken to the Taylor County Jail where he was booked for Drunk in Public. On May 5, subject posted a \$40.00 Cash Bond and was released from jail. Subject failed to appear before the Merkel City Judge on May 6, and forfeited the Bond he had posted which then became his fine.

On May 8, the Police Department received a call from a local citizen that there was a drunk in her house and that she wanted to have him taken out and placed in jail. Upon arrival, it was learned that the subject was drunk, and the complainant signed a complaint for Drunk and Simple Assault.

Subject was taken to the Taylor County Jail where he was booked for same charge. On May 5, complainant requested the simple assault charge be dropped. That charge was dismissed and subject \$40.00 Fine and - \$ Court Cost to the M City Judge.

On May 11, the Police Department was notified there was a man along side of a pickup truck who was unknown as to whether the man was or possibly hurt. Investigation revealed that the subject was drunk and posted on the ground along side of his pickup truck. Subject was arrested and booked Drunk in Public. On May 11, subject pleaded guilty to charge to Merkel City, Sam Hill. Subject posted \$40.00 Fine and \$6.00 Cost and was released.

The Police Department also received a number of calls for assistance: local citizens in regard to personal and family problems. The Police Department will assist anyone any problems when asked to do so. However, the Police Department has authority to interfere in personal and family problems other than to maintain law and order. Should any citizen have a problem, call the Police Department and we will be glad to advise you whether we can assist or if there is legal action that can be taken by the Department.

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STATE CAPITAL Highlights AND Sidelights

by Lyndell Williams
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN, Tex. — With the primary elections out of the way, the race for House Speaker is getting hotter by the day.

At least three candidates for the speakership claimed legislative races May 4 turned out in their favor, and they are now in the lead.

One, Rep. Fred Head of Troup, contended he already has the speakership won with 80 votes. During the last week, he released names of 19 representatives backing him.

Rep. Carl Parker of Port Arthur laid claim to having gained seven votes in the primaries — enough to give him a total of about 55.

Rep. Bill Clayton said his pickup in the primaries "clearly established" him as the leader.

Rep. David Finney of Fort Worth hit all the claims as "phony bandwagon publicity," and urged support of his candidacy as a modern compromise.

Rep. Jim Nugent of Kerrville said he doubts outcome of the first primary appreciably changed the order of the candidates, and he maintained the race remains wide open.

The big four candidates — Head, Parker, Clayton and Finney — already have received more than \$100,000 in contributions and spent about \$62,000 on their campaigns.

Head raised and spent the most, \$38,875 in contributions and \$32,045 in expenditures. Clayton is second with \$30,000 in donations and \$10,208 in expenditures. Parker has raised about \$20,000 and spent about \$10,000. Finney \$13,000 and \$10,000.

INCUMBENTS FAVORED — The May 4 Democratic primary was a great day for incumbents.

Not only did Gov. Dolph Briscoe win a landslide victory over Frances "Sissy" Farenthold (by nearly 70 per cent of the disappointingly-light vote of 1.5 million), but there were no upsets of any officials in statewide or congressional primaries.

Further, only three state representatives and a single state senator were defeated in 77 House and eight Senate contests.

Republicans will make their most-determined statewide bids in the governor's race, with Dr. Jim Granberry, 41, of Lubbock as the nominee. Ex-Prisoner of War Nick Rowe is the GOP nominee for comptroller who will take on Democrat Bob Bullock.

CRIME FIGHT PLANNED — Gov. Briscoe announced a public information campaign to draw neighborhoods together to prevent burglary and other crimes.

The project is part of a continuing crime prevention program in Abilene, Amarillo, Beaumont, Corpus

Christi, Odessa and Waco. Goal of the pilot program is to reduce incidence of burglary by 18 per cent in each of six participating cities.

Publicity used in the campaign suggests that police crime-prevention specialists be invited into citizen's homes to demonstrate crime-prevention techniques and teach them to recognize potential criminal activities and report them to police. Texas ranks second in the nation in the number of trained crime prevention officers, with 57 graduates of the National Crime Prevention Institute.

About 220 officers will be trained in new preventive techniques about the end of the summer.

AG OPINIONS — Atty. Gen. John Hill held state funds can be spent to publicize the proposed new state constitution.

In other recent opinions, Hill concluded:

* The Parks and Wildlife Department can spend money to feed and house young people working in parks and contract for reimbursement with the Department of Community Affairs.

