

Merkel Jr. High To Participate in Festival

Approximately 3500 junior high school musicians representing 65 different school organizations will converge on the campuses of Cisco Junior College and Cisco High School on Friday and Saturday, April 4-5, for the sixteenth annual Cisco Junior Music Festival for school bands, orchestras and choirs.

Among those participating in the festival will be the Merkel Junior High Band under the direction of Glenn Reed.

Eris Ritchie, CJC Public Relations Director, is director of the festival, and associated directors are Lynn Low, director of the Cisco High School Band, and Douglas Fry, CJC bandmaster. The Cisco Band Boosters Association and CJC campus organizations will be operating the concessions.

The 60-plus junior high musical organizations participating in the two-day festival will enter concert and sight-reading competition evaluation as groups, and individuals and small groups will enter solo, ensemble, and twirling competition.

The organizations will be rated for their performances on a scale of I to V, with I being the highest, or "Superior" rating and V being the lowest. Bands, orchestras, or choral groups receiving I ratings will be awarded trophies, with a

"Sweepstakes" trophy going to any group earning a I in both concert and sight-reading. Individual soloists and small ensemble groups will receive individual award medallions for I ratings, and all groups as well as individuals performing will be given evaluation-criticism sheets from a judge or judges. Organizations will receive tape recorded criticisms from concert judges and written or tape criticisms from a sight-reading judge.

Adjudicators, or judges, for the festival will include: Mr. Dennis Teasdale of Floydada High School, Mr. Jerry Starkes of Lubbock senior High School, and Mr. Larry Sparks of Denver City High School, all for band and orchestra concert playing; Mr. Bill Woods of Seagraves High School for band and orchestra sight-reading; Mr. Jack Bowers of Big Spring High School and Mr. Wylee Peebles of Cisco Junior College for choral concert singing; Mrs. Bobbie Summerlin of Cooper High School in Abilene for choral sight-reading; Mr. Ed George of North Texas State University in Denton (on leave from Abilene Christian College), Mr. Norman Hemphill of Graham High School, Mr. James Mallow of Brady High School, Mr. Bill Spencer of Abilene Senior High School, Mr. Warren Thaxton of Cooper High School in Abilene, and Mr. Robert Gans of Grand Prairie Senior High School, all for band and orchestra solos and ensembles, and Miss Kim Taylor of North Texas State University in Denton for twirling solos and ensembles. The three coral judges - Mr. Peebles, Mr. Bowers, and Mrs. Summerlin - will judge choral solos and ensembles as well as the organization events.

The Merkel Jr. High Band's scheduled time for their concert performance at the festival will be Friday at 1:40 p.m. All band and orchestra concert playing will be in the Harrell Fine Arts Auditorium at Cisco Junior College and all choral performances will be at the Cisco High School Auditorium. Concerts are open to the public and there is no charge for admission but sight-reading and solo and ensemble events are not open to the public.

Little League Registration Saturday
Registration for Little League and T-Shirt baseball will be held at West Texas Utilities Saturday, April 5 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Each boy or girl must be accompanied by a parent. T-shirt group included 7 and 8 year olds, while Little League age group is from 9 to 12 years.

Work night for the ball park will be held Thursday and Friday night. All volunteers are needed to help clean up the ball park and make it ready for playing.

Holloway Joins Staff At U. of Tennessee

Bill Holloway has joined the animal science faculty at the University of Tennessee as the cow-calf specialist. He will be teaching undergraduate courses in animal science along with directing cow-calf research.

Holloway was previously employed as assistant animal scientist at Delta Branch Agriculture and Forestry Experiment Station, Stoneville, Mississippi.

Holloway is a 1965 graduate of Merkel High School. He received his B.S. from Abilene Christian College, Abilene in 1969, M.S. and Ph.D. from Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Oklahoma 1970 and 1973, respectively in Animal Nutrition.

Holloway was a member Farm House fraternity at S.U. Phi Kappa Phi, Alpha O.K. and Delta Tau Alpha, National honorary societies, and the American Society of Animal Science.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Holloway of R. 1, Merkel. He and his wife, the former Dobby Thralls of Billings, Oklahoma, live at 309 Scenic Drive, Maryville, Tennessee.

