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Two Merkel FFA **Members Attend Convention**

Two members of the Merkel Future Farmers of America Chapter are attending the 46th State FFA Convention in San Antonio, Texas, July 10-12, in the San Antonio Convention Center. The theme for the 46th convention is "Preparing for Tomorrow's Agriculture."

Shawn Moore, president of the FFA Chapter and Chester Collinsworth, chapter advisor, will attend the threeday meeting of representatives of over 860 FFA Chapters from throughout the state which will include the awarding of advanced degrees, scholarships and awards to outstanding members of the organization.

David Kraatz and Shawn Moore will be the voting delegates of the Merkel chapter to the state convention.

Keynote speaker for the FFA convention will be "Knock 'em Out John," Jerry Clowers of Yazoo City, Mississippi. Also to address the group will be Frederick McClure, national FFA student secretary from San Augustine, Mr. Carl Morgan, Jasper and Mr. Joe Kelley Butler, Houston, members of the State Board of Education.

Bobby Tucker, State FFA president from Mineola, Texas, will preside during the convention.

Among the important business matters to be transacted at the convention will be election of a state president from ten state officer nominees who have been elected of the state. The state public speaking contest will be conthe national FFA Cynvention, Kansas City, Mo., in Octoa state sweetheart from the ter.



SHAWN MOORE . . chapter president



DAVID KRAATZ

... convention delegate by members in the ten areas ten (10) candidates elected by each area and will select the top talent team in the ducted. Voting delegates to state. More than 5,000 FFA members, advisors and guests are expected to atber, will be selected. In ad- tend the convention in the dition, delegates will elect San Antonio Convention Cen-

Brooks Reunion Held

The families and relatives of the late J. E. Brooks held its annual reunion this past weekend. A backvard supper was at the home of Mrs. ters-in-law and one grand-Odell Dickerson in Trent Saturday night. There were 43 and Joplin Mo. Other relarelatives and friends in attendance.

Sunday everyone went to Cobb Park in Abilene to enjoy visitation and a noon meal there. Carlton Brooks of Abilene was host to this occasion. There were 56 therefor lunch. This year was a very special affair due to the fact that a nephew was present that had not been with his relatives in 30 years. Friends around Merkel will remember him as the oldest son of Henry Ellerbee, who was

Gilmer Promoted

ZIRNDORF, Germany (AHTNC) - William L. Gilmer, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Gilmer, 1502 Sunset, Merkel, was promoted serving with the 1st Armored Division in Germany.

Weapons Specialist in Battery son of Laughlin AFB; and A, 6th Battalion of the Divi- Mr. and Mrs. Odell Dickersion's 14th Field Artillery. son of Trent.

in 1936. His name: Curtis Ellerbee. He had with him his wife, 4 children, 2 daughson. They came from Salem,

tives present were:

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lee Ellerbee and Mary Denver, Colo.; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Brooks; Denny and Eddy of McLean, Tex.; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wilson and Billy of South Carolina; Sue Knigge and Senna of Austin; Laura Eddleman and Linda of McLean; Mr. and Mrs. David Johnson of San Angelo; Mr. and Mrs. Riley Johnson, Stevie and Susie of New Braunfels, Tex.; Lt. and Mrs. Orlin Hecox of San Antonio; Mr. and Mrs. James Casady, Mike, Lynn and Candy of Odessa, Tex.; Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Brooks and Kay of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Green and Amy of Abilene; Mrs. Vinnie Mae Bailey, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Scott, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cole, Abilene; Mr. to Army Specialist Four while and Mrs. Lenard Casady, Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Dickerson and Cole of Sweet-Spec., Gilmer is a Special water, A.1C. David Diker-



RUMMAGE SALE ON TRADES DAY - The Trent Jr. High Cheerleaders held a rummage sale Trades Day to raise money for paint and miscellaneous items which they will need to promote the football games. They are from left to right, Rebecca Sipe, Vondi King, Leanna West, and Sue Bryan. (Staff Photo by Troy Barnes).

Merkelites Father Succumbed

Bartie B. Reynolds, 88, of Abilene died at 1 a.m. Saturday in a Big Spring hospital after an extended illness. Services were held at 2 p.m. Monday at Elmwood Funeral Chapel, 1443 N. 2nd.

Officiating will be the Rev. Newt Daniels, retired Methodist minister of Merkel, assisted by Larry Gill, minister of the Merkel Church of Christ, Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery in Merkel.

