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City School Set Elections April 5th

Merkel voters will go to the polls April 5 to choose a mayor and two aldermen. Incumbent Mayor Lou David Allen is the only person filing for that position.

A three way race had developed for the two spots on the city council. Incumbents Darryl Farmer and Kent Satterwhite have filed for reelection. Also seeking one of the two places on the council is Henry Gunther.

Mack Fisher RC Drive Chairman

At a workshop meeting of local interested Red Cross personnel Thursday afternoon, March 6, Mack Fisher, Superintendent of the Merkel School District, was elected to be Chairman of the annual Red Cross Fund Drive for the Tye-Merkel area for this year.

The kick off will be March 17th at which time the Junior Red Cross will be initiated in the schools.

Beginning April 7 the business area of Merkel will be contacted by Mack Fisher and Fred Starbuck.

Beginning April 14 the residential area of Merkel will be contacted by the combined clubs of Merkel with a completion date of April 18. All workers will pick up their work kits from Benny Melton at the Chamber Office and check in with him when they are finished. In the Tye area, this will be handled by Gene Stuckey, principal of the Tye School, who will select local workers to conduct the drive. Mr. Fisher states that "he has contacted most of the clubs and is gratified with the response." He also praised the local news media for their past and continued support of this effort.

Former Merkelite Services Held

Mrs. Viola Miller, 84, of Rochester and formerly of Merkel, died at 12:45 p.m. Monday in Rice Springs Care Home here after a brief illness. Services are pending at an-McCauley Funeral Home here.

Born Viola Porter Dec. 22 1890, in Tenaha, she married J.E. Miller Nov. 2, 1912, in Matador. He died on Sept. 21, 1960.

Mrs. Miller lived in Merkel from 1943 and 1974 when moved to Rochester. She was a member of the Haskell Church of God.

Survivors include two sons, Theibert A. Webb of Albany, Ore., and Henry H. Webb of Houston, Ark.; two daughters, Mrs. Georgia Phillips of Yuba City, Calif., and Mrs. Hubert (Lucille) Wilson of Rochester; a sister, Mrs. Lizzie Johnston of Lamesa; 23 grandchildren, and several great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Open House Termed Success

Open House was held at the Primary and Junior High Schools March 3, 1975, following the regular PTA meeting.

Number of families who registered in the Primary building was 64, and the Junior High registered 58 families, making a total of 102 families represented for visiting the two schools.

Students work was displayed at Open House. The faculty and administration wish to thank the people in Merkel for the support they give the schools and for making the open house a success.

Satterwhite is filing the unexpired term of former Councilman Vernon Wade. Wade resigned his seat last year to accept a position on the Merkel Police Force.

The voting place for the election will be at the Merkel High School Gym. The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Betty Cypert has been appointed election judge for the city elections. City Secretary Roy Kimbrell is clerk for absentee voting. The absentee voting is being held at the City Hall. Persons may vote absentee until April 1.

The voters will also choose four members of the Merkel School Board. The elections will be on the same day. The Merkel voters will also vote at the gym in Merkel. Tye voters will go to the Tye Elementary School to cast their ballots.

Current members of the board whose term expires include Johnny Teaff, Bobby Tolliver, and Charles Jacobs. Voters will also fill the unexpired two-year term of Danny Doan who moved from Merkel.

Filing for the three 3-year terms and running unopposed are Don Hart and incumbents Bobbie Tolliver and Charles Jacobs.

Running for the 2-year term are Jerry Gibson, Larry White and Wyman Wilkerson.



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Property Reappraisal Is Explained

Several months ago the Merkel Independent School District began a tax equalization program designed to reappraise all taxable property in the district. The purpose of the tax survey now under way is to insure that all property is assessed at

a realistic value - that no one's taxes will be more proportionately than his neighbor or competitor. The appraised value of many properties will no doubt be increased while many properties with recently constructed improvements will remain the same.

The school tax is an ad valorem tax meaning "according to value." Schools, cities and counties use an ad valorem tax as their principal source of revenue to pay for much of the cost of the various services which you as a taxpayer have come to expect.

Taxing districts are changed with the responsibility of assessing all property in the district, not specifically exempted from taxation, on an equal and uniform basis. Property values are constantly changing with zoning changes, growth trends and the fall or rise in desirability of areas. This constant change causes most of the assessing problems for your local tax office.

Where hundreds of pieces of property must be valued each year, the only practical way to maintain equalization and uniformity is by use of the mass appraisal system which includes a building cost schedule based on construction cost of a particular or pre-determined year. This cost schedule groups buildings into various classes or categories, taking into consideration the type and quality of construction, together with the size and shape of the building. The proper application of this cost schedule will insure equitable appraisals, not only of existing buildings, but also of buildings constructed in the future.