* The Board of Pardons and Paroles has authority to recommend a prisoner for an indefinite medical reprieve, emergency reprieve or parole, though the conviction has not been reviewed by the Court of Criminal Appeals.

* A second cousin of a La Joya School District trustee may not be reappointed migrant director for the district (though paid from federal funds).

* Counties and incorporated cities may be considered multi-purpose human resource delivery organizations for purposes of distributing appropriations to the Texas Department of Community Affairs. But a requirement of compliance with guidelines established by the governor is invalid.

* An act of the legislature creating Harris County Youth Village Independent School District is an unconstitutional local law.

* Community Centers for Mental Health and Mental Retardation Services must provide workmen's compensation benefits for employees, when a new law becomes effective, and may do so earlier.

* The only sanction available to a county tax collector for failure to pay the motor vehicle sales tax is to refuse registration.

* American Revolution Bicentennial Commission members may receive 10 cents a mile reimbursement for auto use on official business.

* County judges, county commissioners, county attorneys and general

Quality Management Meeting To Be Held May 24

The West Central Texas Council of Governments and the Brazos River Authority will sponsor a public meeting May 24 in Abilene, Texas to discuss development of a water quality management plan for the Brazos River Basin and adjacent Gulf Coast areas.

The basing-wide planning will be discussed in general but the emphasis will be on those aspects relating to Brown, Callahan, Comanche, Eastland, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Kent, Knox, Nolan, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Taylor, and Throckmorton counties. Meetings of this type have been scheduled in other sections of the Brazos watershed where specifics of plans affecting those areas will be discussed.

The meeting will be held at 2 p.m. in Room 207 of the Abilene Civic Center, 1100 N. 6th Street, Abilene, Texas.

Production estimates have been revised downward from 78.4 million bushels to 69.3 million. Texas produced 98.6 bushels in 1973.

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Transparent packaging helps consumers "know what they're buying," points out Mrs. Gwendolyn Clayt, consumer marketing information specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

Since more labor is required to remove parts of an old structure, remodeling or altering an existing structure costs more than starting from scratch, says Patricia A. Bradshaw, housing and home furnishings specialist, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

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Accent on Health

J.E. PEAVY, M.D., Commissioner of Health

Mother nature has many faces. In spite of all her gentleness, there is a destructive side as well. Consider, for example, the tornado, one of the deadliest phenomena in nature.

Many of those violent storms occur during the springtime, when the earth is waking from its winter slumber. The destructive, whirling wind may strike almost without warning and seemingly at random, sweeping everything out of its way with a whiplash tail that moves in a narrow path across the land.

At one time, about all that people could do to guard against being killed or injured by a tornado was to be on the alert for tornado weather and to move underground -- into a storm cellar -- when conditions warranted.

While oldtimers had to rely on experience to assess the possibility of a tornado, electronics plays a major part in today's alert system. Radar storm warning sets are used in almost all major cities in the state. These stations are connected by telephone and radio. Any station is able to instantly appraise all other stations of tornado activity and the path of a tornado. Then, all communities in the vicinity of the twister can be warned of the tornado's approach through normal channels of communications, or through special warning devices.

The Texas State Department of Health has joined with other state and federal agencies and medical associations in efforts aimed at disaster preparedness. It is ready to go into action in any emergency.

If worse comes to worst, and a tornado does strike a community, the State Health department can provide vaccine, public health engineering, medical emergency nursing know-how, and other vital services, to stem the threat of disease or further complications while disaster relief is underway.

One of the best examples of public health action following a highly-destructive tornado occurred in Lubbock, four years ago.

Although storm warnings were in effect, the tornado which actually hit the city appeared out of nowhere -- forming just above the downtown section at 10 p.m. One of the first things knocked out was the emergency warning system.

With much of Lubbock's communication system knocked out, the health department staff and other city personnel were on their own in following the emergency procedures that had been established in advance. Vaccine and other medical supplies were dug out of the demolished health department building for transfer to an emergency clinic.

State Health Department engineers and other personnel arrived on the scene early the next morning. Food and drug investigators were assigned to Lubbock immediately and within a week had disposed of all spoiled foods and drugs. A large supply of tetanus vaccine was sent by the Health Department laboratories. Rapid insect control activities were vital because of the large amounts of rain.

