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Dr. Rupert Richardson Installs New Officers For Merkel Lions Club

"Never in my life time have we witnessed as much dishonesty in high places, which makes the principals of Lionism all the more important," Dr. Rupert N. Richardson told the Merkel Lion Club at their Tuesday noon meeting. Dr. Richardson, serving as installing officer, installed the new officers for the coming year.

Dr. Richardson, President Emeritus of Hardin-Simmons University, told the members and guests that Lionism had two pillars that he felt were most important. "The first is Service. This is the most important. Some service clubs were founded on the principle of fellowship, but Lionism was founded first on service," he said. Dr. Richardson went on to relate the many projects the Lions Club support, citing the Sight for the Blind as the most important. Secondly, he said, Lionism is fellowship with the other members. He admonished the members to come to or 15 minutes early to each meeting in order to take full advantage of the fellowship opportunities afforded. "I am the chief sinner of the Abilene Club, but we should not set at the same place at the table and with the same people. We should bro... contact," he said.

Installed as president for the 1975 year was Fred Starbuck. Other officers installed included Don Hart, 1st vice president; Travis Davis,

2nd vice president; George Starbuck, 3rd vice president; Herman Carson, tall twister; Bill Button, secretary; and Bill Button, Fred Starbuck, Steve Lanham, George Starbuck, Russell McAnally, Mack Fisher, Herman Carson, and Connie Mack Seymour, directors.

Members of the Downtown Lions Club in Abilene were guest of the Merkel Club. Joe Lassiter of Merkel, and a member of the Abilene Club, introduced members of the visiting club and introduced Dr. Richardson.

Receiving pins for recruiting new members during the Governors Roundup was Travis Davis, Herman Carson and George Starbuck.

Jr. High Twirlers Hold Bake Sale

The Merkel Junior High Twirlers will be sponsoring a Bake Sale on Saturday, July 6, in front of the West Texas Utilities Building.

Proceeds from the sale will be used to help pay expenses to the ACC Band Camp, July 8-10, and for uniforms.

Anyone desiring to special order a baked item should contact one of the following:

Junior High Twirlers: Shannon Bagby, Lori DuBose, Lesa Hart, Lisa Owen, Cindy Smith and Dion Wilkerson.

J.L. Cook Buried Sunday

James L. Cook, 57, a prominent Nolan County farmer, died about 9:15 a.m. Saturday at his home apparently of natural cause.

Services were held at 4 p.m. Sunday at Nolan Methodist Church. Burial was in Slaughter Cemetery.

Mr. Cook was born Sept. 19, 1916 in the Nolan County

community of Dora. He was a World War II veteran, serving in the 36th Division, and married Edith Aileen Frazier April 4, 1942 in Gainesville, Fla.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Mrs. Leigh White of Sweetwater; two brothers, J. P. and L. G., both of Abilene; and a sister, Mrs. Mildred Crawford of Midkiff.

Merkelites Kin Rites Held

Millard Wayne (Bill) Williams, 72, of Livingston, brother of Dr. Jarrett E. Williams of Abilene and Mer-

kel, died Friday morning in Hermann Hospital after a brief illness.

Mr. Williams was a retired fireman for the city of Houston with more than 35 years service in the department.

Funeral was held Sunday at the Froberg Funeral Chapel in Alvin. Burial was at Alvin.

Surviving Mr. Williams are his wife and two brothers, Wesley of Alvin and Dr. Williams, Abilene pathologist who lives at Merkel.

Grant to Trent ISD

Congressman Omar Burleson announced today a \$391,000 Office of Education grant to the Trent Independent School District.

These funds will be used to provide programs and projects to meet the special education needs of educationally deprived children in pre-school programs, elementary schools, and certain selected secondary schools if the local educational agency determines there is a need.

The grants have been made available under Part C of Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act which provide special programs for educationally disadvantaged children.

Post Office Closed July 4

The Merkel Post Office will be closed Thursday, July 4.

There will be no mail delivery at boxes, city or rural routes.



AMERICAN WAY--Joel Wilson, left, explains to Harmut Kegal what some of the square dance terms mean in America. Wilson, West Utilities Service Representative, called the square dance for the Taylor County 4-H held at the Taylor Electric Cooperative Thursday night. The event was held in Kegal's honor. Kegal is a Farmer Exchange Student from Germany.

Merkel 4-H Club Hosts Square Dance For German Exchange Student

The Merkel 4-H Club was host to all 4-H clubs in Taylor County Thursday night at a square dance held at Taylor Cooperative Inc. The square dance was held in honor of Harmut Kegal, a Farmer Exchange Student from Germany. About 75 persons turned out for the event. Mothers of the 4-H members served a covered dish supper prior to the dance.

The 23-year-old farmer lives in Mutterstadt, West Germany. He is employed on his father's 100-acre farm. The Kegels raise potatoes, sugar beets, wheat and lettuce. Livestock raised by the family is pigs. Kegal attended Agricultural School, and is a State approved farmer.

His special interests include leading youth groups, arranging exchange programs, irrigation, harvesting the crops raised on the family farm, the American school system, natural science and research, and adult education programs.

Joel Wilson, Service Representative for West Texas Utilities, served as Caller for the square dance.