Grandsons were pallbear-

Born Dec. 8, 1885, in Mil-ler County, Ark., Mr., Reynolds came to Taylor County in December 1895 and settled in Mulberry Canyon.

He married Inez Hendricks on Aug. 28, 1904, in Taylor County, and she died in 1956. Mr. Reynolds was a member of the First United Method-

ist Church in Merkel. Survivors are three daughters, Mrs. Ann Miller of Merkel, Mrs. Willie M. Riffel of Hayward, Calif., and Mrs .. Mattie Inex Murry of Carson City, Nev.; three sons, Ray of Merkel, Bartie Jr. of Big Spring and Clayton of Peoria, Ill.; and a sister, Mrs. Josie

Dunlap of Brownfield.. Senior Citizens News

Reprinted from the Merkel Baptist Messenger

By JENNIFER SMITH Youth Directo of The First Baptist Church

Not too long ago, I was privileged to attend one of the Thursday night meetings with our Senior Citizens. As I entered their building, I felt somewhat out of place, so to break the ice I remarked, "Can a young one come in and bash the old one's party?" Quickly came the reply, "Old, who's old?" Before I left that evening I too was asking, "Old, who is old?" For though their outward appearance gave the reflection of years gone by, the joy and laughter that twinkled in their eyes and the songs of praise that rang from their lips was young, free and full of life itself. As I watched them sing the songs of Zion, with a joy and assurance that comes only from years of trust and constant abiding in the Savior's love, I thought to myself, "No wonder it was Timothy's grandmother who taught him about the Jehovah God. Who else is more capable than one who has trusted, tried and proved that God will do what He says He will do, when we only trust Him.

For years now, Satan has had victory through what has been termed "The Generation Gap". May God's Holy Spirit reach down and close this "False Gap" that we may recognize that we have only started on that journey and are seeking, (sometimes impatiently, for we've yet to be taught patience) the will of God in each of our lives. We covet your prayers as one's who are matured in the Lord for you realize the pitfalls that come with growth.

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.

President Jay Naman has

challenged the leader of a-

nother farm organization to

meet him in a series of pub-

lic discussions on farm policy

throughout the major agricul-

tural producing areas of

Texas. Naman issued the

challenge in a letter to the

President of the Texas Farm

Bureau, J. T. Woodson, sent

this week to the Farm Bureau

In his letter Naman states that as there are substantial

variances in the two organi-

zations policies toward the

current farm crisis, farmers

should be invited to hear

both organizations' positions

and question their impact on

Naman continued, 'Far-

mers are desperately con-

the current crisis.

leader.

Farmers Union President

Asks For Price Discussion

Texas Farmers Union cerned about farm prices,

Merkel Mail, Kegal said that cation.'I don't see any chance Germany imports 40% of all its food, "Germany is 21/2 times smaller than Texas, yet it has 17 million people compared to Texas Il million. We depend on the Common Market for our food. This is one of the stabilizing factors mans as to the wisdom of in our farm economy," Kegel

WINS BIKE - Linda Holmes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy E. Holmes, is shown here

with her 20" Stars & Stripes high rise handlebar bike which she won by selling sub-

scriptions in the Bicycle Contest sponsored by The Merkel Mail. (Photo by Kaye Lanham).

West German Farmers Do Not

What is the biggest dif-

ference in farming in Texas

as compared to West Ger-

many? Profit and loss ex-

tremes according to Hartmut

Kegal, 4-HFarmer Exchange

Student from Mutterstadt,

West Germany. Kegal, who

farms with his family in a

valley that is 150 miles long

and 30 miles wide, says that

in Germany, there is very

little fluctuation in farm

prices, "The farm economy

is more stable in my coun-

try. You can't make a lot of

money as you can in Texas

and American farming, but

then you don't loose heavily

In an interview with the

Nancy Louella Evans, 96, of

Abilene, died at 7:30 a.m.

Sunday in the Williamsburg

Nursing Home where she had

been a patient for the past two

years. Funeral was held at

3:30 p.m. Tuesday at the

Elliott - Hamil Chapel of

and Rev. Bem Rake, Church

of Christ ministers, offici-

ated. Burial was in Elm-

wood Memorial Park under

the direction of the Elliott-

Cou nty, she was married to

in Nacogdoches County. They

moved to the Abilene area in

1927 and lived in the Stith

community from 1933 to 1967

when she moved to Abilene.