As in all similar disasters, the one great lesson learned was the value of being prepared.

Over the years, the National Weather Service has developed a system to accurately report severe weather conditions. The public is informed by radio and television advisories.

For tornado activities, the terms used are "Tornado Watch," indicating the possibility of a tornado; "Tornado Warning," meaning that a tornado has been reported in the general area; and "Tornado Alert," meaning to act fast, that a tornado is known to be in the area.

What can you do in the face of a tornado alert? If it's daylight, or if you can see the funnel advancing toward you, you may have time to move out of its path. If you have a storm cellar, you should move into it.

In homes, open some windows and then keep away from them. Get to the center of the house, or to a basement if there is one.

In schools, move to pre-arranged shelter areas. Post a lookout if it can be done safely.

In shopping areas, go to designated shelter areas. In mobile homes, evacuate the area. If no shelter is nearby, leave the trailer park for low protected ground.

In open country, move away from the twister's path. If there isn't enough time, lie flat in the nearest depression with hands shielding your head. If heavy rains accompany the twister, be alert for flash flooding.



HELPING A NEIGHBOR—Garland rancher Glenn Raney helps a neighbor with a sick cow. Raney and his father own 200 of their own cows and calves, a figure which makes them typical ranchers. According to Agriculture Commissioner John C. White, 83 percent of beef cattle in the United States come from herds of less than 500 head.

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ASSETS

1. Cash and due from banks (including \$-0- unposted debits)	263,349.6
2. U.S. Treasury securities	175,000.0
4. Obligations of States and political subdivisions	4,220.6
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	339,919.6
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	1,239,780.9

LIABILITIES

15. Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	957,734.8
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	1,065,962.8

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

35. EQUITY CAPITAL, TOTAL (sum of items 36 thru 40 below)	173,818.07
37. Common stock-total par value	25,000.00
(No. shares authorized 250)	
(No. shares outstanding 250)	
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

- Average of total deposits for the 15 calendar days ending with call date 1,093,113.90
- Average of total loans for the 15 calendar days ending with call date 788,868.14
- 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

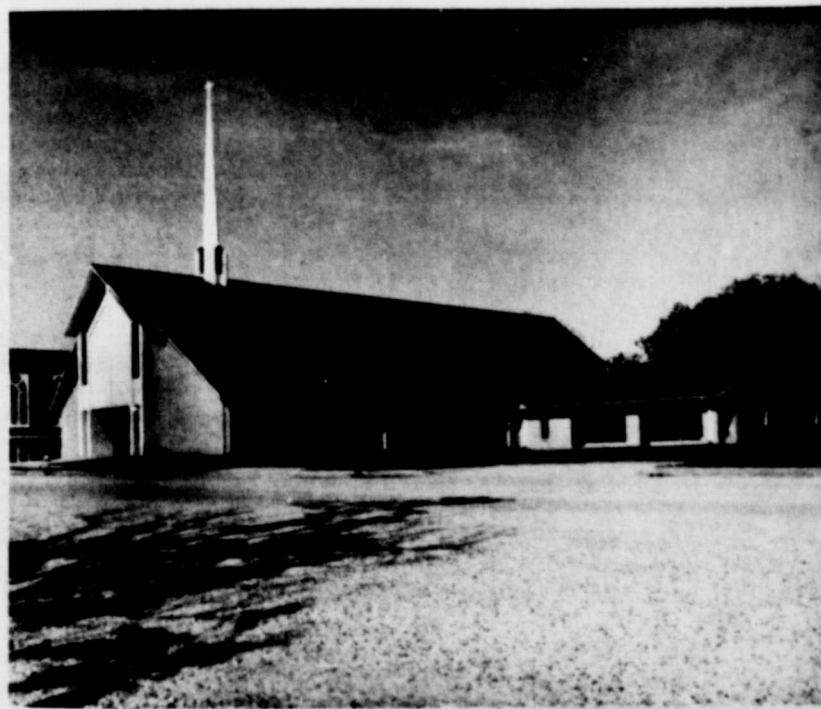
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School's almost out and not much has been going on. The Seniors are all trying to get

their research papers done and everyone is checking upon exemptions to see whether or not they have to take their final exams.

Next week is both 8th grade and high school graduation. This Sunday is baccalaureate at the Baptist Church.

The Student Council made \$150 at their talent show. Fifty dollars is going to be presented to the West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

That's all until next week. See ya then!