Kegal is being sponsored in the U.S. by the International 4-H Foundation in behalf of the Cooperative Extension Service. Financial sponsorship is provided by friends of 4-H through the Cooperative Extension Service and the National 4-H Foundation.

Kegal will stay two days, Tuesday and Wednesday in the home of Merkel 4-H member Wanda Braune and her parents.

\$205 Raised For WTRC At MRC Event

A total of \$205 was raised for the West Texas Rehabilitation Center in Abilene at a special Playday event of the Merkel Riding Club Sunday afternoon. Entry fees, gate receipts and some individual donations all went to the Rehab Center.

Results of the Sunday event are as follows:

The winner in the 12 and under high point was Leslie Masonheimer of Trent. In the 13-16 age group Patricia Boyd of Trent was the winner. Adult group winner was Katherine Whisenhunt of Merkel.

The calf roping event was won by Kenny Hogan of Merkel. The Open Barrel Race was won by Rickey Odom of Hawley. Team roping was won by Don Odom of Trent and Jamie Boyd of Merkel.

High point for the entire show was Patricia Boyd.



RON HULL...conducts meeting

Trent Church of Christ Gospel Meeting July 7-14

There will be a gospel meeting at the Trent Church of Christ July 7-July 14 with Ron Hull, former minister, conducting the meeting.

Hull is a graduate of Abilene Christian College in Abilene and is now minister at Ripon, California.

Morning services will be at 7:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Evening services will be at 8:00 Monday through Saturday. Sunday services will be at 6 p.m.

Larry Bristo is minister of the Trent Church of Christ.

Band Rehearsal Monday July 8

Glenn Reed, Band Director of Merkel High School Band, would like to remind everyone that Band rehearsal will be held Monday July 8 at 8 p.m. in the Band Hall at Merkel High.

Any new students in the area are welcome.

Bullock Hardware Store Sold to R. L. Castilles

Mrs. Almada Bullock, longtime Merkel merchant, has announced the sale of her business, Bullock's Hardware and Gifts, to Mr. and Mrs. Rosey Castille. The sale was effective Monday, July 1st.

Mrs. Bullock and her husband, the late W. H. Bullock, started the business 40 years ago. Mr. Bullock passed away in 1954. Since that time Mrs. Bullock has run the store.

"I would like to thank the many friends and patrons I have endeavored to serve through the years, Mrs. Bullock said. "I know that the people of Merkel will be pleased with the new owners. I plan to continue to work and help them in the store," she said.

ue the same service that has been the hallmark of the store."

Force Veteran, and his family have lived in Merkel for 3 years. Their children attend the Merkel Public Schools.

The Castilles live on a farm nine miles south of Merkel. Mr. Castille, a career Air Force man, plans to retire from the services soon. Castille and his wife, Pat, have seven children. They are Patty, Sue, Steve, Ben, Jamie, Judy and Jason.

Mr. and Mrs. Castille, both natives of Lake Charles, La., issued the following statement: "We are pleased to become a part of the Merkel business community and look forward to serving the people of our trade territory. We feel especially fortunate to be able to purchase a business with the fine reputation that the Bullock Hardware and Gift Store enjoys. While we are changing the name of the store to Castille Hardware and Gift, we plan to contin-



MR. AND MRS. R. L. CASTILLE...purchase store

Stith Co-Op Gin Annual Meet Set

The annual membership meeting of the Farmers Co-Op Gin will be held Saturday, July 13 at the Stith Community Center, announced Tip Carter, manager.

Survey For Teenage Baseball Being Conducted

A small group of interested persons met Monday night at the Asteroid Restaurant to begin plans for the formation of a baseball league for area teenage boys and the construction of a ball park. Possibilities of different league affiliation were discussed and also the type of park needed. All avenues of assistance will be explored as plans are made.

The first project by the group is to make a survey of the boys who are interested in playing baseball. All boys who will be 13 by Aug. 1, 1975 will not be 18 before Aug. 1, 1975 are urged to turn in a survey form to the Merkel Chamber of Commerce by July 9th. The league will in-Tye, and surrounding area. It is important that interested boys register so that plans for the league or leagues can be made accordingly. A form is printed in this paper.

There will be a meeting at the Asteroid on July 9 at 8:00 to make further plans for the baseball league and park. All persons who are interested in helping with this project are ask to attend and anyone wishing to talk with someone about this may contact J. C. Carson. It is necessary to get plans started now so that our teen age boys will have a place to play baseball by next summer.

John Lozano Named LL President at Ceremonies

A large crowd of family and friends turned out Thursday evening to see the final game and closing ceremonies for the Merkel Little League program. Officers for the

1975 playing year were also elected. John Lozano was chosen president for the league and Larry Gill was elected vice president. Christy Barnett was re-elected Secretary - Treasurer.

Rural Letter Carriers To Hold Convention

The 70th Annual Convention of the Texas Rural Letter Carriers' Association and the Ladies Auxiliary will be held July 7, 8, 9 and 10 at the Starlite Motor Inn in Abilene.