Cities To Get Sales Tax On Monthly Basis

AUSTIN - Comptroller Bob Bullock announced Friday that monthly rebates of city sales taxes will start April 15.

"Nothing stands in our way now but the U.S. Postal service," Bullock said. This first-ever monthly payment will replace the old quarterly payment system with its 90-day lag time which had been in effect since the city sales tax was passed in 1967.

Bullock said that junking the quarterly system "means we've quit burying the cities' money in the backyard in fruit jars for three months at a time."

"Now it will be interesting to see what the cities do with it," Bullock said. "Like

Franklin said, a dollar invested is a dollar earned or at least seven per cent." Payments to 800 towns and cities which have the one per cent tax total more than \$200 million a year.

The April 15 payments will cover taxes collected by the Comptroller between Feb. 17, the cutoff date for the last payment, and April 14. Future monthly payments will be made at mid-month, Bullock said.

Bullock said that cities can expect every third month's check to be larger than the other two, reflecting the peak of quarterly tax payments sent in by merchants.

"When you're talking about money, haste ends waste," Bullock observed.



JACK PATTERSON
...banquet speaker

Baylor Athletic Director Speaker For Lions Club Ladies Night

A large crowd of Merkel Lions and their wives turned out Tuesday evening for the annual Ladies Night held by the club.

Jack Patterson, Athletic Director at Baylor University and native of Merkel was the speaker for the evening. Patterson was introduced by David Gamble. Patterson began his remarks with a few jokes and related them to Merkel and serving the community, which is the theme of Lionsism - "We Serve". Patterson said that the thing that has brought Baylor to its first S.W.C. championship this last year was just one word - "enthusiasm". "Another thing that is important at Baylor and in Merkel, is team work. With the team spirit, we are able to accomplish winning over teams that are really stronger than we are," he said.

"Another thing that is important in life is turning

weaknesses into strengths," the Baylor coach said. "We sometimes tend to use weakness as a crutch. I can cite you several cases of athletes that have turned these weaknesses into strengths. Take Rayford Johnson. He was injured in a gym accident. Yet he went on to win a gold medal at the Olympics - on the injured ankle," he said.

He concluded his remarks by saying that he felt that we were too soft on our youth. "Our youth need a challenge. If they don't have that, they become afraid of failure and just don't do anything. I think that one of the best things in life is to be tested beyond what you think you can do and not fail," he concluded.

The Sweet 2-delines, Inc. performed for the club. They sang several songs. Fred Starbuck was program chairman.

Baseball Project Beneficiary Of Pancake Supper

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The Merkel Lions Club will have a Pancake Supper Thursday, April 10, with all proceeds benefitting the Tri-Cities Baseball Project.

The Pancake Supper will be held from 5-7 p.m. at the Lions Club meeting hall. Chairmen for advance ticket sales are Mike Couch and Bob Hammond. Tickets, priced at \$1.50 for adults and \$1 for students, may be purchased from any Lions Club member.

10 Million Acres Will Be Planted to Cotton

Growers intend to plant 10,000 acres of all cotton in 1975, 9.9 million to upland and 77,200 to American Pima, according to the USDA's Crop Reporting Board. If realized, this acreage will be down 29 per cent from the 14.0 million acres planted in 1974 and the lowest since 1967.

Texas and Oklahoma upland growers intend to plant 4.7 million acres; five per cent more than was intended January 1 but 20 per cent less than 1974 plantings. Planting has started in southern areas of Texas.

In the Delta states, growers plan to seed 3.0 million acres, three per cent more than January 1 intentions but 36 per cent less than 1974.

Growers in Arizona, California and New Mexico expect to plant 1.4 million acres, up five per cent from January 1 but down 24 per cent from 1974.

In the Southwest, expected plantings totaled 785,000 acres, unchanged from January 1 but 48 per cent below 1974 plantings.

American Pima producers intend to plant 67,200 acres, 18 per cent below 1974.

Jr. High Girls Win First Place In Meet

The Merkel Jr. High girls won first place in the Merkel Jr. Badger Relays, on March 21. The girls showed great determination and spirit for their first track meet. All the girls did very well and everyone put out their best effort to win.