A complete record of every piece of real estate in the school district will be maintained in the tax office. These records will show a sketch of the house or building, the type and quality of construction, the number of square feet and the price per square foot. Depreciation has been applied to older structures and this depreciated value of the building plus the value of the land will be shown on the appraisal record as the total appraised value of the property. These records will assist in explaining and justifying assessments to the taxpayer and the Board of Equalization.

During the past several months there have been men in your neighborhood checking the measurements of your home or building and making other notes pertaining to the type and quality of construction. This information is being used by the appraisers to determine the actual values. Tax appraisals necessarily must be on a streamlined basis because of the large number of parcels to be appraised. Consequently, it has not been necessary except in unusual cases, for these men to go inside your house or building.

The underlying purpose of this program is not to increase taxes. It should be emphasized that the purpose of this equalization program is to achieve equalization of assessments and standardize assessment procedure. Additional articles will be published in the hope that each taxpayer will understand the aim and the reasons for this equalization program.

Chamber of Commerce Banquet Thursday at 7:30

The Merkel Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual banquet Thursday night in the Merkel High School Cafeteria. Guest speaker for the evening will be J. D.

Jackson. Jackson is a flight instructor for American Airlines in Dallas.

Tickets for the banquet are on sale from members of the Board of Director or may

be purchased at the Chamber office. The tickets are \$3.50 per person.

The theme for this year's banquet is 'Merkel Moving On'. The theme was chosen by the Merkel High School Chamber of Commerce. The High School Chamber is also responsible for this year's decorations of the banquet hall.

Don Hensley will be installed as the new chamber president during the banquet. Hensley is president of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank. George Starbuck will be installed as vice president of the organization. Travis Davis is the Secretary-Treasurer for the coming year.

Also taking office will be three new directors. They are Gary Hicks, Kent Satterwhite and Hensley.

Joe Lassiter is chairman of this year's banquet. Benny Melton is Chamber manager. Mack Eplens Cafeterias of Abilene will cater the meal.

NAME NOW BIG COUNTRY INN

Phoenix Businessmen Purchases Asteroid

The Pipeline Restaurant, Inc., a Texas corporation, has recently purchased the Asteroid Motel. President of the corporation is Larry E. Blesh of Phoenix, Ariz. Blesh is also president of Ranter Construction Company in Phoenix. The construction firm is primarily engaged in the construction of government and municipal buildings in Arizona and California.

A native of Merkel, Nita Harris is the manager of the motel which has also changed its name to Big Country Inn. Mrs. Harris had worked for the motel one year as a desk clerk prior to being promoted to manager in December of 1974.

She is married to Walter Harris, an employee of Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc. He is a former city policeman. The Harrises have one son, Eddy.

V. A. Robbins, vice president of Pipeline Restaurant, Inc., is president of Consolidated Leasing Corp. in Arizona. Consolidated Leasing Corp. owns and operates income properties.

Secretary-Treasurer of the Pipeline Restaurant Corporation is Thomas W. Murphy, a Phoenix lawyer.



NITA HARRIS
...new manager

Masonic Lodge To Have Supper

The Masonic Lodge will have a family night supper at the Banquet Hall at the Masonic Lodge Saturday, March 15 at 7 p.m.

All members of the Lodge are invited. Also all Masons in the immediate area, widows of Masons and all members of the Eastern Star are invited to attend, stated Allen R. (Pete) Morgan, Worshipful Master.

Barbara Green Receives Degree

DENTON - Barbara Green of Merkel is among 906 candidates receiving degrees at North Texas State University this winter. Although no winter commencement is conducted at NTSU, Dec. 20 is the official graduation date for the 660 bachelor's, 215 master's and 31 doctor's degree recipients.

All winter graduates will be invited to join the spring graduation class in formal commencement ceremonies in May at the university.

Mrs. Green is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orin A. Higgins, Route 1, Merkel. She received the bachelor of science degree in education.

Farmers Union Meet Thursday

All members and families of the Taylor County Farmers Union are urged to attend a meeting which will be held Thursday, March 13, at 7:30 p.m. at the Taylor Electric Co-op building in Merkel.

At this time a special report on the recent fly-in trip to Washington, D.C. will be given by two members, Spud McLeod of Trent and Frank Brnovak of Butman Community.

Final plans will also be made for the annual barbecue.

Rural Electric Youth Tour Contest Announced

An all expense paid Rural Electric Youth Tour trip to the nation's capital will be awarded to two winners of an oral and written contest sponsored by Taylor Electric Cooperative, it was announced this week by Donhart, manager of Taylor Electric.

The contest is open to any boy or girl who is at least sixteen years of age but not eighteen prior to September 1, 1974. Winners will join winners of similar contests sponsored by other electric cooperatives across Texas. All expenses of the 10 day trip, beginning June 7th will be paid by Taylor Electric Cooperative. Mr. Hart said. Deadline for entering the contest will be April 9th. Finalist will be selected to appear for interviews by a committee of judges.

This is the 10th year Taylor Electric Cooperative has sponsored the youth tour.