Also announced was the All-Star team. Team members chosen were: Kris Cox, Bankers; Todd Gregory, Bankers; Donnie Harris, Braves; Bart Pursley, Braves; Danny Freeman, Killowats; Ricky Hines, Supers; Larry Davis, Supers; Kyle Wade, Supers; Kelly Knight, Supers; Ted Holmes, Vets; Kevin Farmer, Vets; Donald Tutt, Vets; Scott Cain, Vets; and Brad Wade, Vets. Chosen 1st Alternate was Carlos Garza and second alternate, Lynn Wade. Manager of the All-Star team is Danny Sanford. Coach is Grady Knight.

Outgoing president, Larry White, acknowledged the league managers and coaches. He thanked the ladies auxiliary for the support that they gave the league during the year. White gave a special thank you to the men that served as umpires during the year.

1974 teams and their sponsors were: Bankers, Farmers and Merchants National Bank; Braves, Boney Insurance; Killowats, West Texas Utilities; Supers, Carson Super Market; Vets, Merkel VFW; Wilkes, Taylor Electric Cooperative; Yankees, Merkel Drug Co.; Mustangs, Wilson Food Store; and Braves, Beta Sigma Phi.

Registration will begin at 2 p.m. Sunday, July 7. Convention Chairmen will be Rural Carriers--Alvin P. Wozencraft and Ladies Auxiliary--Mrs. W. R. Cypert, both of Merkel.

The State president of the Letter Carriers' is Mr. Roy Eckermann of San Antonio. Secretary-Treasurer is J. L. Slayden of Waxahachie. Ladies Auxiliary president is Notchey O. Starr of Odessa.

Memorial service will be at 7:30 p.m. Sunday. Business meetings will be held each day in the morning and evenings.

Monday, July 8th, there will be a Poolside Bar-B-Que at 7:30 p.m. halfanz Ellen Studio of Dance will entertain. There will also be a junior talent show.

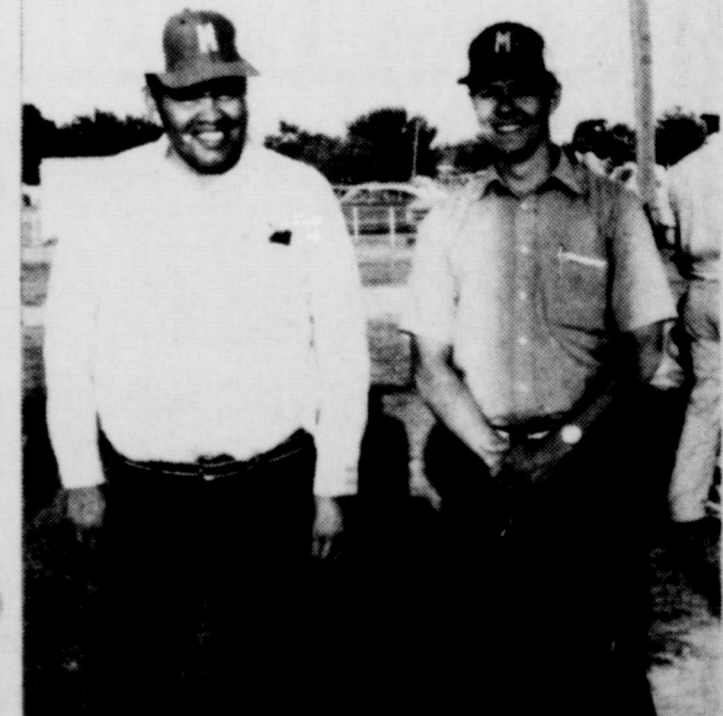
Tuesday, July 9th, the annual CONVENTION, Pg. 7



NEW FLAG--Pictured with a new flag presented the Merkel Riding Club by the Abilene Woodmen of the World, is Walter Whisenhunt, president and club sweetheart, Patricia Boyd.



ALL-STAR TEAM--Front row, left to right, Scott Cain, Kelly Knight, Ted Holmes, Kevin Farmer, Lynn Wade, Brad Wade, and Todd Gregory. 2nd row, Donnie Tutt, Kyle Wade, Larry Davis, Ricky Hines, Danny Freeman, Bart Pursley, Darryl Harris, and Kris Cox. Not pictured is Carlos Garza, Back Row, Grady Knight, coach and Danny Sanford, manager.



LITTLE LEAGUE CHIEFS--John Lozano, left, was elected president of the Merkel Little League for 1975. Elected vice president was Larry Gill, right. Also elected, but not pictured, was Christy Barnett, Secretary-Treasurer.

2 VFW Delegates Attend Convention

The V.F.W. State Convention was held at El Paso, Texas, June 21, 22, and 23 at the Convention Center.

Delegates from Merkel Post 5683 were Winona Millett of the V.F.W. Auxiliary, and Lewis L. Millett, V.F.W.

Many projects were discussed for the forthcoming year and new officers were elected. One aim for the Auxiliary members is to contribute \$1,000,000 for Cancer Aid and Research.

Each V.F.W. Auxiliary has different methods of raising money to contribute to this cause, donations, raffles and other fund raising projects.

There were 855 qualified voters for the Texas V.F.W. Auxiliary.

For the "Keep America Beautiful" program throughout Texas there were projects such as planting shrubs, and flowers at Nursing Homes, cleaning old cemeteries, tree planting on Arbor Day and July 4 in Honor of MIA's and beautification of Public places.

