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SHOP IN MERKEL SATURDAY FOR TRADES DAY CHRISTMAS SPECIALS

Christmas Parade Saturday

The annual Christmas parade will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, December 7. Leading the parade will be the Merkel High School Band under the direction of Glenn Reed.

The float prizes will be \$25, \$15, and \$10. There will also be the Bicycle Contest for the best decorated bicycle with prizes of \$5, \$3, and \$2.

Judges for the two events will be from out of town.

The four Miss Merry Christmases will ride in the parade also. They are Tina Bicknell, Primary; Becky Watts, Elementary; High School, Jerre Stephan; and Tye Elementary, Kim Bien.

Saturday, December 21, the home lighting contestants will be judged. Cash prizes of \$20, \$15 and \$10 will be given.

Band Tryouts At HSU Saturday

High School News

Saturday, December 7, All District Band tryouts will be held at H.S. U. Jim Wharton, senior band student, will represent the Merkel Band on the tuba.

The band would like to thank all those who supported them by buying Drix cleaner in their money making project for this year. Money from the sale will go to furnish music for the band. Winners of the sales contest were high school Mary Roeder, selling 70 units, and Stanley West, selling 53 units. The

band will march in the Christmas parade Saturday, Dec. 7.

Junior High News
Winners of the Junior High Drix sales were Michael Jordan (who sold 35 units) and Cheryl Price.

The Junior High band will present a Christmas program Monday night Dec. 16 for the P.T.A. and Band Boosters in a combined meeting.

Beginner Band News
On December 3 the band boosters treated the beginner band with refreshments as winners of the membership contest for Band Boosters.

Car Identity Incorrect Last Week

Oops, we goofed. In last week's edition of the Merkel Mail, we identified the picture of the wrecked car on the front page as belonging to Pat Pallerz. The car did not belong to Mr. Pallerz, nor was he the driver of the car. The car belongs to Mr. Maldamer Gonzales. We regret the error and apologize to Mr. Pallerz for any inconvenience we may have caused him.



UP, UP AND TIP — David Copeland, (30) and Terry Goodman of Eula vie for control of the ball on a jump during the Tuesday Night game in Badger Gym. The Badgers won 89-60. (Staff Photo by Jody West)

Badgers Victorious Over Eula

By JODY WEST

Roaring fans in the stands were to show that the game between the Merkel Badger boys B-Team, Boys Varsity, and Girls Varsity against the Eula Pirates was exciting with some tense moments.

Starting out the night were the boys B-Team which ended victorious with the Badgers scoring 63 points to the Pirates 52 points. High pointer for the Badgers was Keith Wolfe scoring 18 points and Shores with 13 points for the Pirates. This makes the Bad-

gers 2-1 in the season.

The Varsity Girls came out on the court with high spirits and the score at half time, 26-17 Badgers ahead, was proof that they were out for a victory. All team mates participated in defeating the Eula Pirates with Netta Stephan high pointer with 38 points for the Badgers, Becky Pierce high pointer with 19 points for the Pirates. Final score for the game was Badgers 55, Pirates 34. The girls are now 4-1 in the season.

Farm Bureau Supporting Food for Christmas

Taylor County Farm Bureau has joined an all-out, statewide effort to increase consumption of meat, poultry and dairy products during the holiday season, according to Jack Hancock of Ovalo, president.

The organization will promote the giving of certificates for these products as holiday gifts, he said. "We think this is a positive approach in assisting those commodities which are in serious trouble," he explained.

The local FB leader said there are two ways this can be done conveniently:

(1) Through buying gift certificates (redeemable in those commodities) at grocery stores. "We are providing gift certificates to stores which do not have their own, along with colorful gift envelopes," he said.

(2) Through giving a check or money order. Farm Bureau will provide an attractive message card (explaining the gift idea) along with a nice gift envelope. The County Farm Bureau office at 3141 S. 27th in Abilene has a supply of both items, free of charge.

Committees of the county organization are calling on grocery stores to encourage their participation, he added. Farm Bureau is also providing the necessary supplies (certificates, window posters, etc.), and will publicize the promotion through advertising and publicity releases. Committees are already busy on these projects, he said.

The Texas Farm Bureau is helping to coordinate the effort on a statewide basis along with many other agricultural groups. The Texas Department of Agriculture has committed its TAP (Texas Agricultural Products) program to the promotion. The Texas Retail Grocers Association and large food chains are also participating.

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Grandson To Run In Olympics

Mike Wills, 10 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Wills of Houston and grandson of Hollis Horton of Merkel ranked 4th among 7 top boys to qualify for the junior olympics track meet held in North Carolina on Saturday, Dec. 7th.

Mike ran against 15 other boys his age from Arkansas, Mississippi, Texas and Louisiana and came in fourth place at a cross country track meet held in Houston last week. He ran a mile in 6 minutes and 5 seconds. He and his father, along with several others, will leave Friday, Dec. 6, on

the bus to go to North Carolina. They will stay there four days.