Winners of the contest held last year were Connie Lentz from Blackwell High School and Greg Pope from Eula High School.

Local contest winners will join other winners from across the state and travel by bus to Washington, D. C. where they will spend several days visiting places of historical interest and seeing the nation's "Government in Action."

Additional entry forms and information may be obtained from Taylor Electric Cooperative in Merkel.



CAR OVERTURNS - Mrs. Charles Reddin of Merkel had a close call Monday morning when her car overturned as she swerved to miss some dogs that ran in front of her car. (Staff Photo)

McLeod, Brnovak Attend FU 'Fly-In'

Spud McLeod of Trent and Frank Brnovak of Merkel were among some 175 farmers who recently went to Washington, D.C. as grassroots lobbyists in support of an effective farm program which would stabilize prices for both farmers and consumers.

McLeod and Brnovak went to Washington as participants in a Farmers Union "Fly-In" with farmers from Colorado, Minnesota, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, New Mexico and Wyoming.

During the three-day visit to the Nation's Capital, the group attended briefing sessions on a new farm program, met with officials at the U.S. Department of Agriculture, discussed mutual concerns with a consumer's group, visited with their own Congressional delegation, and called on Congressmen and Senators from other parts of the country.

"In our visits with Congressmen, Senators, and

their aids", McLeod said, "we described and supported Farmers Union's 'Plan for Parity and Abundance'". Basically, the plan would provide loan rates at 90% of parity for the major commodities; set dairy price supports at 90%; prohibit sales of government-owned stocks when market prices are below 110% of parity; and regulate imports to prevent foreign commodities from entering U.S. markets when U.S. prices are below 100% of parity.

"This would stabilize farm prices at approximately 100% of parity and provide safety reserves of storable farm commodities to protect consumers from shortages", Brnovak said.

ASCS Associate Administrator, Glenn Weir sparked a lively debate at the Agriculture Department Tuesday when he said that "no one has been hurt by increased dairy imports". That comment was met with audible groans from

the group.

Weir said the Administration is against raising loan rates or target prices and that farmers should not grow a commodity that is not selling well. He defended ASCS Administrator Kenneth Frick's statement that "a few of us going broke this year is the most healthy thing there is" by saying that "farmers must face realities." "During these hard times", he said, "some farmers will go bankrupt just as some other businesses will".

Carol Foreman, Executive Director of the Consumer Federation of America, told the Farmers Union members that farmers and consumer - those on both ends of the food spectrum - must get together and "do some pushing the fat out of the middle". She said that the USDA, corporations, and some legislators are trying to pit farmers against consumers by blaming farmers for high food prices and telling farmers that they can't get good legislation because consumers won't stand for it. She said consumers could support higher target prices if the large corporations did not get the biggest chunk of money.

"What we learned in Washington is significant to farmers here in Taylor County," McLeod said, because it affects all of us. "If farmers don't go and represent themselves and show what shape they are in, senators and congressmen want know. I think it's great for farmers to go and tell their story. Then our representatives will listen to us," McLeod said. "The senators and representatives were very nice and cooperated with us during our visit," Brnovak said.

Winners Listed In Conservation Contest

Conservation posters were made by the primary and elementary students of Merkel to enter the Middle Clear Fork Soil Conservation District contest.

Winners from the Merkel Primary Building are:

1st Grade - 1. Lori Kimbrell, 2. Monica Atkinson, 3. Dennis Fortune.

2nd Grade - 1. Jeff Harrington, 2. Dee Dee Halvorson, 3. Cody Johnson.

4th Grade - 1. Linda Holmes, 2. Jeff Scott, 3. Stormy Magee.

Winners from the Merkel Elementary School are:

5th Grade - 1. Tammie Cunningham, 2. Christine Franklin, 3. Roberta Duran.

6th Grade - 1. Judy Castille, 2. Sheila Adair, 3. Larry Davis.

The 1st place winners were shown at the Abilene Public Library, Tuesday, March 11, 1975.

Miss Dillard, Upshaw Exchange Vows

Bertha Dean Dillard and Mickael Upshaw exchanged wedding vows Sunday, March 9, 1975 at the home of the brides parents Mr. and Mrs. John W. Dillard of 104 Hall St. in Bangs, Texas.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. Her gown was of white crepe and the sleeves of white net.

Maid of honor was the

bride's sister, Neva Dillard. The bride's chosen colors were white and pink.

Best man was Layon Constable of Merkel, cousin of the bride, ring bearer was Darwin Constable of Merkel, cousin of the bride, organist was Dorothy Constable of Merkel, cousin of the bride.

The bride is the niece of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Castable of Merkel.

The groom is in the U.S. Army, Ft. Hood, Texas. The bride attended school in Brownwood.

WWI Veterans To Have Monthly Meeting

The World War I Merkel-Trent Barracks will have their regular monthly meeting at the REA building Tuesday, March 18 at 6:30 p.m. A covered dish luncheon will be brought by the members.