Other projects were the collection of Betty Crocker Coupons by the V.F.W. Jr. Girls for the purchase of a new Fire Engine for the National Home, Eaton Rapids, Michigan, 6.6 million coupons were collected. It's cash value was \$33,000.00.

Prior to Memorial Day Buddy Poppies were sold by the Merkel V.F.W. Auxiliary and they received donations totaling \$197.00. Seven children from Merkel also helped, and did very well in their sales.

Sunday prior to Memorial Day, Mrs. Frank Anderson of Merkel and other members of the V.F.W. and 2 children, placed American Flags on graves of American Veterans at cemeteries in Comper, Stith, and Whitehill.

Personals

Mrs. Bill Lambert just returned Sunday from a visit to Temple where she visited with her new grandson, Carl Wayne Black and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Lee Black.

She also visited with her younger daughter, Carolyn Ross, who is spending the summer there and working. Carolyn will be returning August 1 to get ready for school.

Vacation News

T. G. HULL returned to Merkel June 25th from a three-week vacation with his daughter and family, Chaplain (CPT) and Mrs. Jerry D. Reynolds and Joel, in Fayetteville, North Carolina.

Mr. Hull, a retired 1st Lt., enjoyed renewed contact with military life at nearby Fort Bragg where Chaplain Reynolds has been assigned for more than three years with the famous 82d Airborne Division. He toured the museums of the John F. Kennedy Center for Military Assistance (Special Forces) and the 82d Airborne Division where he saw many reminders of World War II's Normandy invasion in which he participated as a member of the 915th Field Artillery Battalion. He also attended a combined arms and fire-power demonstration designed to show the capabilities of combat weaponry used by the Army and Air Force.

Sunday, June 16th, combined Father's Day celebration with formal Opening Ceremonies of the 1974 First Region (East Coast) ROTC Advanced Camp for which Chaplain Reynolds is serving as camp chaplain. Chaplain Reynolds conducted the morning Protestant worship service at the cadet chapel and participated in the afternoon festivities in which Lieutenant General Richard J. Seitz, XVIII Airborne Corps and Fort Bragg commander, welcomed some 1800 cadets representing over 100 colleges and universities.

In addition to military activities, Mr. Hull enjoyed lots of lounging at the Reynolds home where he got better acquainted with his 19-month-old grandson Joel with daily walks and splashing in the backyard pool. "Papaw" hopes to pay another visit next fall after the arrival of the second grandchild--that time to Fort Hamilton (Brooklyn), New York where Chaplain Reynolds begins the Chaplain School Advanced Course in August.

MR. AND MRS. DONALD RAY GARDNER and son KERRY LYNN, of Snyder, TAMMIE HICKS and MRS. MARVIN FREEMAN of Trent have returned home after being on a vacation. They went to Nashville, Tenn., and toured the city. Places of interest were the old original Opera house, homes of the stars, then to the New Operaland, its something similar to Six Flags of Texas. Other places visited were State Capitol, Country Music Hall of Fame, Parthenon, The Hermitage, Cheek Wood, Fort Nashboro, Belle Meade Mansion, Upper Room and War Memorial Bldg., and State museum.

In Virginia, they visited one of the seven wonders of the world. It was the James River recreation area at Natural Bridge, also the Skyline Drive and the Shenandoah National Park. On they went to Washington, D. C., where they took the tourmobile tour. They saw the Washington Monument, U. S. Capitol, Smithsonian Monument, Jefferson Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, Arlington Cemetery, White House, President John F. Kennedy Gravesite, Tomb of the unknowns, Arlington House, Curtis-Lee Mansion, The Pentagon, Senate, Congress, Kissinger Building and also a lot of other important buildings such as agriculture Education, missiles and military places, etc.

They traveled on to New York. There were a lot of beautiful sights in each state. The trip to Niagara Falls in the U. S. are very pretty. About one third of the water goes over the U.S. Falls and are crumbling very bad. From there it was Niagara Falls in Canada. The shape of the falls are horse-shoe. Two-thirds of the water goes over this fall. They rode The Maid of the Mist in the Niagara River up to the falls. It was so close they could not see for the water of the falls. The Canadian Falls are not crumbling like the U.S. The flowers in Canada are beautiful. They set out potted flowers blooming for each season. The buggy ride over the Niagara Falls was beautiful. The Great Lakes and the Niagara River are all fresh water. The water circulates from each great lake on the river. The deep tour in Canada showed beautiful farm and grazing land.

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Barrels
12 and Under - 1. Tammer Golson, 2. Lisa Doherty, 3. Jeff Toombs, 4. Dee Dee Masonheimer, 5. Brooks Boyd.
13-16 - 1. Jay Boyd, 2. Terry Gramberger, 3. Cindy Boone, 4. Charles Hatfield, 5. Patricia Boyd.
17 and Over - 1. Cindy Whisenhunt, 2. Kathryn Whisenhunt, 3. Barbara Whisenhunt, 4. Jarrett Pinckley, and 5. Robert Boyd.