Mike, whose track career began last spring when he moved to Houston, has always been a runner, and loves to run. He's no bigger than a minute but has already won several ribbons, trophies and a medal in track meets in and around Houston. He'll participate in 40 track meets this coming year.

Former Merkel Resident Buried

ROGERS, Ark. — Services were held at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday for Mrs. Lee Baker in Callison Funeral Home here. Both she and Mr. Baker are former Merkel residents. She was the former Zetta Jones.

Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Ed McEwen of Fort Worth; and two sons Alton Baker of Kokoma, Ind., and Virgil Baker of Waterloo, Ill.; a sister-in-law, Mrs. Andrew Baker of Merkel; a brother-in-law, Elsie Roland of Merkel; seven grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Kindergarten Registration At Trent

Mr. Roy Neff, Principal of Trent High School has announced that registration for Kindergarten students will be held on Monday, Dec. 9, in Trent Elementary School, from 10:00-11:00 a.m. Bring with you your child's health record (immunizations). Kindergarten will begin on January 6; each day's session will end at 2:30 p.m.

C of C Announces Merkel To Seek A&M Training Center

Members of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce were told Monday morning that Merkel may have a change to get a Texas A&M Training Center located in their city.

Don Hart, Chamber president said that the university was going to locate a center somewhere in this part of the state for the purpose of training firemen, policemen, telephone repairmen, water line repairmen, and others. The Center will eventually employ a staff of 10 persons.

The first year, the center would have an estimated 1,000 participants for the 3 to 5 day courses. By 1980, the center would be training an estimated 2,500 persons.

Hart told the gathering that the Center would need approximately twenty acres of land with a suitable building consisting of 5,400 to 6,400 square feet of floor space. The property will be made available to Texas A&M University System at a nominal fee for a period of at least three years, with an option to be purchased or made available to the University on a permanent basis under other arrangements, he said.

The land would be used to develop an outside training area simulating an electric utilities distribution system. The building would be used for the instructors' offices, shop and workroom, classrooms, etc.

The requirements for the centers location are that it be centrally located in the West Texas area, have access to a major highway, have all utilities available, have food facilities, have motel accommodations for 50 to 60 people available at all

time, and be within 50 miles of a commercial airport.

"We can meet all of these requirements. We are going to try to get the center to locate here," Hart said.

Hart said that several cities are interested in the Center. He said that Littlefield and Lubbock have already sent in proposals to the University.

Hart appointed the following committees to get Merkel's proposal ready.

Land and building — Nolan Palmer, Benny Melton, and Don Hensley. This committee will look into the possibility of a pre-fabricated building. Motel and Restaurant facilities — Bill Burton will look into these requirements.

Hart said that the Chamber needs to 1. find a location, and 2. prepare Merkel's proposal. The proposal will need to include getting a map showing location, utilities, access to airport, motels, restaurants. After the proposal is sent in, a committee will need to call on the university in person, Hart said.

Tri-City Baseball To Hold Garage Sale Trades Day

The Tri-City Baseball will hold a garage sale in the old telephone building Trades Day, Saturday, Dec. 7th.

The sale will be given away at 3 p.m. Saturday. Tickets will be on sale in the telephone building.

Donations: Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Clyburn, \$10.

Former Merkel Resident Named ASU Consultant

The appointment of Larry Howard as University Center Program Consultant has been announced by Angelo State University President, Dr. Lloyd Vincent.

A native of Merkel, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Howard of Merkel. His appointment to the staff was effective Dec. 1. He will be coming to Angelo State from Blacksburg, Va., where he has been the associate campus minister at Virginia Polytechnic Institute. He has held a similar post at the University of Evansville and Indiana State where he served as campus minister.