All eligible persons are urged to attend.

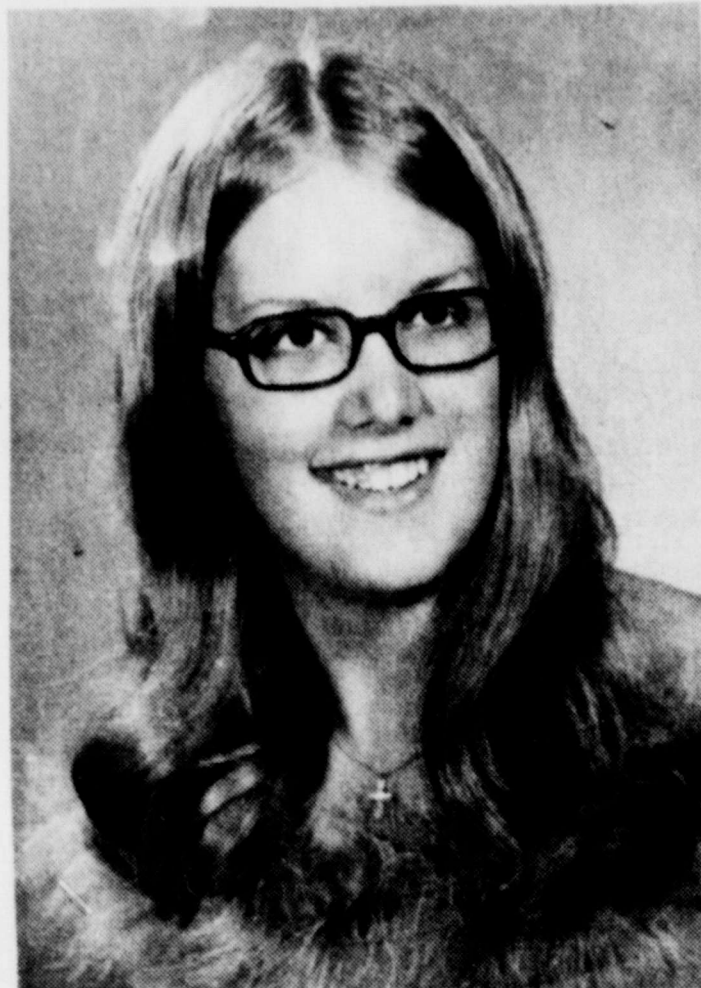


LOOK WHO'S HERE!

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Williams proudly announce the birth of a daughter, Michele Leigh, born March 3rd. She weighed 7 lbs. 12 oz.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Windham.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bill Williams. Great grandmother is Mrs. Beulah Gilmore.



JO ANN CARR
...to wed March 26

Miss Carr, Mr. James To Wed March 26th

Mr. and Mrs. Earl W. Carr, of Belen, New Mexico announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Jo Ann, Abilene to Mr. Walter Kris James, also of Abilene. Mr. James is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth W. James, Trent.

Miss Carr, a 1973 graduate of Belen High School and Mr. James, a 1973 graduate of Trent High School met while students at McMurry College.

The marriage will be solemnized March 26, 1975, 10:00 a.m., at the First United Methodist Church, Trent with the father of the prospective groom officiating. All friends of the couple are invited to attend.

Badger Tracks

By WANDA BRAUNE

The results of the District Conservation Essay Contest came in this past week. Tammy Booth, Sr., Christy Boone, Jr., Suzanne Warner, Soph. and Beth Phipps, Freshman, placed first in the area contest. Congratulations to these four creative writers.

Friday and Saturday the prose and poetry readers will go to H-SU for an all area contest. Good luck readers and remember: talk louder than the knocking of your knees.

After a great deal of discussion the date and place of the Junior-Senior Banquet have been set. On May 6 at the Golden Stagecoach Inn the juniors and seniors

will gather together for this memory making event. Sure hope the weather is warm and clear for the upcoming track meets.

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Tri-City Baseball

By JOCILLE BRADY

At the Tri-City Baseball Project weekly meeting Monday night, Mrs. John Brady reported on the decision of the Merkel City Council. Mrs. Brady had met with the Council on Friday concerning the land for the ballpark. Mrs. Brady reported that the City is preparing an acceptance of the land donated by Kimbell Inc. and would in turn lease the land to the Project. Because of legalities the City will be unable to buy or give land to the Project. Also discussed was the fair market price of additional land which can be purchased. One land owner attended the Monday meeting in order to discuss a possible trade of lots which would be more advantageous to both the Project and landowners. He is also willing to sell additional lots which we need.

The members of the Project who were present, agreed upon an offer to be made to two other land owners who are willing to sell and have requested offers of purchasing price.

We are getting closer to the time when work can begin on the park. Much preliminary work has been done and as soon as the land is obtained, work will begin on the park. Although all work will probably not be completed for this year's baseball season, plans are to have the necessary construction done so our youth can play ball this summer.