Coach Robbie Hicks' team scored 151 points with six teams competing. Events, names and times follow:

- 60 yd. dash - 1. Kim Kennedy; 8.1; 2. Gwen Tarpley, 8.2; 3. Becky Watts, 8.4.
- 100 yd. dash - 2. Gwen Tarpley, 13.4; 4. (tie) Becky Watts and Kathryn Irvin.
- 440 yd. dash - 4. Kelly Magee, 1:14.7; 6. Janet Wade, 1:17.2.
- 60 yd. High Hurdles - 3. Gina Farmer, 12.0; 4. Janet Wade, 13.2; 6. Sherry Roeder, 100 yd. Low Hurdles - 5. Gay Pfisterer, 17.3; 6. Kelly Magee, 17.3.

440 yd. Relay - 2. Merkel, 57.3 (Lisa Shugart; Becky Watts, Kathryn Irvin, Gwen Tarpley).

880 yd. relay - 4. Merkel, 2:11.5 (Sherry Roeder, Sammie Shaw, Lisa Owen, Sharon Dossier).

Shot Put - 1. Theresa Cox, 25'2 1/2"; 6. Pam Crenshaw, 24'4".

Discus - 1. Gay Pfisterer 88'7"; 2. Pam Crenshaw 85'3"; 6. Tammy Thomas, 69".

High Jump - 2. Cindy Boone, 4'10"; 4. Gina Farmer, 4'6"; 6. Gay Pfisterer, 4'2".

Long Jump - 2. Carla Gardner, 13'9"; 3. Diana Bien, 13'7"; 6. Sherry Roeder, 12'11".

Triple Jump - 1. Cindy Smith, 27'3"; 2. Carla Gardner, 27'; 4. Diana Bien, 25'5".

The next track meet will be this Friday, April 14, at Anson. The meet will begin about 12:00.

Annual Beauty Pageant Slated Saturday Night

The Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta will hold their annual Beauty Pageant Saturday, April 5th at 7:30 p.m. at the Merkel High School Auditorium. Local Girls from the Merkel area are urged to participate. They can call Marie White at 928-5666 or 928-5113. Tickets will be \$1.00 for Adults and 50 cents for children.

Worthy Long Studio from Abilene will be taking pictures of contestants. A package containing 2 5x7's and 4 billfold size color photos will be available for \$5.00. Packages must be paid for the night of the pageant.

Pat Wright, vice-president of the Bank of Commerce will be the Mistress of Ceremonies. Mrs. Wright has had much experience in this field. The girls are all sponsored by local merchants.

Miss Merkel will be chosen from High School contestants and there will be four other division winners in pre-school, kindergarten through fourth fifth, and sixth and seventh and eighth. It is still not too late if your daughter is interested in entering.

Lambda Beta chapter will be selling Personal Planners at the door. This book contains information about Merkel and area residents who have been honored. This book will be available for \$1.50 and will make an excellent gift.

Fire Dept. To Sponsor Vaccination

The Merkel Fire Department will be sponsoring a Dog and Cat Vaccination, Saturday, April 19th from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Fire Station.

Lambda Beta would like to urge everyone to come help support these girls on their night and would like to thank the Merchants for their part in this program.



TROPHIES - Pat Castille is pictured with the trophies to be given Saturday night during the annual Beauty Pageant. (Staff Photo)

APRIL 7TH

Merkel-Tye Kindergarten Students To Register

The Merkel-Tye Kindergarten pre-registration will be held April 7th.

The students who will be attending kindergarten for the 1975-76 school year should register.

Those in Merkel will register at the Primary building and those in Tye will register at Tye Elementary. A student must be 5 years

of age on or before Sept. 1, 1975.

Please bring a hospital birth certificate and immunization record to the registration.

Kindergarten will be all day for 90 school days and then a second group will begin. The students will be divided with the older students going the first session. If enough students register at Tye, it would be possible to have a kindergarten class at the Tye school this year.

Mrs. Alves will register Merkel kindergarten students in the Merkel Primary building and Mrs. Dickey will register Tye students at Tye Elementary.