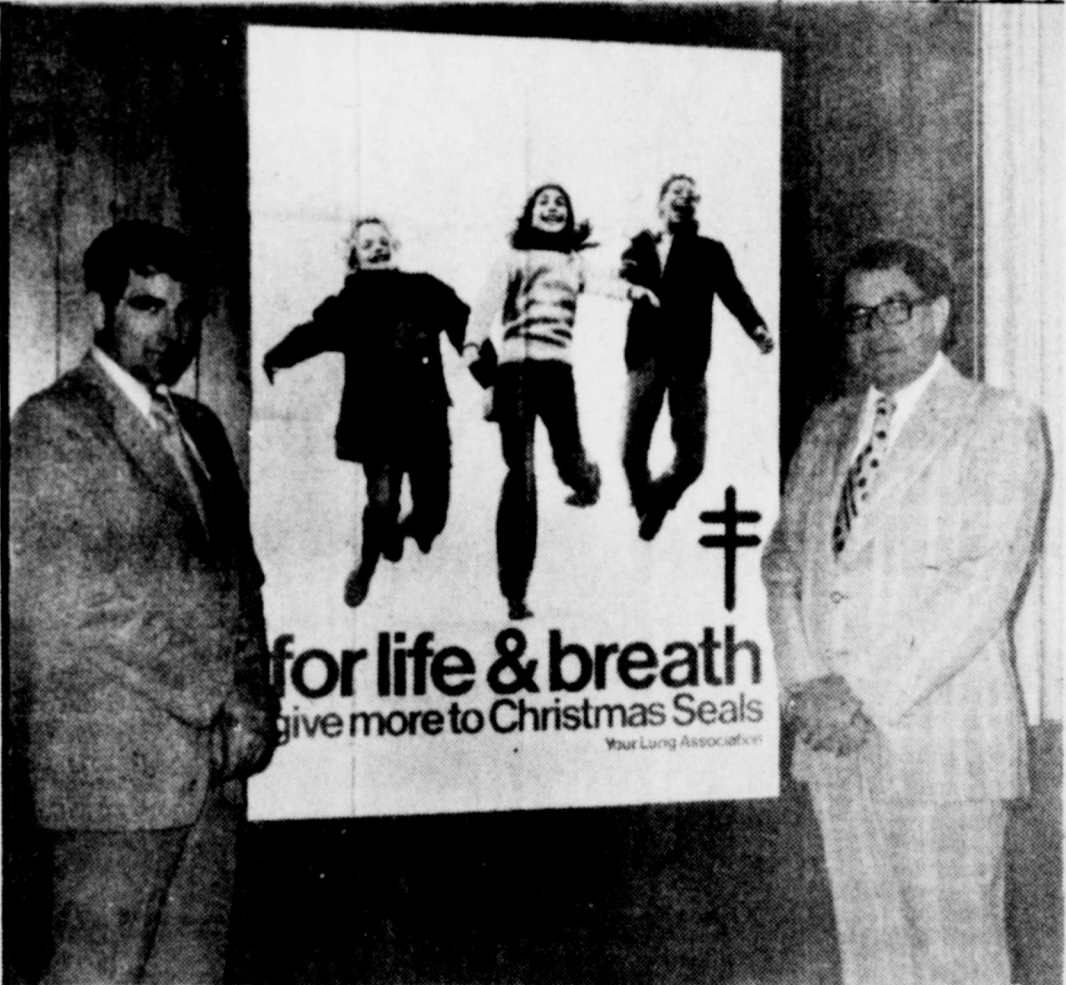
In both positions, he was responsible for student programming, leadership development and individual counseling — all experiences he will be drawing upon in his new position at ASU.

As Program Consultant he will advise, assist and provide leadership in the planning, initiating and implementing of cultural, social, educational and recreational programs for Angelo State sponsored by the University Center Program Council.

In addition he will work in the capacity of campus program and activities coordinator, advising and supplying resources to non-university center student groups and/or departments in planning, promoting and executing their event.

The newly named consultant has a B.S. degree in math from Texas Tech University and a Masters in Divinity from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is married and the Howards have one daughter. Mrs. Howard has a B. S. degree in nursing from the University of Evansville.

Howard's appointment is subject to formal approval of the Board of Regents, State Senior Colleges.



MAYOR ALLEN, DON HENSLEY
... with Christmas Seal poster

Hensley Heading Area Christmas Seal Drive

It's Christmas Seal Time again as the 68th annual campaign is getting underway with the delivery of the 1974 Christmas Seal letters to homes in the Big Country Area of the American Lung Association - to prevent and control lung disease.

Don Hensley, president of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank is on the Big Country Board of Directors and is handling the Merkel Area fund drive. Hensley is also a member of the State Board of Directors.

Mayor Lou David Allen will make a proclamation proclaiming the week of December 9-13 Christmas Seal Week in Merkel.

The Big Country Area is active in implementing programs that bring up-to-date education about lung disease treatment to area medical personnel and programs that help persons with chronic lung disease - such as asthma and emphysema - live more comfortably with their illness. Big Country is active in promoting smoking and

health programs and in working with children with asthma to teach them how to live a more normal life.

Christmas Seal letter will include a return envelope addressed to the Austin office of the Lung Association where all bookkeeping is done for Texas areas. All money received from Big Country will be credited to the county from which it is received.

90 cents of every dollar contributed remains in Texas with 72 cents of the dollar returning to the area for local programs and 18 cents of the dollar going for research and pulmonary training grants in Texas. The 10 cents of the dollar that leaves Texas helps support research and medical education programs nationally.

The taxpayer's bill for disability benefits for emphysema and other chronic lung disease will total more than \$400,000,000 this year. Christmas Seals work to prevent incurable and irreversible emphysema, and they work to ease long-term suffering from other chronic lung diseases.

In 1975 more than 8,000 infants will die of respiratory distress syndrome including hyaline membrane disease. One project of Christmas Seal research grants is to see how newborn lungs differ from adult lungs. Such information may help prevent these thousands of deaths of infants who have underdeveloped lungs.

Texas Vikki Carr is the National Honorary Christmas Seal Chairman this year. Born in El Paso, the famous singer almost lost her voice from an allergy to cigarette smoke. Doctors were able to save her from serious lung damage, but she frequently asks her nightclub audiences not to smoke during her performances. "I got my voice back," says Vikki, and "I'm using it on behalf of Christmas Seals to fight lung disease." In 1974 Vikki Carr is saying, "Give More to Christmas Seals. It's a Matter of Life and Breath."