For all of the people who have been waiting to see if we are really going to get this project off the ground before you involve your self or make a donation, now is the time to get moving. At present we have \$1350.84 in the bank but we will be needing more funds shortly as actual work begins. Donations of material and co-operation by people outside of Merkel has been tremendous. We also have had help from many Merkel people, but we need more.

Next meeting will be at 8:00 on Monday at the Big Country Inn. (Asteroid). Please come and help us.

School Menu

THURSDAY, MARCH 13

Ranch Style Beans with Ground Beef, Spanish Rice, Cole Slaw, Strawberry Jello, Cornbread and Milk.

FRIDAY, MARCH 14

Sloppy Joe, Buttered Corn, Sweet Relish and Sliced Onions, Cookies, Orange Juice, and Milk.

MONDAY, MARCH 17

Chicken Fried Steak, with Gravy, Macaroni and Cheese, Blackeyed Peas, Peach Halves, Hot Rolls, and Milk.

TUESDAY, MARCH 18

Tacos with Taco Sauce, Lettuce, Tomatoes, and Cheese, Pinto Beans, Chocolate Cookies and Milk.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

Sliced Turkey with Gravy, Whipped Potatoes, Green Beans, Cherry Cobbler, Hot Rolls, and Milk.

THURSDAY, MARCH 20

Beef and Cheese Casserole, Green Salad with Choice of Dressing, Hot Rolls, Chilled Applesauce and Milk.

FRIDAY, MARCH 21

Hamburgers or Cheeseburgers, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Onions, French Fries with Ketchup, Peanut Butter Strips and Orange Juice, and Milk.

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4-H Members Win Six 1st Place Ribbons

The Merkel 4-H attended a County Food Show held Feb. 15, in the ACC Student Center in Abilene.

Winners in the Junior Division are: Shannon Boyd, blue ribbon; Loyce Baker, blue ribbon; and Janice Jacobs, red ribbon.

In the Senior Division, winners were: Christy Boone, blue ribbon-alternate; Cindy Boone, blue ribbon; Cathy Holloway, blue ribbon; and Tonya Moore, blue ribbon-alternate.

The February meeting was held at Jack Moore's with a tasting tea being held with each girl bringing a dish.

The March meeting was held at the Methodist Church. The program was given by Mr. J. D. Sandusky on Gun Safety.

The Merkel 4-H are going to sell garden seeds and flower seeds to raise money for the 4-H center in Brownwood. If you would like to purchase some of these seeds, call Mrs. Bobby DuBoise at 928-5335.

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Garden Club To Meet March 20

The Merkel Garden Club will meet March 20 at 3 p.m. at 1212 S. 4th. Hostesses will be Mrs. Lottie Everett and Mrs. Tom Russom.

The program will besides of "Texas Wildflowers" brought by Mrs. Aaron Suderth.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE BY VIRTUE OF AN ORDER OF SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF TAYLOR

DATED February 28, 1975, and issued pursuant to a judgment decree of the District Court of Taylor County, Texas, by the Clerk of said Court on said date in a certain suit No. 34,493-A, and styled State of Texas and Taylor County vs. J. F. Clark, et al and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said County, I have on February 28, 1975 Seized, levied upon, and will, on the first Tuesday in April, 1975, the same being the 1st day of said month at the Courthouse door of said County, in the City of Abilene, between the hours of 10 o'clock A.M. and 4 o'clock P.M. on said day, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all of the right, title, and interest of the defendants in such suit in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, the same lying and being situated in the County of Taylor and State of Texas, to wit:

The following property located in Taylor County: 1 acre out of Abstract 51 of the Edward Dickerson Survey; Part of Section 25, Block 1, Abstract 285 of the S. P. Ry. Co. Survey. The following property located in the City of Abilene: Lot 1, Block 145, Original Townsite; Lot 7, Block 6, Bowyer Addition; Lot 17, Block 1, Stevenson Park Addition (Block 221, Original Townsite); North 12.5' of Lot 14, and all of Lot 15, Lacy Morrow Subdivision of Lot 2, Block 199; Lot 17, Block A, John M. Blackburn Subdivision of Lot 1, Block 201; Northwest 1/4 of Lot 3, Block 1, Over Place Subdivision. The following property located in the City of Bradshaw: Lots 1 and 2, Block 14, All of Block 17,

All of Block 28, Lot 10, Block 36, Original Townsite. The following property located in the City of Ovalo: Lots 1, 2, 3, 7, 8 and 14, Block 55, Lot 33, Block 66, Original Townsite. The following property located in the City of Trent: Lots 7 and 8, Block 6, Lot 2 and the East 25' of Lots 16, 17 and 18, Block 23, Lot 7, and the South 1/2 of Lot 8, Block 49, Original Townsite; Lot 21, Block 4, Hale Addition; Part of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, Block 1, All of Block 1, Lots 1 and 2, Block 11, Mineral Wells Addition; Lots 30 through 37, Block 3, Lots 8 through 20, 22 through 25, 27 through 29 and part of Lot 30, Block 11, Mineral Wells Addition. The following property being located in the City of Tuscola: Lot 8, Block 17, Original Townsite.