Her husband preceded her in

death in 1958. She was a mem-

ber of the Church of Christ,

Suvivors are one daugh-

ter, Mrs. Mac Dedmon of 726

S. Bowie; three sons, R. H.

Evans of 818 Davis, C. B.

Evans of Bedias, and A. M.

Evans of Merkel; six grand-

children and 13 great-grand-

accelerating costs and the

many problems which make

them anxious about the future.

It is an appropriate time for

us, as farm organization

leaders, to discuss our re-

commendations publicly, and

to give farmers an oppor-

tunity to question our views.

If we are to represent our

members and to give the

Administration and Congress

an accurate appraisal of how

farmers feel about the situa-

tion, I feel that it is impor-

tant that we make public ex-

change of our views as soon

Naman said this series of

meetings was prompted by

action which the Farm Bureau

took at a recent meeting in

as possible."

A. M. Evans Dec. 27, 1900

Born Oct., 7, 1877 in Sabine

Hamil Funeral Home.

The Rev. James Fulbright

Memories.

Merkelites Kin

either," he said.

Have Economic Extremes of U.S

said. The Kegal family farms about 100 acres which they irrigate. Ask if they used water from the Rhyn River, Kegal said the water is unusuable due to pollution. "Pollution in Germany is much worse than in America. You must remember that Germany is a heavy industralized nation and the pollution has ruined the Rhyn. There is no fish in the Rhyn due to the pollution. You just can't imagine the pollution problem we have," he said. The Kegals use wells to irrigate their wheat, potatoes, and beets that they grow. They also

fertilize their land. Ask how their farm machinery compared to the American farmers, he said that it was about the same.

He said that Americans have more comfort than the German people. "The church in American has much more influence on the lives of the people than it does in Germany," he said. Ask why he felt this was so, he replied, "If you walk thru hell, where was God." He made reference to the war years which saw the total destruction of Hitlers Nazi Germany. He said that the church in Germany is State controlled and that you are automatically assessed 10% of your income to support the Church. "Why should the church care whether you attend or not? It is not dependent on your attendance for its support, so it tends to not care, Kegal said. "Also, the Church is very big in the business world in Germany. They own land, buildings, and businesses," he said. He pointed out that church attendance in Germany is much lower than it is

in America. What about the political climate of Germany? "We know that we are dependent upon America to keep out the Communists. We are grateful to the American people for this," he said. What about re-unification of East and West Germany? No way. The recent spy episode did not bring down the government of Willie Brandt, it was his failure to achieve re-unifi-

Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor, I want to thank all the special people in Merkel that bought a subscription from me to help me win my bike. I will enjoy it.

Thank you, Linda Holmes

County Valueation

In an effort to equalize valuations of properties in the Merkel Independent School District, the Merkel School Board decided to use county valuations as a base for taxation purposes. Jones County uses 20% of total value for County purposes To get the taxable value for school purposes, Merkel multiplied the 20% by 5 to get the full valuation and took

Tye Baptist To Hold Open House

The Tye Baptist Church will have open house for their new Church Parsonage Sunday, July 14 from 2-4:00 p.m. The church is located at 209 Morgan St.

The cost of the building was approximately \$24,000. Members of the building committee are: Bill Morgan, chairman, Jesse Chase, Elmo Moore, Nancy Ellen Moore

and Leroy Teaff. The public is cordially in-

for reunification. France and

England are afraid of Ger-

power of our country. They

trination of the East Ger-

many youth, Another prob-

lem with achieving re-uni-

fication of Germany is that

patrotism. The Germany peo-

ple are an extreme people.

They go in only one way.

As of now, they see no good

Would he like to move to

the U.S. and farm? "No, I

have it just as easy in Ger-

many. I have my life there,

and I would not want to move

American wives working? I

family works on the farm.

We work the entire year.

From January 4 to Decem-

The Kegals employ 4 or

eign women from neighbor-

Kegal will be in the U.S.

until October. He spent 2

4-H Club members Wanda

and Glen Braune and her

What does he think about

to the U.S."

ing countries.

family last week.

in re-unification," he said.

the youth have no feeling of

many due to the economic

50% of total value for tax purposes. Taylor County uses 25% of the total value for County purposes. Merkel multiplied the 25% by 4 to get the full valuation and then took 50% of total value for school taxation purposes.