A PROCLAMATION

OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION
BY
ROY SKAGGS, COUNTY JUDGE
TAYLOR COUNTY
ABILENE, TEXAS

GREETINGS:

The statewide promotion of Gift Certificates for Meat, Poultry and Dairy Products presents a happy solution to the dilemma of what to give for Christmas. The giving of these foodstuffs expresses the true spirit of the season. Furthermore, these products are in abundant supply at this time and are good buys.

The Taylor County Farm Bureau and other agricultural groups have developed a program encouraging the giving of gift certificates for meat, poultry and dairy products. The use of the certificates not only solves the problem of what to give, it also represents a timely boost for producers of these essential foods.

NOW THEREFORE I, as County Judge of Taylor County, do hereby proclaim the month of December, 1974, as "GIVE MEAT, POULTRY AND DAIRY PRODUCTS MONTH" and urge all citizens to take advantage of this unique gift idea. I further urge local news media to promote this positive approach to helping relieve the distress of these segments of our farm and ranch community.

Signed Roy Skaggs
Taylor County Judge



GET REBOUND — Gala Toliver brings down a rebound for the Badger girls Tuesday night, Nov. 26, as the Merkel girls stopped the Eula girls 55-34. (Staff photo by Jody West)

Alpha Nu Nu News

Alpha Nu Nu, chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, held regular meetings on Nov. 5 and 19 in the homes of Peggy Vanderwerker and Charlotte Starbuck with Pam Bishop and Charlotte Starbuck serving as hostesses for the two meetings.

On Nov. 5, roll call was answered by "What is Love?". Following the business meeting, a program was given by Peggy Vanderwerker. Subject for the program was "Understanding Love." Mrs. Vanderwerker presented a very moving program on Love.

On Nov. 19, President Martha Sue Justice conducted the business meeting. Roll call was answered by naming a big problem or trouble in most marriages. Reports on the various committees were

given by the committee chairmen. A program on "Love and Marriage" was given by Captain Connie Harris. Using an advice column approach she brought out many problems usually encountered in marriage. Co-captain was Ann Magee.

Also at the Nov. 19 meeting, Alpha Nu Nu members adopted the following as their club motto: "May we live in Love, may we part in Love, and in Love may we meet again."

Guests attending the meeting were Mrs. Jimmy Atkinson and Mrs. Ken Elliot. Members attending the two meetings were Mmes. Ray Vanderwerker, D. A. Bishop, Larry Justice, Robert Harris, George Starbuck, Juan Ybarra, Dick Leach, Marie Shanks, Louise Sudderth and Jerry Magee.



MRS. MAC SIPE
... formerly Cindy Whisenhunt

Whisenhunt-Sipe Vows Exchanged

Cindy Jo Whisenhunt and Mac Sipe were married Friday in a ceremony at United Methodist Church in Merkel with the Rev. N. S. Daniels officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Whisenhunt of Merkel. Parents

Sunday School Party Held

The Christmas party for the Lydia Homemaker Sunday School Class of Merkel First Baptist Church was held Dec. 2 in the home Mrs. Marshall Wharton, the class teacher. Each one present expressed what they were most thankful for at this time of the year. There was a short devotional period and then a fellowship time was enjoyed by all.

Gifts were brought by the members to be distributed to shut-ins for Christmas. Plans were made to go Christmas Caroling on Monday night December 16.

Refreshments of pie, coffee and hot chocolate were served to Mrs. Ted McAninch, Mrs. John Edwards, Mrs. Vaughan Doan, Mrs. Bill Black, Mrs. Glenn Teaff, Mrs. Earl Bratcher, Mrs. Curtis Clyburn, Mrs. J. D. Gentry, Mrs. Travis Davis, Mrs. Joe McDuff and the hostess, Mrs. Wharton.



LOOK
WHO'S
HERE!

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Stuckey are the proud parents of a baby boy, David Gene, born November 27 at 3:35 a.m. He weighed 9 lbs. 15 oz. David has two sisters, Gina 7, and Amy 5.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Kerby of Roscoe and maternal great-grandparents are Mrs. D. F. Kerby and Mrs. C.S. Pitts, both of Roscoe.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Stuckey of Odessa and paternal great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Lamb of Wewoka, Okla.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF AILEEN G. OWEN, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of AILEEN G. OWEN were issued on the 25 day of Nov., 1974, in Cause No. 1811, pending in the County Court of Taylor County, Texas, Sitting in Probate, to: MEREDITH OWEN

The residence address of such Independent Executor is 758 Redwood Dr., Abilene, Texas 79603.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law, DATED the 25 day of Nov., 1974.

MEREDITH OWEN,
Independent Executor
of the Estate of Aileen
G. Owen

By: H. L. Hays Jr.
Attorney for the
Estate

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HONOR ROLL

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John Cain, Merkel Elementary Principal, has released the following students making the honor roll.