Roping
1. Don Dudley, 2. Kenny Hogan, 3. Robert Boyd, 4. Allen Frazier
Rubron Roping
1. Robert Boyd and La Tricia Powell, 2. Doris Hutcheson and Brad Newsom, 3. Don Dudley and Dee Dee Masonheimer, 4. Allen Frazier and Robbie Williams, 5. Walter Whisenhunt and Sherry Williams

Head & Heeling
1. Allen Frazier and Oscar Vaughn, 2. Don Dudley and Philix Boyd, 3. Don Odom and James Boyd.
12 and Under - 1. Jeff Toombs, 2. Tammer Golson, 3. Leslie Masonheimer, 4. Sherry Williams and 5. Vicki Campbell.

Boat Race
5 and Under - 1. Denise Pursley, 2. Graham Odom, 3. Lucy Masonheimer, 4. Garry Sutterfield and 5. Kyle Coker.
6-8 - 1. Brooks Boyd, 2. Kevin Coker, 3. James Allday and 4. Robbie Williams.

Harvesting and Planting... Baling Going Well... Cattle Sales Drop... Milk Production Up... Turkey Hatches Down

HARVESTING and Planting of several crops in this big State are going on at the same time. The first bale of cotton of Texas' No. 1 crop was ginned June 10, while cotton planting was going on in the Low and High Plains. Crispin Gamez, who had the first bale in 1971 and 1972, brought the first bale to Pharr, in the Rio Grande Valley. Most of the 1974 cotton crop has been planted but there is some replanting of cotton hailed out on the Low and High Plains. Sorghum crops are in about the same situation as cotton, with harvesting underway in the Valley and South Texas and some replanting going on in the Plains where hail and sand damaged some crops. A lot of rice is heading out, and combining may begin any day now. Most of the peanut and soybean crops are planted over the State but one planting remains to be done.

HAY BALING is underway over much of the State, especially in East Texas where rains have been accommodating. Prospects are good in some areas for third and fourth cuttings. Baling wire and twine shortages and/or prices have been a handicap, running costs of baling higher than they have been in years. Prices on baling wire and twine are about double what they were last year. Ranges, for the most part, are in good condition, except on areas of the Trans-Pecos, Southern High Plains and Edwards Plateau where rain has not been adequate. Highest temperature reported in the State so far was 106 degrees in Wichita Falls June 16.

SALE OF CATTLE and calves at auction rings showed a sharp drop during the month of May, according to the Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service. There were 362,000 head of cattle and calves sold, which was 51 per cent below a year ago and 18 per cent below April sales. The 40,000 hogs sold in May was two per cent below a year ago and seven per cent below the previous month. Sheep sales at auction rings numbered 145,000 head, 17 per cent below a year ago but 19 per cent more than a month earlier. During May, 297,337 head of cattle and calves were shipped out of Texas to other States, and 102,202 were shipped into Texas, according to health certificate tabulations. A year ago, 417,786 head were shipped out of Texas and 188,508 head were shipped into Texas. Sheep and lambs shipped to other States totaled 120,045 head, a drop of 37 per cent from a year ago.

MILK PRODUCTION in Texas was up slightly during May, reaching an estimated 301 million pounds. That's one per cent above May, 1973 and a little more than in April. Production per cow was 860 pounds during May, which is 20 pounds more than in May, 1973. All wholesale milk sold for an estimated \$9.90 per hundred pounds... Texas egg production was down during May, dropping 12 per cent from the same time last year, to 200 million eggs. That is one per cent more than for April, 1974. There were 10.4 million layers on hand in May, 10 per cent below May, 1973.

SURVEY FOR TEENAGE BASEBALL

Name _____
Address _____
Phone Number _____
Parents' Name _____
League age in 1975 (before Aug. 1, 1975) _____
(Turn in to Merkel Chamber of Commerce by July 9th)
or mail to P.O. Box 536, Merkel, Texas.

Senior Citizens News

The Senior Citizen Building will be open on Trades Day this Saturday for anyone who wishes to rent a table or space inside in order to stay out of the hot sun.

Monday night, the Senior Citizens had the largest crowd ever at their singing night. There were 70 persons attending. The First Baptist Youth Choir sang for the Senior Citizens.

The Senior Citizens will have their all day luncheon Tuesday, July 9th. They will bring covered dishes and enjoy the noon meal together. Before and afterwards visiting and games of dominoes and forty-two will be enjoyed.

Mr. Dent Gibson is president for the month of July.

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Glenn Love, 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 5th day of August A.D. 1974, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 19th day of June A.D. 1974.

Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD Clerk, Domestic Relations Court Taylor County, Texas; By Rilla Mahony, Deputy. 18-4tc

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Attest: Irene Crawford, Clerk, Domestic Relations Court Taylor County, Texas; By Myrna Lawrence, Deputy. 16-4tc

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THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Josephine N. Faulkner, Defendant,
Greeting:
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Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD, Clerk, Domestic Relations Court, Taylor County, Texas; By Myrna Lawrence, Deputy. 17-4tc



JUST WATCH ME!—L. J. Gray poses with his dancing partner, Janice Allen at the County 4-H Square Dance held in Merkel Thursday night.



THE HULLEY GULLEY—Kegall, others

Certificates Given In Swim Program

The Learn to Swim Program was sponsored in Merkel last week by the Taylor County Chapter American Red Cross.