Farmer's Union Barbeque Thursday

Farmers Union will have their annual Barbeque Super Thursday, April 3rd at Merkel School Cafeteria.

Guest speaker will be Robert H. Kensing, Economist-Management at Texas A&M University. There will be door prizes and good food. All area members please attend. Any interested farmers please attend.

Cost of Merkel Paper Now 15c On Newsstands

Effective Thursday, April 3, 1975, the cost of the Merkel Mail will be 15 cents on all newsstands.

The price hike is necessary at this time due to increasing publishing costs.

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Honoring the Honored

Dear Editor:

I enjoyed the write-up of THE WOMAN OF THE YEAR 1975 in a recent issue of your paper.

Mrs. Reid expressed surprise at her being chosen THE WOMAN OF THE YEAR—how about surprising her still more by printing the enclosed open letter from a co-worker and admirer of her early school teaching days?

Thank you,
Mrs. H. Grady Saunders

I note that you are now "Woman of the Year." Congratulations! From the write-up, you made the honor for these chief reasons:

- (1) You can knit
- (2) You can cook

COMPERE HD NEWS

The Compere Home Demonstration Club met March 27th in Mrs. Dewey Ramsey's home for their regular meeting with five members and three visitors present.

Mrs. Taylor presided and the club prayer was read in unison.

Roll call was answered with "do you stay on your diet." Minutes were read and council report given by Mrs. Ab Hunter Jr.

Mrs. Taylor directed a bingo contest game using vegetables. A poem "Sure way to Be Happy" was read.

The program on "Therapeutic Diets" was given by Mrs. Dewey Ramsey and Ab Hunter Jr. Hostess gift went to Mrs. Don Adair.

Refreshments were served to three visitors Faylene and Beverly Vancil from Garland and Sheila Adair from Merkel, and members Mrs. Hugh Taylor, Ab Hunter Jr., Clyde Chancey, Don Adair, and Dewey Ramsey.

(3) You have interest in things historical
(4) Various other reasons
Ouida, believe me, I am happy for you and I am not envious because I recognize my limitations—in the first place, I can't knit—I know I can't and so I don't try. So, that let's me out as a candidate for WOMAN OF THE YEAR—just like that!

Secondly, I can't cook—I try but I guess you'd say my heart isn't in it. My father built up his hopes one time when he told me that he felt sure I had a fortune in my biscuits—that I should waste no time in applying for a patent for rubber! Alas, all my cooking compliments have ranged in that category—disparaging!

I used to fancy that I had a talent for historical data—particularly in Family research. My hopes and aspirations were crushed by a very dear friend (past tense no), who rudely interrupted a lengthy discussion of mine on some research findings, by saying to my husband, "Let's don't gether started on that?" I am sure you understand by all odds that I'm just not WOMAN OF THE YEAR material but I can appreciate your being elected to that honor. You DESERVE this distinction—you can KNIT, you can COOK, you can write HISTORY and besides, you are a very lovable person!

Again, Congratulations and All Best Wishes!

Signed,
An admirer of yours
for many years!
Eleanor Harrison
Saunders
(Mrs. H. Grady Saunders)

MERKEL-TYE SCHOOL MENU

- THURSDAY
Taco w/ taco sauce, lettuce, tomatoes and cheese Spanish rice, Butterscotch Pudding, and Milk.
- FRIDAY
Chili Dogs w/ pickle relish, onion rings, pinto beans, brownies, orange juice and milk.
- MONDAY
Roast beef w/ brown gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, fresh orange wedges, hot rolls and milk.
- TUESDAY
Enchiladas w/ cheese, pinto beans, Spanish rice lettuce wedges, jello squares w/ fruit and milk.
- WEDNESDAY
Sliced turkey w/ gravy, seasoned spinach, scalloped potatoes, hot rolls, chocolate cake, and milk.
- THURSDAY
Fried fish w/ tartar sauce, cole slaw, battered bread, lemon pudding and milk.
- FRIDAY
Hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, pickles, french fries, chocolate chip cookies, orange juice, and milk.