'A' HONOR ROLL

FIRST GRADE - Monica Atkinson, Cammie Bright, Sue Cunningham, Dean Franklin, Amy Irvin, Lorie Kimbrell, Artie Richardson, Lucretia, Kevin Coker, Kelly Riney and Regina Stuckey.

SECOND GRADE - James Allday, Jerry Davis, David Glasscock, Gayle Richie, Shane Smith, Benny Allgaier, Connie Branton, Tami Elliott, Cody Johnson, Darren Pack, Michael Reddin and Tamara Watson.

THIRD GRADE - Kimberly Pack, Russell Lucas, Bonnie Anderson, Cindy Sims, Tommy Hays, Scott Alves, Brenda Hohertz, and Lon Adridge.

FOURTH GRADE - Windi Whisenhunt, Rosie Biera, Tamara Cloyd, Melinda Holmes, and Kandy Richie.

FIFTH GRADE - Paul Kennel, O. C. McKeehan, David Wilkerson, Rene Aiken, Kristi Alves, Loyce Baker, Mary Fariello, Maria Moreno, Stacy Seymore, and Yvonne Swinney.

SIXTH GRADE - Lisa Allen, Todd Gregory, Randy Martin, Bart Pursley, Mark Bland, Judy Castille and Kelly Knight.

SEVENTH GRADE

Wendy Hogan, Shannon Bagby, Billie Blanscet, Kim Mashburn and Dion Wilkerson.

EIGHTH GRADE - Gay Pfister, Sheila Sloan, and Cindy Smith.

'A-B' HONOR ROLL

FIRST GRADE - Barbara Kinder, Ricky Hair, Chris Horton, Luan Johnson, Gayle Landeros, Randy Pallarez, Devin Sanford and Todd Yaddow.

SECOND GRADE - Donny Brady, Tim Jacobs, Jeral Glenn Pannell, Marsha Tutt, Dusti Whisenhunt, Cindy Williams, Randy Davis, Ken Hogan Corbet Putnam, Kenny Sims, Cindy Toney, Jenny Wilde, and Sean Woodard.

THIRD GRADE - Angela Allen, Joan Fariello, Jay Gibson, Judy Jinkens, Carlton Kincaid, Guy McGee, Billy McKeehan, Charlotte Toney, and Jill Douglass.

FOURTH GRADE - Tim Brady, Calvin Colley, Randy Leverich, Stormy Magee, Christ Mashburn, Tina Bicknell, Eddie Martin, Jimmie Shelton and Melissa Tomlinson.

FIFTH GRADE - Leighton Batey, Larry Hines, Danny Riggan, Susan Allgaier, Nancy Click, Tammie Cunningham, Roberta Duran, Jamie Jacobs, Sharry! Lucky, Connie Page, Leisa Rayburn, De-

borah Williams, and Ann Wooten.

SIXTH GRADE - Kay Amierine, Manuel Biera, Christi Brady, Tammy Davis, Cindy Doan, Alane McGee, Billy Walters, Sheila Adair, and Ann Melton.

SEVENTH GRADE - John Townsend, Rusty Wade, Cherre Kraatz, Maressa Sandusky, Tomie Santee, Cynthia White, Lisa Shugart, Brad Wade, Karen Pack, Jodie Jinkens, Jeannessa Cypert.

EIGHTH GRADE - Pam Crenshaw, Lesa Hart, Kathryn Irvin, Danna Russell, Kelly Magee, Cindy Boone, Carla Gardner, Thomas Kraatz, Dede Metts, Carla Rister, Dianne Roberts, Janice South, Tammy Thomas and Debrah Ybarra.

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Reid, Jeff and Terri, of Canyon and Miss Mary Kate Campbell of Amarillo were visitors recently in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H.C. Reid.

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Girl Scout News

By LOYCE BAKER

Girl Scout Troop 313 met at the scout hut Monday afternoon. The girls decorated their Christmas tree and building. They also drew names for their party they are going to have.

Members present were Viola Elby, Sharon Austermann, Janice Jacobs, Stacy Seymore, Nancy Click, Judy Glasscock and Loyce Baker.

PUBLIC NOTICE

To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas - Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published one time in a newspaper printed in Taylor County, Texas, the accompanying citation, of which the herein below following is a true copy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Whom it May Concern Respondent, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED 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 petition of Frances Linden-Nash Fisher and Larry Roy Fisher, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 22nd day of November 1974, against The Unknown Natural Father, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 10,024-DR on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In the interest of Jo Ann Renfro a child," the nature of which suit is a request to terminate Parent-child Relationship.

Said Jo Ann Renfro was born the 19th day of August 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 25 day of November, 1974.

(SEAL)

Attest: Irene Crawford,
Clerk; Domestic Relations
Court in Taylor
County, Texas; By Sandra
Van Cleave Deputy.