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Folk Life Festival To Emphasize Back-to-Earth

Numerous arts and crafts of earlier days will be featured at the Cisco Folk Life Festival on May 17-18-19, and many items from the various crafts will be on sale, according to the ladies of the Cisco Civic League, sponsors of the three-day festival. It will be held at the Cisco Junior College Agriculture Building near the CJC campus. The large white college Ag Building is the former National Guard Armory.

Speaking for the League, Mrs. Peggy Maddox said, "We have planned this festival to be truly in keeping with the 'back-to-earth' emphasis that is now sweeping the nation, and in that connection we will have a great many of the old-time arts and crafts being demonstrated, with items for sale from each booth."

Some of the crafts will include quilting, spinning, food preservation, weaving, pottery-making, blacksmithing, candle-making, dulcimer-making, and dancing dolls. Antiques will also be displayed and sold, and there will be one table full of antique bottles for sale.

Other arts and crafts will be seen at the festival, including on-the-spot caricature sketchings, artists, painting exhibitions and sales, lye soap making, tin-cutting, and horse shoe nail sculpture.

The festival will also have "scads of good food" on hand, with a chuck wagon barbecue, sour dough bread, beans, and a complete western plate lunch available for those at-

tending the affair near meal-time, the Civic League promoters said.

They also promised entertainment throughout most of the run of the festival. Some performers already scheduled include local fiddlers and guitarists along with some of the "Scranton" musicians Friday night, choral groups from Cisco Intermediate Junior High Schools Saturday and Sunday afternoons, and square dancers and champion fiddler Bryant Houston on Saturday night. The square dancers will perform Saturday afternoon beginning at 1:30.

Steering committee of the Civic League for the Folk Festival is headed up by Mrs. Jo Ann Cermin, Mrs. Betty Huffmyer, and Mrs. Maddox. All profits will go to the fund for the proposed park and swimming pool for the city of Cisco.

A gate admission of \$1.00 for adults and 50¢ for students will be charged each day of the festival, good for the entire day. Children under six will be admitted free. Artists and craftsmen exhibiting at the affair have also pledged a portion of their proceeds to the city park fund.

Mrs. Maddox concluded, "A great deal of work on the part of many, many people has gone into the planning and preparation of the Cisco Folk Life Festival, and we hope very much that the people of the area will come out and visit the show at least once. We promise demonstrations and merchandise that are interesting, educational and entertaining. Everybody come!"

Wheat Supply Increase Predicted To Lower Prices

COLLEGE STATION—Both foreign and domestic wheat supplies should increase substantially as this year's crop hits the market, and the result may be a drop in prices to producers to below \$3 a bushel.

New crop wheat from South Texas is already moving to market.

"Despite earlier forecasts of tight wheat supplies, record harvests are now expected in the United States as well as in Australia, Canada and Argentina—this nation's chief competitors in the export market," points out Roland Smith, grain marketing specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Total wheat acreage in the United States is up 2.0 per cent over a year ago, and over a two-billion-bushel crop is expected, despite an anticipated short crop in the Texas and Oklahoma Plains. This would be an increase of 300 million bushels from last year.

"Add this to the expected

increase in wheat production in the Southern Hemisphere and you have an increase in world carryover stocks of almost 20 per cent," notes Smith.

"As far as the U.S. situation is concerned, I expect that we'll export about half of the 1974 wheat crop, despite increasing competition from other countries in the export market. Our own wheat stocks should increase to near 500 million bushels by mid-1975, a substantial increase over the 180-million-bushel carryover estimated this year," says the Texas A&M University System specialist.

So, the wheat supply situation is heading for an "about face" if the record harvests do come about. And prices to wheat producers could take a significant fall under current conditions.

"Producers must keep abreast of the total market situation to receive the best possible prices," contends Smith.

A Weekly Report Of Agri-Business News

Farm-facts

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

IT'S ANYBODY'S guess what farming in Texas will be like by the year 2000. One thing that may be expected is that satellites may be helping, because they already are. Earth Resources Technology Satellite-1 (ERTS-1) circling the earth now, is sending back photo-like images that make it possible to identify different crops, acreage, and even crop growth. It is expected that satellites will help track down water supplies—a talent West Texans, especially, could use now—and will be able to give early warning on crop diseases. And United States satellites probably will be able to tell Americans what neighboring farmers are doing. Oldtimers use to say they "planted by the moon." The future farmer may be farming by satellite.