The above plan is considered as only a temporary solution to equalize valuations for the entire district. A complete review of all properties, within the near future, will be necessary to arrive at a common basis for all properties within this district in Jones and Taylor Counties.

We will not be able to set rates to be used until we have more information as to state revenues, total valuation of district is determined, and budget needs finalized. If the Governor calls a special session and approves a bill to allow \$50.00 per student as a temporary aid, our rates could be reduced considerably.

White Services Held Tuesday

Billy Joe White, 49, of Merkel died at 3 a.m. Sunday at his home after a long illness. Funeral was held at 4 p.m. Tuesday at the First Baptist Church in Merkel.

The Rev. Kenneth Jones, pastor, officiated. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery under the direction of the Starbuck Funeral Home.

oppose re-unification for this Born May 20, 1925 in Merreason. There is a question kel, he served in Pacific in the mind of all West Ger-Theater of the U.S. Navy during World War II. He marsuch a move due to the 25ried Peggy Frances Green on years of Communist indoc-May 25, 1946 in Sierra Blanca.

He was in the house contracting business with his father until 1960 and since has been self-employed.

He is survived by his wife; two sons, Richard A. White of Abilene and William Dale White of Sweetwater; three daughters, Mrs. . David (Dianna) Seymore of Merkel, Donna and Deborah, both of the home; two sisters, Mrs. Alf Walla and Maurine White, both of Merkel: his mother Mrs. J. L. White of Merkel

and four grandchildren.

Boutique

The Bloomin' Boutique is offering a wide range of hobby and craft courses this summer.

One of the courses offered is Tole and Decorative Painting. Historically Tole Painting was cil painting on don't see anything wrong with tinware, but now it includes it. In my country, the whole painting on wood, glass, plaster, or practically any surface. Instructor of the Tole classes is Mrs. Raymon ber 23, we have a full time job farming, he concluded. (Cheryl) Kincaid, local artist and teacher. Cheryl with the Taylor Callahan 5 laborers during the year County Education Co/Op and to assist in gathering of the the Abilene Adult Education crops. Mostly, they are for-Co/Op at Trent, She received her HA in Art from Texas Tech. She and her family have lived in Merkel for 11/2 years and in the area for days in the home of Merkel 3 years. She has a son, Carl-

ton, who is in the 3rd grade. Mrs. Kincaid said 'In this first course of Tole and

Decorative Painting, we emphasis the basics of oil painting, color theory, brush control (basic strokes), how to finish board, paint selections and experimentation. We have four completed projects that use strawberries, lemons, apples, and daisies, 2 different types of leaves, and stems. In the next advanc ed class, the projects will be more individualized

and different. Jo Ann Reed owner of the Bloomin Boutique, is married to John Reed and they have six children. The two older children are married. They are Mrs. James (Jo) Burch who lives in Taft, and John who lives in Virginia Beach, Va. The four younger children attend school at Trent.

The Reed's have lived in See NEW IN, Pg. 5, Col. 1



STUDYING TOLE PAINTING - Taking Tole painting classes at the Bloomin' Boutique are from left to right, bottom row, Mrs. Ben Hicks, Mrs. Jack Hogan, instructor Mrs. Cheryl Kincaid, Back Row, Mrs. Ford Smith Jr. and Mrs. Ronnie Doan Mrs. Kincaid is pointing out some of the basic strokes. (Staff Photo by Kaye Lanham)

Passenger

There is always enough happening in Washington, but not much this past week which has not been regularly reported in the news.

So, we write about Martha. Martha died September 1, 1914, at the age of 29. She was the last of billions like her who were living just a hundred years before her

Passenger pigeons, according to estimates, constituted as much as 40% of the bird population of the United States around 1813 when John James Audubon estimated one mass flock at more than a billion. They were described at that time, as graceful in their migratory flights in "infinite multitudes" and often appeared like black dis- five consecutive months, tant clouds that sometimes blocked out the sun, Extinction was absolutely inconceivable.

But, man ruthlessly slaughtered them until they disappeared from the face

The last of the species, Martha, managed, somehow, to out-survive the others and was placed in the Cincinnati Zoo. On her death, she was frozen in a 300 pound block of ice and shipped to the Smithsonian Institution where an autopsy was performed and she was mounted for exhibit.

years in a glass case at the Museum of Natural History here in Washington, Martha returned to the Cincinnati first class.

she will leave the Smith- by 4 points. sonian. She made another trip

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Cincinnati will honor Martha's return by launching the Passenger Pigeon Memorial Fund to raise money for restoration work on the bird house where Martha died and to sponsor an educational program for the protection of endangered species.