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BLACK-EYE PEAS RANCH STYLE 303 CAN 2 FOR **45¢**

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PUBLIC NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF TAYLOR

In the name and by the authority of the State of Texas, notice is hereby given as follows: TO Martin et vir L. A. Martin, Ruth Moore, Effie Demere, W. N. Moore, W. T. Malone, G. A. Wheeler, John H. Moore, Sallie Hall Campbell, Leo Leon Sherman, J. F. Safford et ux Cynthia J. Safford, J. T. Belt, Mary D. Hale, Mrs. Maggie Huey, Carl Maddera, Clint W. Maddera, Etna French, Mrs. Jewell B. French, Ouis E. Bagby et ux Martha Bagby, F. F. Nichols, F. R. Jones, deceased, Q. M. McCullough, E. B. Whittington, R.D. Allen, Eppie Kemper, a widow, Bernice Hall, Ina Alice Kemper, Arthur B. Kemper, James Orvil Kemper, and Corda Jean Kemper, O. L. Harris, S. S. Harris, R. O. Cooper, Mintie Hill, J. H. Warnick, R. L. Newman, Irene Tyler, Dorothy Fay Warren et vir D. W. Warren, Seth Morgan et ux Mary Pearl Morgan, M. E. Hawkins, W. C. Hawkins, J. D. Albin, J. R. Edwards, J. F. Wheat, Annie L. Stevens, Lynn N. McSpadden, R. O. Anderson, Z. T. Harrison, Mrs. A. B. Gregory, by virtue of possession, Mrs. W. A. McSpadden, Estate of Miguel Hernandez, deceased, Ylario Perez et ux Mercedes Perez, Juan Garcia, Mrs. Cora Baliff, Mrs. Alice D. Templeton, Heard Reynolds, Julia Moosberg, Julia C. Beindorf, T. E. Nordyke, Mary Ida Sharp, W. W. Tombs, and Santos Pena if living, and if any or all of the above named defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of each or all of said above named persons who may be dead, and the unknown heirs of said above named persons, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees and devisees of the above named persons, and any and all other persons, including adverse claimants, owning or having or claiming any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the following described property, delinquent to Plaintiff herein, for taxes, all of said property being located in said County and State, to-wit:

Block 1; Lots 1, 2 and 3, Block J; North 50' of West 122' of Lot 4, Block K. The following property being located in College Addition to the City of Merkel: Northwest 100'x140', North 50' of Southwest 150'x140', Block 8; All of Lot 1, North 1/2 of Lot 2, Block 9; Southeast 1/4 of Block 17; Lots 3 and 4, Block 23; Lot 4, Block 26. The following property being located in Edmison-Sheppard Addition to the City of Merkel: Southwest 75'x140' of Lot 2, Block H. The following property being located in Hynes Addition to the City of Merkel: North Estate of B. F. Findley, deceased, 50' South 50' of North 150', and South 208' of North 358', Block E; Lots 1, 2 and 3, Block F. The following property being located in Martin Addition to the City of Merkel: Lot 9, Block A; Lot 12, Block B. The following property being located in R.A. Miller Subdivision of Blocks 7 and 20 of College Addition to the City of Merkel: Lots 11 and 12, Block D. The following property being located in Sharps Addition to the City of Merkel: Lots 4, 18 and 19. The following property being located in F.J. Smith Addition to the City of Merkel: Lot C, Block 14. The following property being located in South Park Addition to the City of Merkel: Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, Block A; Lots 5 and 6, Block B. The following property being located in Thornton Addition to the City of Merkel: North 75' of the east 140' of Lot 1, Block C; Lot 3, Block E, North 1/2 of Lot 11, all of Lot 12, Block F. The following property being located in West Addition to the City of Merkel: Lots 1 and 2, Block A. All of the above described property being located in the County of Taylor, Texas.

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiff for taxes in the following amounts: \$1,030.32, exclusive of interest, penalties and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes, all said interest, penalties and costs therein allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by the State of Texas and Taylor County, Plaintiff, against the above named persons, as Defendants, by petition filed on the 5th day of June, 1974, in a certain suit styled State of Texas and Taylor County vs. Frances Martin, et al for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Taylor County, Texas, 42nd Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 34,494-A that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property herein above described, not made parties to this suit are NONE.

Plaintiff and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinafter described, and in addition to the taxes all interest, penalties, and costs

allowed by law thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including plaintiff, defendants, and intervenors, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties and costs allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefore, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the 29th day of November, 1974.

same being the 13th day of January, A.D., 1975, (which is the return day of such citation), before the honorable District Court of Taylor County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then to show cause by judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the plaintiff and the taxing units parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, and all costs of this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, this 29th day of November A.D., 1974.