Or upon the written request of said defendants or their attorney, a sufficient portion thereof to satisfy said judgment, interest, penalties and costs; subject, however, to the right of redemption, the defendants or anyone having an interest therein, to redeem the said property, or their interest therein, at any time within two years from the recordation of the deed in the manner provided by law, and subject to any other and further rights to which the defendants or anyone interested therein may be entitled, under the provisions of law. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgment rendered in the above styled and numbered cause, together with interest, penalties, and costs of suit, and the proceeds of said sale to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs.

DATED Abilene, Texas, this 28th day of February, 1975.
Jack Landrum by R. P. Blackley, SHERIFF, Taylor County, Texas.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS County of Taylor

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That by virtue of a certain ORDER OF SALE issued out of the Honorable 44th District Court of Dallas County, of the 19th day of November 1974, by District Clerk of said Dallas Co. for the sum of Ten Thousand Eighty Six & 32/100 on Nine Thousand Eight Hundred-Thirty Six & 24/100 Dollars and costs of suit, under a Order of Sale, in favor of Texas Distributors Inc. in a certain cause in said Court, No. 74-9294-B

and styled Texas Distributors Inc. vs. Roehr Construction Inc. & Peppertree Grove Development Co, placed in my hands for service, I, Jack Landrum as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did, on the 4th day of March 1975, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: Lot 1, Block K, a continuation of Number 1, Section 10, Radford Hills Addition to the City of Abilene and a 60 ft. strip adjacent to and east of this lot the NW-one-fourth of Section 38 Blind Asylum Lands, Taylor County, Texas. Also known as Peppertree Apartments, 1119 Musken St. Abilene, Taylor Co. Texas. Recorded in Vol B33, Page 443 Minutes of Said Court; and levied upon as the property of Roehr Construction Inc., & Peppertree Grove Development Co. and that on the first Tuesday in April, 1975, the same being the 1st day of said month at the Court House door, of Taylor County, in the City of Abilene, Texas, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., by virtue of said levy and said Order of Sale I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for each, to the higher bidder, as the property of said Roehr Construction Inc. & Peppertree Grove Development Co.

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: Calvin Edward Roeder 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 Mary Margaret Martin Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 4th day of February 1975, against Margaret Jean Swinney and Calvin Edward Roeder Respondents and said suit being numbered 10,235-DR on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In the interest of Mary Priscilla Roeder and Sherry Jean Roeder, children," the nature of which suits a request to appoint Petitioner, Mary Margaret Martin temporary managing conservator of the children, and managing conservator.

Said Mary Priscilla Roeder was born the 30th day of Aug. 1960, in Newport Beach, California.

Said Sherry Jean Roeder was born the 19th day of December, 1961, in Newport Beach, California.

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 7th day of March, 1975. (SEAL)

Attest: Irene Crawford Clerk, Domestic Relations Court in Taylor County, Texas; By Myrna Lawrence, Deputy. 3-1tc

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Attest: Irene Crawford Clerk, Domestic Relations Court, Taylor County, Texas; By Sandra Van Cleave, Deputy. 53-4tc

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS

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You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for four consecutive weeks, the first publication to be at least twenty-eight days before the return day thereof, 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: Bonita Kelly, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Taylor County, 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 4th day of April A.D. 1975, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said Court, on the 3rd day of October A.D. 1974, in this cause, numbered 9864-DR on the docket of said Court and styled John Ervin Kelly, Plaintiff, vs. Bonita Kelly, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: Parties of this suit were married on or about August 4, 1962 and on or about September 5, 1971, they separated; following children were born of this marriage, Dominica Gay, 4-22-63; J. Angelo, 9-2-65; John E. 7-29-67; Barri Ann, 3-8-69; Christopher J., 4-22-70; children now reside with respondent; during the marriage, certain community property has been accumulated, petitioner requests the Court to divide the property in an equitable manner; as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and 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, Taylor County, Texas, this 20th day of February A.D. 1975. (SEAL)

Attest: Irene Crawford Clerk, Domestic Relations Court, Taylor County, Texas; By Sandra Van Cleave, Deputy. 53-4tc

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Lambda Beta See 'Ladies Beware'

Lambda Beta meet at the Methodist Fellowship Hall on March 4, 1975. A short business meeting was held. Roll call was answered. "How does positive thinking help you as a person?" Invited to join Lambda Beta for the evening program was Alpha Nu Nu, Xi Nu Chi and guest of sorority members. The evening program was entitled "The Art of Think-

ing" given by Co-Captain Annette Clark. A film entitled "Ladies Beware" was shown by Officer Hoppe from the Abilene Prevention Unit. The film was followed by questions from the floor addressed to Officer Hoppe. Lambda Beta would like to say a special thank you to Officer Hoppe. If anyone would like to have the Crime Pre-

vention Unit speak at one of their special functions, you may contact the Crime Prevention Unit by writing P.O. Box 174, Abilene, Texas 79604 or Telephone 673-8331. We found it to be a very worthwhile program. Refreshments were provided by Ginny Yaddow and Annette Clark.