Certificates were issued to the following:
 Beginners—Greg Beasley, Ann Melton, Christi Brady, Tommy Hays, Randy Leverich, Russell Newell Lucas, Jan Melton, Judy Glasscock, Pam Massey, Debbie Williams, Harold Dye, Donny Brady and Scott Alves.

Advanced Beginner—Lynn Wade.

Intermediate -- Jeanessa Cypert, Alan Glasscock, Shannon Bagby, Tim Brady and Janet Wade.

Fred Starbuck, chapter director of the Red Cross in Merkel, would like to thank all the volunteer people that helped to put the program on. He would also like to thank Merkel Country Club for use of the pool.

News Happenings From Trent

By: Brenda Griffith

Monday, July 8 is the following persons birthday: Janie King, Gayla Heatly, and Teresa Brazelton. Tuesday is Sally Watson's.

A band director has been

hired for Trent. Her name is Mrs. Campbell. Mr. Campbell has agreed to teach choir. The Campbells' have a 3-year old son named Dave.

Mrs. Rhoda Allen of Merkel will be teaching English. Her husband, Lou David Allen, is mayor of Merkel. Well, only seven weeks left of our summer vacation because school starts at Trent August 19.

• Attorneys fees against delinquent taxpayers are calculated on the basis of the amount sued for by taxing entities represented by county or district attorney.

• The Wharton County court of domestic relations has jurisdiction in civil cases where the matter in controversy is at least \$200 but not more than \$5,000.

Kindell Stevens In NATO Exercise

Navy Fireman Kindell J. Stevens, husband of the former Rita B. Kachel of General Delivery, Tye, participated in "International Week II" aboard the guided missile frigate USS Luce assigned to the U.S. Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean. He took part in coordinated anti-air, anti-submarine and anti-surface warfare exercises which involved the

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN BANKING HOURS

EFFECTIVE JULY 6, 1974 THE FARMER & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK OF MERKEL WILL BE CLOSED ALL DAY ON SATURDAY.

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Personals

Mrs. Sherman Lane of 1303 S. 3rd, Merkel has returned from a trip to Houston where she visited with relatives and friends.

She was accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Clarence Walden of Midland, who visited with her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bishop.

Mrs. Zedic L. Johnson had as guests over the weekend her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Glynn Johnson of Fort Worth.

Women's Employment Record Is Comparable To Mens

True or False: There is more absenteeism and job turnover among women than among men.

False. Women have favorable records of attendance and turnover when compared with men working at similar jobs levels and circumstances.

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, employers sometimes make claims such as the above to justify paying women less than men for doing the same work. Although the Equal Pay Act prohibiting different pay scales because of sex has been on the books for over 10 years, pay discrimination still plagues many workers.

To alert women of their rights under the Equal Pay Act, a 16-page publication Equal Pay, has been developed. Single copies are available free from Consumer Information, Pueblo, Colorado 81009.

Workers in all establishments subject to the minimum wage provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act are covered by the Equal Pay Act. The Act requires that men and women working under similar conditions in the same business, factory, store, etc., must receive the same pay if their jobs require:

* Equal skill, which includes such factors as experience, training, education, and ability.

* Equal effort, which can be either physical or mental exertion.

* Equal responsibility. Equal does not mean identical, but the jobs must be basically the same.

An employer may not reduce the wages of any worker in order to comply with the law. For example: A company pays a male worker \$2.75 an hour and a female worker \$2.00 an hour for doing the same job. In order to correct the discrimination, the company may not cut the male's pay, but rather must

increase the female's pay.

The law provides no special advantages or treatment for women workers. The Act provides only that there be equal pay for equal work regardless of the sex of the employee performing the work.

If you believe you are being discriminated against because of your sex, contact the Wage and Hour Division of the U.S. Department of Labor for assistance. All inquiries are kept in strict confidence. Compliance officers across the country investigate complaints of violation of the Equal Pay Act.

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Miss Carson Engagement Told

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Carson of Merkel announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Cathy, to Mark Kelley of Stamford, Texas.
 Kelley is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Herschel Kelley of Austin, Texas.
 The couple will be married July 28, 1974 in the First Baptist Church in Merkel.
 The bride-elect is a 1973 graduate of Merkel High School and is employed at Aileen Manufacturing Co. in Abilene.
 Kelley is a 1972 graduate of Sidney Lanier High School, Austin and is employed with General Welding of Stamford.

• A district court may exercise probationary powers whether or not it has employed a probation officer to assist it. A probation clerk may perform some of the officer's duties directly under court supervision.
 • A town whose incorporation has been declared void in a court order is not entitled to receive city sales taxes collected for it by the comptroller.

Miss Hogan Plans September Wedding



JOYCE HOGAN ... engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hogan of Rt. 1, Merkel, announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Joyce, to Jerry Sanders.

A September 14th wedding is planned in the First Methodist Church of Merkel.

Miss Hogan is a 1973 graduate of Noodle-Horn School and attended Hardin-Simmons University.

Mr. Sanders, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alton Sanders of Weinert, is a graduate of Weinert High School and also attended Hardin-Simmons University.