THE FUEL situation may be easing for most farmers, but it is still tight for others. Very tight gasoline situations were reported in Hall, Foard, Hansford, Llano, Hemphill, Hartley, El Paso, Denton, and Archer Counties; and very tight diesel fuel situations were reported in El Paso and Hartley Counties, according to the U.S. Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service.

TEXAS CROP and Livestock Reporting Service reports that prices received by the State's farmers and ranchers declined six per cent during the month ending April 15. Livestock and livestock products price index was down four per cent from the month earlier and 10 per cent below a year ago. The all-crops price index fell nine per cent below the previous month. Wheat went from \$4.76 to \$3.78 a bushel. Sorghum fell from \$4.56 to \$3.96 during the month ending April 15; upland cotton from 49 cents to 47, broilers from 22.5 cents a pound to 21; eggs from 56.3 cents a dozen to 51.2; and calves from \$47.80 to \$43.70.

LIKE MOST things Texas farmers use or buy, utility rates have been increasing. There has been debate among candidates and Constitutional Convention delegates about possibilities of creating a commission to regulate utilities. Telephone rates are drawing much attention since one telephone company not regulated now has announced an increase in the "mileage rate." This company has said that its new pricing philosophy tries to place the cost of service on the "cost causer" or the customer using the service.

TEXAS STOCKS of four feed grains April 1 were estimated at 169 million bushels, the same as a year ago, says Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service. (Those four are: sorghum, corn, oats, and barley.) Wheat supply was 41.4 million bushels, down 15 per cent from a year earlier. Sorghum stocks were 127 million bushels, down 13 per cent; corn 29.9 million bushels, up 89 per cent; oats 11.4 million bushels, 51 per cent above a year ago; barley 400,000 bushels, down 39 per cent; soybeans 8.3 million bushels up 41 per cent.

PROCESSING of red meat in Texas' slaughtering plants is increasing a little, but the 546.6 million pounds processed the first three months of the year was one per cent below the same period in 1973. The plants processed 184.7 million pounds of red meat in March, an increase of 15 per cent from February but one per cent lower than the corresponding month of 1973.

Personality Quiz

HOW SYMPATHETIC ARE YOU?

People who lack sympathy for the feelings of others are really in a sorry state. They're all the more pitiful when they complain about their own poor fortunes and expect sympathy from others. Are you a sympathetic person? Take this test to find out.

1. If a friend of yours is fired from his job, you should: (A) Express your sorrow. (B) Say that it may be a change for the better. (C) Tell him he was making more money than he deserved, anyway?

2. When a married couple you know decides to get a divorce, and you are a close friend of one of them, it is best to: (A) Express the hope that your friend will find someone new. (B) Tell him or her that you're sorry and say nothing else. (C) Invite the person to a party as an attempt to help him forget?

3. When the parent of a close friend of yours suddenly dies, you should: (A) Tell him how unexpected this was. (B) Tell him how much his parent will be missed. (C) Send flowers to the funeral chapel or to the home of the bereft?

4. If one of your friends has taken a driver's license test and he receives word in the mail that he failed it, you should: (A) Tell him he should have waited a little longer before taking the test. (B) Explain to him that many people who turn out to be excellent drivers fail their first driving test. (C) Urge him not to be so nervous?

5. If someone you know loses his wallet or has it stolen, it is best

to: (A) Tell him he should have been more careful. (B) Express the hope that it will be returned. (C) Ask him if he'd like to borrow some money from you?

For correct answers, see below.



ANSWERS: 1. (B) Say that it may result in a change for the better. Merely expressing your regrets probably won't make him feel much better. 2. (C) Invite the person to a party to help him or her forget. This is something constructive you can do to help your friend through a very trying time. 3. (C) Verbal sympathy is fine if delicately expressed, but flowers are the accepted and most effective way of showing sympathy with beauty. 4. (B) Tell him that many people who are eventually good drivers sometimes fail their first driver's test. Urging him not to be so nervous would be of little avail. 5. (B) Express the hope that someone will return the wallet. Telling him to be more careful will only aggravate his feelings. And offering to lend him some money is too solicitous, unless, of course, he brought up the subject himself.