It seems that in the mid-1800's, bird-lovers tried, in vain, to save these birds when they saw how they were being killed by professional hunters to be sold for \$25.00 a barrel for food and patent medicines. They were also sold for 25¢ a dozen for trapshooting. Reports say that at the very large nesting grounds in Michigan in 1878, 50,000 birds a day were killed for

It is, of course, too late to save the passenger pigeon, but those interested hope that, with Martha's publicity and the funds raised by her exhibit, it may help to save other endangered species from total destruction.

Girls Softball

Catching up on some softball news, during the month Last week, after sixty of June, Merkel and Trent played several games with Merkel winning one and tying one and Trent winning three.

July 2nd they played again Zoo for the weekend, flying and the Merkel older girls won by 3 points and the It will be the last time younger Merkel Girls lost

We have been selling cokes and candies at the games and made enough to purchase another bat and hindcatchers equipment.

July 9th we will play in Trent at 6:00, behind the Trent schools., We'd like to invite everyone to come out and watch.

Later in July the Merkel Girls will be playing their Moms in a special game. Will let you know the time and

this area for 12 years, Jo Elementary Education from McMurry, certification to teach the visually handicapped from the University of Texas. She has taught at The School for the Blind at Austin, in the Early Child hood Education program in the Merkel Public Schools. Jo Ann teaches decoupage

classes on Tuesdays. Mrs. Vern Bryan is also associated with the Bloomin' Boutique. She teaches crocheting and embroidery classes. She also does custom sewing. Vern has been a 4-H

Sewing Leader for 12 years. Mrs. Bryan and her husband, Harvey, have lived in Merkel all their lives. They have 4 children, Glenn of San Angelo, Becky Golson, and Rocky and Sue Bryan of Merkel. The Bryans attend the Trent Baptist



Miss Shaffer, Mr. Adcock Wedding Vows Read July 6

Ferrell Shaffer became the ricks of Merkel. bride of Arthur Wayne Adcock in a double-ring ceremony Saturday evening at the home of the bridegroom.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Harrist of Blackwell and the late Mr. Lewis Shaffer. Parents of the son. bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Waymon Adcock of Merkel.

Officiating was Glenn Owen, Church of Christ minister. Organist was Ken Mayhall, Abilene, and soloist, Nita Smith, Midland, niece of the bride.

Matron of honor was Mrs. Glen Shaw, Abilene, Bridesmaid was Mrs. D. C. Hend-

Johnson-Nixon

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Johnson of Oplin have announced the engagement of thir daughter, Betsy, to Bob-

An August 3 wedding is planned in Oplin Church of to Dallas.

Miss Johnson is a graduate of Merkel High, and has graduated from Cisco Jr. College with an Associate in Applied Arts Degree.

Nixon, son of Mr. R. W. Bill Mason of Lake Brownwood, is a graduate of Eastland High and attends Cisco

Best man was the father of

the bridegroom. Groomsman was Bob Reagan of Abilene. Ushers were D. C. Hendricks, Merkel, Glen Shaw of Abilene, Gary Adcock of Dallas, and Gary Gardner of Wil-

Given in marriage by her brother A. D. Shaffer of Blackwell, the bride wore a gown with chapel train of chantilly lace. Seed pearls and pearlized sequins ornamented bodice and tiered skirt. Her headdress of seed pearls and chantilly laceheld her fingertip veil. An orchid corsage centered her bouquet of miniature red and white carnations.

Her attendants wore white and red dotted swiss victorian - style dresses, with red bodices long puffed sleeve and ruffled flounces, with rosebud lace trim. Their flowers were miniature red and white carnations.

The bride's parents hosted the reception at the Asteroid Restaurant. The couple will live at 801

Ash, following a wedding trip The bride is a graduate

of Blackwell High School and is employed at Aileen Inc. A graduate of Merkel High

School the bridegroom is employed by Taylor Electric Co-Op. He served two years in Seabees Special Forces in Vietnam and Adak, Alaska. His parents hosted the rehearsal dinner at Asteroid

Riding Club Event Results

Western Pleasure

12 and Under - 1. Jay Gibson, 2. Leslie Masonheimer, 3. Norma Frazier, 4. Sherry Williams, 5. Dee

Dee Masonheimer. 13 - 16 - 1. Jan Beck, 2. Susie Toombs, 3. Charles Hatfield, 4. Cindy Boone, 5. Penny Hatfield.