Present from Lambda Beta Mmes: Rosey Castille, J.H. Jr. Clark, Craig Jones, Billy Lucas, Paul Moore, Billy Bob Neff, Phil Seymour, Mike Welch, Larry White, Lee Yaddow, Ricky Elliott, Glen Bright, and guest by members of Lambda Beta were: Sheila Whitely, Melba Seymour, Mrs. John Shannon, Mrs. H. E. Goodgion and Nancy Moore.



GOV. DOLPH BRISCOE ... with Easter Seal child

Gov. Briscoe Presented First Sheet of Easter Seals

The first sheet of 1975 Easter Seals has been presented to Governor Dolph Briscoe by Jeff Krajca, of Wichita Falls, 1975 Texas Easter Seal Child in behalf of the Easter Seal Society for Crippled Children and Adults of Texas and its affiliates. Jeff, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Krajca, Jr., of Wichita Falls, Texas, has been under treatment at the North Texas Easter Seal Rehabilitation Center, in Wichita Falls, since 1972. Jeff, pictured with Governor Briscoe, presented the seals to officially open the annual Easter Seal Appeal in Texas on behalf of the 20,152 handicapped adults and children who were served in 1974 by the statewide network of Easter Seal affiliates.

The Texas Easter Seal campaign, which will continue through Easter Sunday, March 30, is to raise funds to help in the treatment and rehabilitation of crippled children and adults in Texas.

President Proclaims March Red Cross Month

THE WHITE HOUSE RED CROSS MONTH, 1975

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

Since the first settlement on these shores, we Americans have worked together voluntarily to conquer problems and to care for one another in time of adversity. This neighbor-helping-neighbor approach is still with us today and is exemplified by an organization that has become known as the Good Neighbor - the American National Red Cross.

Traditionally, March is Red Cross Month. During that month, more than half of the 3,100 Red Cross chapters will be asking Americans to be Good Neighbors by making contributions. In communities where the Red Cross is in partnership with United Way, these chapters will be asking us to lend our time and skills as volunteers in one of their many service programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, I GERALD R. FORD, President of the United States of America, and Honorary Chairman of the American National Red Cross, do hereby designate March, 1975, as Red Cross Month.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-fourth day of February in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-five, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred ninety-ninth.

GERALD R. FORD

Fresh ham is meat from the hind leg of pork which has not been smoked or cured. It tastes and looks more like a pork roast. Mrs. Mary Sweeten, foods and nutrition specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System, says.

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Monday, March 17

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WESTERN HOUSE
MERKEL

Riding Club Reschedules Meet

Due to the Chamber of Commerce Banquet, the monthly pot luck supper and business meeting for the Merkel Riding Club will be postponed until Thursday, March 20, at the Lions Club Building.

Hamilton-Jones Engagement Told

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Norman Hamilton of Evant announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Pamela Jean, to Danny Fred Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth F. Jones of Merkel.

Miss Hamilton is a 1973 graduate of Evant High School. She is presently a sophomore at Howard Payne University majoring in the Douglas MacArthur Academy of Freedom. Mr. Jones, a 1972 graduate of Merkel High School, is a junior Christian Ministries major at Howard Payne University. The couple plan to be married at 4 p.m. on May 30, 1975 at the First Baptist Church of Evant.

UMCOR Official To Speak Monday

Doctor David W. Flude, Executive Secretary for UMCOR Interpretation, will be guest speaker at the United Methodist Women meeting Monday, March 17, at 3:30 p.m. in the church.

Doctor Flude is a native of England but has been in the United States since 1964. He served pastorates in the Philadelphia area and other areas before becoming part of the UMCOR staff. He has traveled all over the world, observing the work of UMCOR and other aid programs worldwide.

The public is invited to hear this outstanding missionary speaker.

Riding Club Jackpot Has Big Turnout

Sunday, the Merkel Riding Club held a jackpot Barrel Race and calf roping in the Merkel Arena and it was a big success. There were 90 Barrel racers and 36 calf ropers.

Becky Carson of Ft. Collins, Colo., won the open barrel race and walked away with over \$400.

Pam Upton won the novice barrel race. She won \$180.

Roy Cooper of Trent won the first go-around of the calf roping and Junior Garrison of Brenham, Texas, won the second go-around.

Barry Burk of Duncan, Oklahoma, won the last calf roping event.

Cub Scout

By RANDY LEVERICH

The Merkel Cub Scouts Pack 20 met February 27 for the Annual Blue and Gold Banquet. The banquet is to celebrate when scouting was first started.