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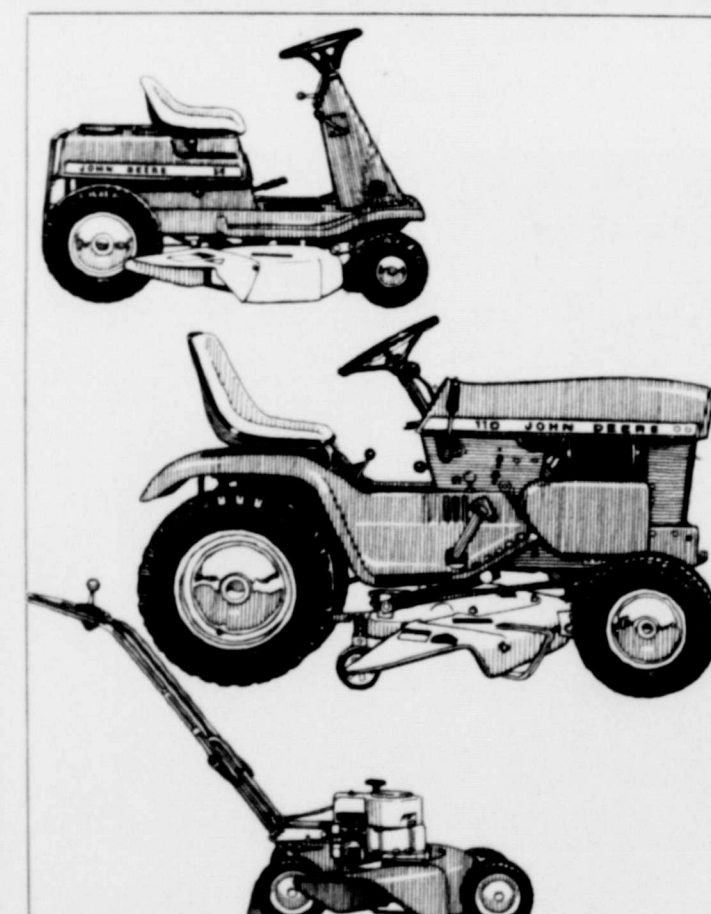
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Since first settling on these shores, colonists have been enjoying the many delicacies of this beautiful country. The bounty of the sea had a major influence on the diet of the early settlers. Fish in one form or another was eaten almost every day. One favorite preparation was planked fish—fresh shad nailed to a piece of wood and baked in front of an open fire.

This seventeenth century technique has been updated for easy preparation by today's homemakers. Sea bass fillets are broiled on a wooden platter and brushed with Blue Bonnet Margarine to give them that old-fashioned buttery flavor. The crowning glory of this planked dinner is Duchess Potatoes, fluted around the fish for a decorative edge. The entire meal is served with a Blue Bonnet Margarine/lemon sauce.

Serve this colonial-inspired dish with pride. Planked Sea Bass will be enjoyed by all.

- and split
- Melted Blue Bonnet Margarine
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- Paprika
- 4 cups warm whipped potatoes
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1/3 cup Blue Bonnet Margarine, melted
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon lemon peel
- Chopped parsley

Arrange fish fillets in single layer on large greased plank. Brush with melted margarine; sprinkle with salt, pepper and paprika. Broil about 5-inches from source of heat just until fish starts to brown, about 8 minutes.



Meanwhile, blend together potatoes and beaten egg. Move fillets toward center of plank. Force potato mixture through pastry tube onto plank around fillets. Broil just until potatoes start to brown and fish flakes easily with a fork.

Combine 1/3 cup melted margarine, lemon juice and lemon peel. Serve with bass. Garnish plank with chopped parsley before serving. Makes 6 servings.

Consumer Market Report

COLLEGE STATION—Egg prices skidding downward should make consumers happy this week, one authority predicts.

"Grade A, large-size eggs offer the best combination of quality and economy," according to Mrs. Gwendolyn Clyatt, consumer marketing information specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

"Other economical poultry products are fryer chickens,

with an increased supply of three to five per cent, chicken hens, turkeys and turkey parts.

"At beef counters, many markets are featuring round steaks and roasts, ground beef, chuck roasts, beef liver, and perhaps rump and rib roasts.

Fresh fruit and vegetables in good supply at economical prices are oranges, bananas, grapefruit and pineapple, the specialist said.

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HUNTS 300 **TOMATOES**

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