Reduce energy consumption in cooking. Use pans that entirely cover the heating element. This way more heat enters the pot and less is lost to the surrounding air.

Alpha Nu Nu Elects Officers

Members of Alpha Nu Nu met for their regular meeting on Tuesday, March 18, at the Methodist Church.

Everyone contributed to a Salad Supper before the meeting. Guest speaker for the evening was Dr. Richard Van Ende, retired Chairman of the Music Department and Director of the Fine Arts Department of McMurry. He showed slides and spoke on "Music and the Fine Arts."

The following members have been elected as officers for 1975-76. President, Rojean Hicks; Vice President, Martha Sue Justice; Recording Secretary, Marie Shanks; Corresponding Secretary, Ann Leach; Treasurer, Ann Magee; City Council Representatives, Pam Bishop and Peggy Vanderwerker.

Taylor, Jones Water System Grant Okayed

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Congressman Omar Burleson announces approval of a \$540,000 Farmers Home Administration loan and a grant in the amount of \$380,000 to the S.U.N. Water Supply Corporation serving Taylor and Jones Counties.

The system is located in northwestern Taylor and Southwestern Jones Counties and will serve some 240 homes and other users in rural areas who presently rely on unsafe wells and haul water for domestic use. The water will be purchased from the City of Abilene.

The President of the Corporation is Mr. Vincent Barnett of Merkel.

It's Spelled 'H-E-L-P'

By MELBA GLASSCOCK

HELp: That's about all we can think about right now. We are running into problems on securing land needed. We have some that has been given but it is scattered so we're trying to buy and trade properties to get lots that are close together. We need help from managers and from any interested party. If these parks are to be ready by summer we need help from the people of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dean have given us some furniture to sell. This is nice and will be on sale Saturday, April 5, at the old telephone building from 9:00-1:00. We have a big gas stove, sofa and chair, bedroom suite. We thank them. If anyone else has things to donate they may call 928-4883 or 928-5705.

We have a contest going on between the girls, selling ballpoint pens for \$1.00 each. If you think the pen is to high, just remember all we're asking really is for a \$1.00 donation for the ballparks. If nearly each family would purchase one pen then we'd sell out before we got started and your child will get a dollars worth of playing off the fields and you'll have a pen to use besides. The three

girls who sell the most will be awarded prizes so if you haven't got your pens to sell call 928-4883 to see about getting in on the contest. Any girl from first to twelfth may enter.

One out of every 400 black Americans has sickle cell anemia, according to the March of Dimas; one in 10 carries sickle cell trait.

We'd like to remind everyone, we meet every Monday night at 8:00 at the Big Country Inn (Asteroid) Restaurant. Please come out and offer your help and see our youths get these parts this summer. They need them.