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meeting was to discuss mat-
ters that there was no time
for during regular business
meetings.
President, Martha Sue Jus-
tice announced that Marie
Shanks has been elected tem-
porary Vice President of Al-
pha Nu Nu, due to Rojean
Hicks not being able to fill
this office. Mrs. Shanks was
elected by the executive board
members. She will also fill
Mrs. Hicks obligation as a
Council Delegate.
Attending this meeting
were Mmes: Larry Justice,
Robert Harris, George Star-
buck, Dick Leach, D. A. Bi-
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Marie Shanks and Louise Sud-
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Mrs. John Brady of Xi Nu
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...Bubba playing the guitar
...Trying to find out what your teenagers REALLY want for Christmas
...Watching different people

giving commercial on relatives' TV

...Thanksgiving '74 was knowing my old alma mater, BAYLOR, is going "Cotton Pickin"
...Putting potatoes on to cook for Thanksgiving dinner - and forgetting to turn on the stove. (?!?)
...Finding your cows in somebody else's maize patch - and telling them to stay there cause there's nothing to eat on your side of the fence
...Cutting holidays short for ball practice
... "Little Hunters", armed with orange hats, red jackets, guns, and dogs - braving the chill weather, going out to do "their bird and/or deer thing"
...Having sugar doled out package at the time at the cafe

...Getting out boxes of Christmas decorations; going Christmas shopping - and not finding very much at all; and trying to decide where we'll all spend Christmas
...Reminding everyone that it is only 3 weeks "till school is out for Christmas"

...Not being one to start buying Christmas in January (I would either weaken and give the gift early "so they could be enjoying it" or else get tired of looking at it or thinking about it and would go out and get something else to go with it "because it isn't enough"...), I finally decided to brave the throngs of shoppers on the last day of November. But sorry to say, came home with "precious little"

to show for a whole day of serious shopping. It was fun, though, especially in those stores that were playing Christmas music...that just makes you get in the spirit more - and the few things I did get were purchased from places where the Christmas music was putting a glow on hurried faces and a bounce in weary steps. With "Silver Bells", my all-time favorite, playing in the background, comments signifying the seriousness of the times were overheard: "That's too high," or "Isn't that ridiculous?" and "I'm running out of money?"

The Houston Stock Show held the last of February and first of March will be "one to remember" - especially for Trent's Sophomore

Cheerleader, Miss Teri Hamner. For last weekend, Mr. Leroy Shafer (a Trent ex), who is head of promotion of the Houston Show, came to Trent to get pictures of Teri with her show calves. These, along with pictures of her working on the books she must keep and a variety of others, will be published in the Stock Show book...among my souvenirs...

By the way, you might appreciate knowing this...I didn't...and was getting pretty impatient...but if you order something that is advertised over a TV station, it takes a while of a long time for you to get it. Like you can expect your order the 12th...the 12th of Never. But I found out that it takes from 8 to 12 weeks to get it. So far I've waited 6 - sodon't ever order something for a birthday present only 2 weeks in advance.

Community Club Christmas Dinner will be Thursday night, Dec. 5, at 7:00. It is family night and a very entertaining program is planned. We hope all members will plan to attend - and bring guests!!

One good thing about being middle-aged - nobody is trying to understand you. Last Thursday night, the Christmas tree at the Civic Center in Abilene was lit, and the downtown decoration lights were turned on for the season. It's so exciting, because the pretty lights are so much a part of the whole Christmas scene - and we missed them last year.

Miss Bever, who teaches the second grade, has her classroom all decorated for Christmas - bulletin board tree made from colored tissue paper, a Santa mobile dangles from the ceiling - and her students are ecstatic over their room. It is good to get things up early - for there are only 12 more school days for them to enjoy their school room decorations.

Christmas is my favorite time of the year - for many reasons. It is an exciting and animated time... a warm and friendly time... Christmas is for children - but not only for children!! It does such wonderful things to adults - those who really "get the Christmas spirit", which after all is an expressed love and concern for others. Some nice things to

find beneath our Christmas tree (no tree is so small but what the gifts will fit under); kindness, a sense of our fellow man's dignity and worth, concern for others, good ideals, self-control and love.

One of the prettiest Christmas trees that I have ever seen was one my mom fixed for her school room several years ago: she sprayed the tree black, with enamel spray paint; put red balls and strung popcorn and put on it; set it on a table and placed red lights around the edges of the table. From then on, it became a tradition with her - as each new group of students wanted her "black tree."

Mr. Rocky King, FFA Advisor, has stated that the Trent FFA Chapter is now selling veterinary drugs, as a fund-raising project. These include black leg, leptos, combiotic, tytan 200, etc., and they are very reasonably priced! So all you farmers and ranchers of the area, help our Ag boys out and check their prices and wares, by calling 862-2411, or 862-2574.

We attended the wedding in Merkel of Cindy Whisenhunt and Mac Sipe last Friday night. Everything was so pretty - and purple - purple dotted swiss dresses on the girl attendants - and purple ruffled shirts on the men. Poopie, Mac's mom, made the gorgeous, gigantic wedding cake (purple and orchid roses atop it made by Doris Wells) and all was well until so many pounding feet caused the cake to resemble the "Leaning Tower of Pisa" but sis Emma Lotts held it up and pictures were taken and the cake was saved and served. Everything was planned and rehearsed to a "T" - except after the newly-weds had departed, seems like Mother and Father of the groom were afoot - but that, too, was easily remedied.

We gave them our keys and hooked a ride with Ida and John. Roy Lee Sharp, with Rebecca Freeman in harmony, sang - beautifully - two songs at the wedding - one of which Roy wrote.