An official from the Scout Office in Abilene, A. O. Cox and his wife attended the banquet.

Chris Mashburn led in the flag ceremony.

Cubmaster Jimmy Leverich presented Billie Walters a plaque for the 12 years in scouting.

Everyone enjoyed a delicious pot luck supper.

Den mother Ethyl Putman led the boys in the Living Circle for the closing ceremony.

Miss Softball News

Tri-City MSA League met Friday, March 7, 1975, at 7:00 p.m. Final preparation was made for the bake sale March 8, 1975 in front of the West Texas Utilities Building. Thanks go to the many people who made this sale a success, those who brought baked items and those who bought the items. Special appreciation goes to Melba Glasscock who donated the

Easter Cake won by Mrs. Cunningham at the Dairy Bar and Lonell Teaff and Tonya Meeks for the Horn of Plenty Cake won by Mrs. Mary Shugart.

Registration dates have been set for the following towns:

Trent: March 18, 1975 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.
Trent Library
Tye: March 18, 1975 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
Tye School Gym
Merkel: March 18, 1975 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Merkel School Cafeteria

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J.W. BREWER - D.J. OF THE WEEK

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COMPLETE NEW LINE OF LADIES DRESSES & PANTS SUITS FOR EASTER NICE SELECTION OF PINE HURST LINGERIE

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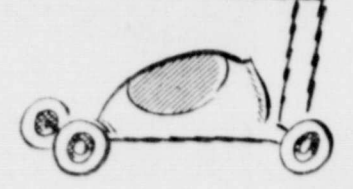


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DOZEN

I.G. DAIRY FRESH BUTTER MILK 1/2 GAL CRTN. 65¢

I.G. DAIRY FRESH Homo 2 MILK GAL JUG NO DEPOSIT \$1.33

HUNT'S CATSUP 49¢
20 OZ. BOTTLE

HEINZ'S POLISH or KOSHER PICKLES QUART 69¢

I.G. DAIRY FRESH Homo MILK GAL JUG NO DEPOSIT \$1.43

save 50¢
CLIP COUPON AND SAVE
CARSON'S COUPON
SAVE 50¢
WITH THIS COUPON WHEN YOU BUY A 2 LB. CAN OF MAXWELL HOUSE COFFEE CARSONS
2 LB. CAN ONLY 1.79 WITH COUPON
MAR. 28

MIRACLE BOWL OLEO 73¢
POUND CRTN.

PEACHES HUNTS (2 LIMIT) 2 1/2 CAN 2 FOR 93¢

VELVEETA KRAFT 2LB. CHEESE BOX 1.49 (1 LIMIT)

FLOUR GOLD MEDAL 5 LB. BAG 89¢

SNOWDRIFT 3 LB. CAN (1 LIMIT) 1.59

save 00c
WITH THIS COUPON WHEN YOU BUY A 6 OZ. JAR OF INSTANT Maxwell House COFFEE CARSON'S
6 OZ. JAR ONLY \$1.29 WITH COUPON
MAR. 28

TEA LIPTON 39¢
1/4 LB. BOX

PICNIC HAMS
DECKER QUALITY
WHOLE ONLY 59¢
SLICED LB. 69¢

LIBBY'S 5 OZ. Vienna SAUSAGE 2 FOR 63¢

GEBHARTS 300 TAMALES 2 FOR 59¢

OCEAN SPRAY 300 CRANBERRY Sauce 2 FOR 59¢

CONTADINA 300 TOMATOES 2 FOR 59¢

LIBBY'S 303 C.S. Golden CORN 2 FOR 69¢

LARSEN VEG-ALL 2 FOR 59¢

NATURE BEST PORK & BEANS 2 FOR 49¢

RAIDER CUT 303 Green Beans 2 FOR 53¢

KRAFT PINT MAYONNAISE JAR 69¢

FRESH TOMATOES LB. 35¢

TEMPLE ORANGES LB. 23¢

FRESH - CELLO RADISHES 2 FOR 19¢

FRESH GREEN ONIONS 2 FOR 23¢

DELICIOUS RED APPLES LB. 29¢

RUSSET SPUDS 10 LB. BAG 69¢

DECKERS BACON SAUSAGE 1.09
POUND

FRANKS 1.79
DECKER 2 LB. BAG

ROAST STEAK 59¢
DECKER 12 OZ. PKG.

ROAST STEAK 79¢
BABY BEEF ARM or ENGLISH LB.

ROAST STEAK 89¢
BABY BEEF CLUB or LOIN LB.

ROAST GROUND 79¢
FRESH PORK LB.

ROAST GROUND 53¢
FRESH BEEF LB.

WE WELCOME FOOD STAMPS
SHOP AND SAVE

WE GIVE GIFT BOND STAMPS
Double on Wednesday with \$5.00 or more

CARSON'S SUPER MARKET
MIRKEL, TEXAS
FREE DELIVERY MON, WED, FRI
FRESH VEGETABLES