17 and Over - 1. Kathryn Whisenhunt, 2. Jim Allday, 3. Josie Sutterfield, 4. Jarrett Pinckley, 5. Randy Bond.

Barrels

12 and Under - 1. Tammar Golson, 2. Leslie Masonheimer, 3. Norma Frazier, 4. Sherry Williams, 5. Dee Dee Masonheimer. 13-16 - 1. Jan Beck, 2.

Cindy Boone, 3. Susie Toombs, 4. Charles Hatfield, 5. Penny Hatfield. 17 and Over - 1. Barbara

Whisenhunt, 2. Kathryn Whisenhunt, 3. Jarrett Pinckley 4. (tie) Mary B. Phillips and Jim Allday, 5. James Dean.

12 and Under - 1. Leslie Masonheimer, 2. Eddie Sparks, 3. Sherry Williams, 4. Lisa Dokey, 5. Shannon

Boyd. 13-16 - 1. Cindy Boone, 2. Susie Toombs, 3. Jan Beck, 4. Charles Hatfield, 5. Penny Hatfield.

17 and Over - 1. Lynn Dokey, 2. Kathryn Whisenhunt, 3. Jarrett Pinckley, 4. (tie) Mary B. Phillips and Obie Coker, 5. Jim Allday.

Boot Race

5 and Under-1. Kyle Coker 2. Gary Sutterfield, 3. Tiffany Allday, 4. Amber Whisenhunt, 6-8-1. Kevin Coker, 2. Ken Hogan, 3. James Allday,

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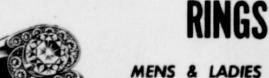
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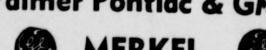
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Veterans

Merkel-Trent Barracks will have their regular monthly meeting at the Taylor Electric Co-op Building the third Tusday, July 16.

All Buddy and Auxiliary members are urged to be present at 6:30 p.m. Pot Luck supper will be the refreshments.

Frazier, 2. Kenny Hogan-Ken Hogan, 3. Walter Hens-

Ribbon Roping 1. Elby Frazier - Norma

lee-Tammar Golson, 4. Ran-

dy Bond-Jay Gibson, 5. Joe

Head-Heeling

Roping

Roping - 1. Joe Golson.

Golson-Robbie Williams,

1. Don Dudley - Oscar Vaughn, 2. Fred Crenshaw-Jack Hogan, 3. Don Dudley-Oscar Vaughn, 4. Walter Henslee-Felix Boyd.

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DISHWASHER: Make sure it's empty. Shut the door, but do not latch.

DISPOSER: Run and flush with cold water. ELECTRIC RANGE: Make sure all switches are in the "Off" position. WASHERS: Turn off water supply at faucets.

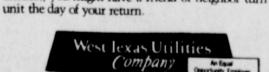
■ WATER HEATER (ELECTRIC): Turn off at circuit breaker panel. When you return, run a small amount of water from a hot water faucet to make sure there is water in the tank before you turn the circuit on.

TRASH COMPACTOR: Remove any accumulated trash. TELEVISION SETS: Unplug from electric outlet and disconnect the antenna lead-in cable

CLOCK RADIOS, ETC.: Check these and all other items with automatic "On-Off" controls. Disconnect the ones that won't be needed.

LIGHTING: Be sure that all lights are off except those needed for security, such as: 1) yard light and/or other exterior lighting with automatic controls - on at dusk, off at dawn; 2) portable lamp in living area with automatic control; 3) hall or bathroom light.

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YOU ARE HEREBY COM-MANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County, Texas at the Courthouse in said County, in Abilene, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of twenty days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the amended petition of Christian Homes of Abi-

lene, Taylor County, Texas,

Petitioner, filed in said Court

on the 9th day of July 1974,

and Ronnie Smith, Respondent(s), and said suit being numbered 9319-DR on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In the interest of Baby Girl Brunetti, a child and/ or children," the nature of which suit is a request to terminate Parent-Child Relationship.

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Said Baby Girl Brunetti was born the 17th day of December, 1969, in Abilene Taylor County, Texas.