This weekend our Jr. High kids are involved in the Butterfield tournament. On Friday, Dec. 6, high school plays Rotan here at 6:30.

L. Sandlin to M. Bever: "The calendar may say there are 16 shopping days til Christmas, but our bank account says there are none!!" A first grade teacher is a smart girl who knows how to make little things count. That's Lyndall (As in "He--re's Johnny")



LOOK WHO'S HERE!

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Riney of Mineral Wells are the proud parents of a baby boy, Clinton Todd.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Walter Riney of Trent, Mr. and Mrs. Monta Gandy of Midland and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Thieboud of Breckenridge.

Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Roy Riney of Merkel and Mrs. Willie T. Crawford of Athens, Texas.

Band News

Band Boosters will meet in a combined meeting with the P.T.A. on Monday night, December 16.

After a Christmas program presented by the Jr. High band, each organization will adjourn to a designated place for a short business meeting.

Merkel Livestock Meeting Tuesday

The Merkel Livestock Association will have a meeting Tuesday, Dec. 19 at 7 p.m. at the Vocational Ag Building at the High School. The meeting will be to plan the local livestock show.

Personals

The Jay Greenfield Sr.s had visitors in their home over the Thanksgiving Holidays. They were the Jay Greenfields, Jr. and boys of Odessa and Mrs. C. E. Westenhaver from Weatherford.

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Nursing Home News

Thanksgiving is over and we had a fresh turkey out of the country and all the trimmings. We made pies out of the Candy Roaster and they were delicious orange meat like a pumpkin but they weren't as strong in flavor as pumpkin are. We used half of it and it made 8 pies. The other half we will save for Christmas. Thanks

to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Roberts of North Carolina for sending it.

Robert Harris son John H. from the Panama Canal came and spent Thanksgiving with him and they went out and visited Robert's two sisters.

Mrs. Douglas's daughter and son-in-law from Mississippi came in and she got to go home for a day or so.

On the 11th of October, Larry Gill, the Church of Christ minister, brought their bus down and took some of the patients for a ride in the country. It was so nice of him to do this for the home. He had a bus load. Sorry, Mary Vaughn and I couldn't go. We had to go to the Warren Prices to gather mustard greens for the rest

Club Bazaar

The Abilene Garden Club will have its annual Christmas Bazaar on December 6, 1974 from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. at the Garden Club Center, 300 Westwood Drive, Abilene.

home for the deep freeze.

We want to congratulate Mike and Cindy Sipe. They were married Friday night and they shared a large tier of their cake with the patients. It was really pretty and such a good feast for two meals. Thank you again and we wish you much happiness. Cindy was Tommie Smith's granddaughter. You remember Tommie passed away in the nursing home a few months ago. Thank you, Bart Whisenhunt for bringing the cake. It was good to see him back at home again after being in the hospital for so long.

We had services Sunday morning as usual, a large crowd from the Church of Christ came and sang. This coming Sunday it is the Church of God's time to conduct the services, so please don't disappoint us. The Hebron Baptist Church was unable to attend this past Sunday. I understand they don't have a pastor.

Jerry Cotton, one of our evening nurses aides, brought her Artex paint party to the Nursing Home and let the patients paint with the paints. She is the Dealer for Artex paints. Even Billy Holly and Mr. Easterwood painted. We appreciate her interest in the patients and in the home.

My brother J. W. Cole and wife Louise from Abilene visited us Saturday. Louise is attending college in Amarillo. I heard her tell Mr. Hammond it sure was hard on old grandmas to go to college and how well I know, for I've had some of that the last few years.

Mrs. Sanders son, Wayne Sanders from Seattle, Washington, visited her the past week. She got to go on several trips with the family.

Mr. Story visited his daughter, Mrs. O. D. Bland of Noodle on the weekend.

Mrs. Diltz's son, Philip A. from Midland visited Mrs. Diltz over the weekend. Her daughter, Mrs. A. C. Wright and husband of Lubbock came Friday.

Miss Missy Spragin visited her mother Friday.

A. C. Ascencio Jr., son of Mrs. Lupe Ascencio, returned back to California to leave for Okinawa. He is in the Navy and I am sure Lupe is proud of her son. She visited in San Antonio the past week with her daughter. She is in the air force and was sent to Mississippi.

Mr. and Mrs. Scroggins of Sweetwater visits her mother, Mrs. Oda Beams each week.

Paula Ybarra has not been well for some time, but she seems better now.

PUBLIC NOTICE

To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas - Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to cease to be published one time in a newspaper printed in Taylor County, Texas, the accompanying citation, of which the herein below following is a true copy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Gloria Abad, Respondent,
Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED 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 petition of Leroy Oliver and his wife Lillie Oliver Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 13th day

of August 1974, against Gloria Abad, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 9673-DK on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In the interest of Marie Abad Oliver, a child the nature of which suit is a request to Terminate Parent-Child Relationship."

Said Marie Abad Oliver was born the 17th day of August, 1970, in Olongapo City, the Republic of the Philippines.

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, Taylor County, Texas, this the 26th day of November, 1974.

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Attest: Irene Crawford
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