STATE CAPITAL Highlights AND Sidelights
 by Lyndell Williams
 TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN, Tex. — The energy crisis may bring lower auto insurance premiums, and the State Insurance Board has put off its annual rate hearing to see if that's possible.
 The hearing won't take place until late September this year.

By then, the board hopes to get statistics on accidents and insurance claims for the first quarter of 1974.
 The 55 miles an hour speed limit approved in special legislative session last December did not take effect until January 20. Driving was also curtailed sharply during early months of the year because of gasoline shortages.

If statistics for the first three months show lower rates are possible, the reduction would not go into effect until a month or more after the September hearing.

Texas Department of Public Safety has been asked to provide accident report details for the Insurance Board's 40 rating territories.
 An average statewide reduction of 4.3 per cent was ordered last year, and many companies have granted further "deviation" reductions below the statewide rates fixed by the regulatory agency.

CONVENTION WINDING UP — The Constitutional Convention is racing toward a conclusion, but critical decisions — perhaps the toughest of the deliberations to date — remain.

President Price Daniel Jr. is hopeful of adjournment by July 15. Before that time, 121 votes must be rallied for the final document (and separate referendum items) to be submitted to voters.

ACCIDENTS PREDICTED — Col. Wilson E. Speir, director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, estimated 42 lives would be lost in July 4 holiday traffic accidents.

Speir, who declined to make Christmas-New Year period forecasts because of changing traffic conditions tied to the energy crisis, said the situation has become more stable. He said gasoline is available in most areas, and guessed this will bring additional auto movement on the highways during the mid-summer holiday.

Thirteen died in July 4 traffic last year, but the holiday period was only 30 hours long then, compared to an 102-hour period this year (with the fourth falling on Thursday). Eighty died in 1972 holiday traffic over a similar 102-hour period.

All available DPS troopers and department facilities will be used to curb unsafe and reckless drivers, Speir said.
 TRAINING CENTER ESTABLISHED — Gov. Dolph Briscoe ordered establishment July 1 of a new State Employees Training Institute to upgrade the unskilled and disadvantaged for jobs in state government.

The center, to be housed in The University of Texas, Austin, Extension Service facilities, will provide intensive, short-term remedial education and skill training for new state agency employees and will have the capability to expand training for new responsibilities.

Texas Education Agency and UT division of Extension were assigned cooperative roles.
 COURTS SPEAK — The State Supreme Court will review a \$200,000 damage suit against an Alpine dentist who shot to death a youth he believed to be stealing a battery from his car.

The High Court in a divided decision held an El Paso lawyer's license should be suspended three years

(rather than revoked) for theft of \$401 of a client's money.

A life sentence assessed a Fort Worth man in the killing of a policeman was affirmed by the Court of Criminal Appeals.

A July 25 hearing has been set in 167th district court here in a civil anti-trust suit filed by Atty. Gen. John Hill against Associated Milk Producers Inc. (AMPI). Hill claims "coercive" tactics were used by the nation's largest dairy cooperative to get a virtual monopoly on Texas milk production.

A pre-trial conference has been scheduled in Austin's 53rd district court July 16 on Frances "Sissy" Farenthold's \$2.5 million campaign finance lawsuit against Governor Briscoe.

The state settled its suit against Atlantic Richfield for \$2.8 million. The case is the fourth settlement in 27 suits Hill filed against oil companies seeking fair market prices of "in kind" payments for oil and gas royalties from public school land leases.

AG OPINIONS — An appropriations bill provision that U.S. citizenship or application for naturalization is a requirement for all state employment is unconstitutional, Attorney General Hill held.

In other recent opinions, Hill concluded:

Texas leads the U.S. in natural fiber production, according to Marilyn Brown, consumer education-clothing and textiles specialist, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System. Texas produces 97 per cent of the mohair, 30 per cent of the cotton and 20 per cent of the wool used in the U.S.

A serving as small as four ounces of lean fish will supply about half the total protein a person requires each day, Mrs. Mary K. Sweeten, foods and nutrition specialist, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System, noted this week.



MRS. GARY LYNN BIGBEE ... formerly Patsy Lynn Vinson

Miss Vinson, Mr. Bigbee Vows Exchanged June 29

Patsy Lynn Vinson became the bride of Gary Lynn Bigbee Saturday, June 29 at 2 p.m. in the Merkel Church of Christ. Minister Larry Gill performed the ceremony.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. Her dress was bridal satin with lace overlay.

The bride is a 1974 graduate of Merkel High School and the groom is a 1970 Merkel High School graduate. The groom also attended Cisco

Junior College. The couple will reside in Nolan, Texas where Mr. Bigbee is engaged in farming.

Mulberry Canyon 4-H News

Teresa Clemmer, Gold Star Girl of Taylor County, President of Mulberry Canyon 4-H and Chairman of Taylor County 4-H Council has been selected as a delegate to the National 4-H Citizenship Short Course and Heritage Tour June 25-July 9, 1974.

The delegates will travel approximately 3,500 miles in 14 days. While in Washington, D. C. they will have a choice of numerous mid university classes. Also the delegates will tour the National Capital Parks, National Cemetery, Mt. Vernon, Capitol Hill, Library of Congress, Jefferson Memorial, Wolf Trap Farm Park, Kennedy Center, Smithsonian Institute, Williamsburg, Virginia (a complete city of early America), Lanny Bullard, 4-H and Youth Specialist, Texas A. and M. is the Citizenship Short Course Coordinator.