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

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this the 9th day of July, 1974. (SEAL)

Attest: IRENE CRAW-FORD, Clerk, Domestic Relations Court in Taylor County, Texas; By Myrna Lawrence, De-

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TO: Genn Love, Defendant, Greeting: YOU ARE HEREBY COM-

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MANDED 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 Haintiff's Petition

filed in said court, on the

19th day of June A.D. 1974,

in this cause, numbered 9472-DR on the docket of said court and styled Mickie Dawana Love, Plaintiff, vs. Glenn Love, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Divorce, parties married on or about October 17, 1973. Separated and ceased to live together on or about Dec. 1, 1973. No children under the age of 18. No community property. Petitioner requests a change of name to Mickie Dawana Buford, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file

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

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs. Issued and given under my

hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 19th day of June A.D. 1974. (SEAL) Attest: IRENECRAWFORD Clerk, Domestic Relations

Court Taylor County, Tex-

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court and styled Clarence H. Faulkner, Plaintiff, vs. Josephine N. Faulkner, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: Divorce. Parties married on or about Septem+ ber 25, 1971; separated permanently prior to the filing of petition for divorce. No children; Parties made mutual and satisfactory settlement of all community property, as fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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Clerk, Domestic Relations

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JOHN BREWER

bies will.

enjoyed our long ride as much as I did, except that the pups whimpered some, - like ba-

Once we found the place.

Mr. Brewer, -a very congen-

ial soul, at once recognized

the mother as a registered female which he had one time

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of Taylor County. After he told me, he seemed surprised

that I did not want to sell the

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ing business, he permitted me

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enclosed. While I was there,

he sold a baby screw-tail

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ly take in strays which have no home. I would like to take

News Notes

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"Besides," he confided, "I

and maize gleaned.

By GERALD STREET

In the cedar-scented mountain area of Southern Taylor County, there lives a couple of very unusual animal lovers on their ten-acre plot, in a modern house they built themselves, - John and Elva Brewer. Although ruddy, healthy country folk, who have lived in the above county all their lives, they seem very well read to an extent one animals, that I only wanted might easily mistake them to find them suitable homes. for big city dwellers, except that their abode is a consider- them together in a separate able distance from the nearest large town, - Abilene, registered pomeranians, Although really of a retire- pekes, fox terriers, dasment age, both are far from retired, - in fact are so busy terriers, poodles and beagenerally that I found it most gles. difficult to interview them. And, they are involved in a he and Elva were involved business which is out-of this in such an unusual, interestworld.

When I had recently moved into a house at a nearby town, there was a mother German Shepard dog and her Boston Terrier (with a white five large pups living under it, - so wild I could not get near until after I had fed them a few times. All the neighbors were complaining that the mother had been turning over garbage cans and causing all sorts of trouble in an effort love animals, really enjoy to find enough food to nurse her babies. The house had been vacant for a considerable period and she had every homeless and hungry crawled under it after some- animal in this country if only one had forsaken her, where I had the wherewithal with she soon bore and commenced which to feed them. I have rearing her babies. Because acreage enough, if only a I belong to the Humane So- group of animal lovers might ciety and very sincerely love assist me financially." and sympathize with the mul- It all made me wi titude of wildish, roaming, always hungry animals which roam helplessly and crying about our great nation during recent times, I am eternally day is not far off when the aiding the ones nearest me, federal government, by taxwherever I am.

Although I had a dog of animal havens all over my own, (an old seeing-eye America. At least, I fee 'Tiger,' who had been let out that some millionaires, -who to graze when his blind master died and whom I had their money, - might do worse found wandering aimlessly and hungry) I determined to somehow aid this unloved family if I could.

Soon after I had won the the same as people operate trust of both the mother and her pretty half-breed babies, I saw an ad in The Abilene Reporter-News which read trained by experts to lead as follows: Cvalo Puppy Farm, sell registered dogs of all varieties, occasionally take homeless animals if they appear healthy. John Brewer, Ovalo, Texas.-

So, - I bundled Queenie and her five babies into my station wagon, also took Tiger along (he goes everywhere I go) and headed that-a-way.

On the road down, it was such a country road, sparsed and Elva Brewer, could make with thick mesquite and cedar a great dent in our serioud everywhere, that I could not 'animal exploson' problem, help but hum the popular song: Country road, -mountain creatures into homes filled mama, - country road, - lead me home...' The dogs

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the Asteroid Restaurant to begin plans for the formation of a baseball league for area teenage boys and the con-struction 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.

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> 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.

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