The Texas Delegation will be returning to Dallas on July 9.

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YOUNG WINNERS--winning belt buckles and trophies for being the youngest riders at the Sunday Riding Club event was, left to right, Graham Odom, 4, Brad Hutchison, 4, and Mike Dokey, 5. Graham is three days older than Brad.



RIDERS-- Participating in the Sunday Rehab Benefit of the Merkel Riding Club was, left to right LaTricia Powell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Odom; Tammer Golson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Golson; Leslie Masonheimer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Masonheimer; and Brooks Boyd, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Boyd.

Reception To Honor Pierce

The Taylor County Board of School Trustees and the Public Schools of Taylor County cordially invite the public to attend a dinner honoring Clive Pierce, retiring Taylor County School Superintendent, Friday July 26th, 1974 at 7:30 p.m. in the Cooper High School Cafeteria.

The reception will be held from 7-7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria.

Reservations, \$3 per person, should be mailed to: Mrs. Charlott McDonald, 750 Davis Drive, Abilene, Texas, 79605 on or before Friday, July 19th.

CONVENTION

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nual banquet will be held with the main speaker being Kenneth Wyatt. He is a featured western artist and humorist. Wyatt is one of the top painters of the working cowboy. Wyatt, his wife, Veda Mae and two children, Mark, 16, and Jill, 12, live in Tulsa. Entertainment will be given by Peggy Robertson, graduate of Hardin-Simmons University. She is a pop and western singer and plays the guitar and piano.

While the adults are being entertained at the banquet, the juniors will beat the Dude Ranch at Indian Creek for hayrides, rides on the jeep and stagecoach and a Wiener Roast.

POLICE REPORT

As a matter of Public interest, besides regular duties performed by the Police Department the following cases were filed by the Police Department for the 1st half of 1974.

TRAFFIC--No Drivers License, 21; Driving Unregistered Vehicle, 1; Excessive Noise With A Motor Vehicle, 3; Excessive Acceleration, 3; Improper Turn, 2; Improper Backing, 2; Run Stop Sign, 1; Wreckless Driving, 1; Speeding, 3; Head Lamp Out, 1; Improper Passing, 3; No License Plate On Trailer, 1; Failure To Control Vehicle, 1; Accidents, 17;

OTHER INCIDENTS--Destruction of Private Property, 10; Theft of Private Property, 4; Burglary, 6; Drunk In Public, 11; Damage to Private Property, 1; Pouring Flammable Liquids On Roadway, 2; Disorderly Conduct, 2; Runaways, 2; Drunk In Car, 2; Simple Assault, 2; Possession of Marijuana, 1; Resisting arrest, 1; Family Disturbances, 5; Assault, 1; Tampering With A Prospective Witness, 1; Injury To a Child, 1.

A total of \$1547.50 in Fines and restitution was paid to the City of Merkel since January 1, 1974.

A 17 page report on the case involving injury to a child on May 28 was turned over to the District Attorney's Office. Evaluation of the investigation is being made and charges are expected to be filed in the near future.

The Police Department would like to remind our citizens that a City Ordinance prohibits the setting off of fire works on any street, alley, right of way, railroad right of way, and within the block where a business building is located. Anyone setting off fire works other than the above places are asked to be careful of fires which could develop due to the lack of moisture in our area. We want everyone to have a happy but safe 4th of July.

In the Public Interest

by SENATOR SAM ERVIN
Chairman, Senate Select Committee Investigating Watergate

We've heard a lot about the separation of powers lately. A lot of them have seemed to be separated from their proper repositories or depositories.

When the delegates to the Constitutional Convention gathered in Philadelphia in 1787 to draft a constitution for the new American Republic, an almost universal determination prevailed among these delegates to circumscribe the authority of the executive with respect to foreign affairs.

The virtually limitless power of the English crown over foreign affairs and its consequences were very much on the minds of these Americans.

Constitutional Separation of Powers

To limit executive authority over foreign affairs and over other matters delegated to the federal government by the Constitution, the drafters devised and incorporated in the Constitution the principle of separation of powers.

Recent developments in the field of foreign affairs notwithstanding, it is as clear as the noon-day sun in a cloudless sky, that the Constitution divides the national government's powers in the field of foreign affairs between the Congress and the President, granting to neither such exclusive control over foreign affairs that one can be effected without cooperation from the other.

Exclusive Executive Control

Unfortunately, there are those persons both in the government and in the academic world who have so little regard for the principle of separation of powers as to embrace the notion that the so-called realities of modern international relations require almost exclusive executive control over foreign policy.

They contend that arbitrary executive control of America's foreign affairs is the price of survival in this uncertain nuclear age. While I agree that the political, economic, and technological changes over the last 50 years necessitate changes in the institutions and processes by which our foreign policy is formulated and implemented, I do not agree that we are required to abandon constitutional principles, especially the principle of separation of powers which has served us so well throughout our history.

Readers' comments are welcome. Send to: FBI, 301 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E. Room 216, Washington, DC 20002. FBI is a project of the Fund for Peace.

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