SENIOR CITIZENS SCHEDULE EVENTS
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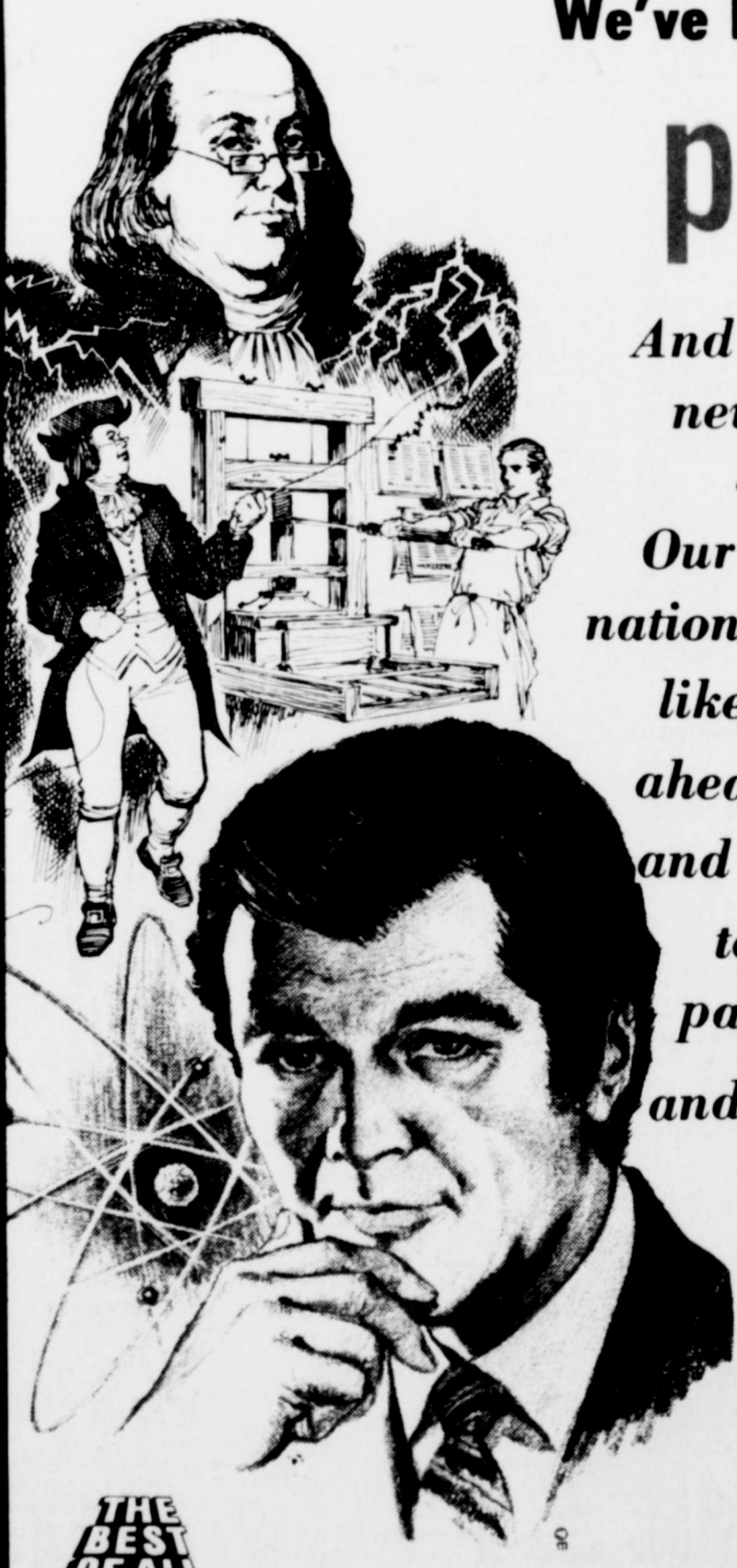
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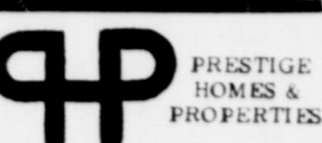
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AUSTIN - Texas' endangered bald eagle population is holding its own and even increasing somewhat. A survey of eagle nests made in February by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department wildlife biologist John Smith revealed an additional nesting pair of eagles on the Louisiana border, which brings the statewide total of five pairs of nesting, adult bald eagles. The five nests contained seven fledgling eagles and, according to Smith, this is the best reproduction of eagles in Texas in the past eight years. Two nests are located in the Victoria area, and two more in the Houston area, with the new nest found in Orange County. "In the past," said Smith, "the four old nests were producing only two to four young birds per year. We cannot account for the

increase in reproduction but an examination of food parts found in the nest indicates that the eagles are changing their diets from fish to birds and small mammals. "This means that the birds could be taking in less pesticides and could account for more young birds." Florida leads the nation with 150 nesting pairs of eagles, followed by some 75 pairs in California and then the five to seven pairs in Texas. This is the third year Parks and Wildlife Department biologists have surveyed eagle nests. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service paid for some 60 hours of fixed-winged aircraft time in February, which led to the discovery of the Orange County nest.

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO, Jimmy Wayne Mitchum 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 Betty Louise Presley, Haven Fetterton, filed in said Court on the 19th day of March, 1975, against Jimmy Wayne Mitchum natural father, Respondent, and said suit being number 10,384-DR on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In the interest of Pamela Denise Mitchum, a child the nature of which suit is a request to terminate parent-child relationship.

Dignitaries Get Zachry Paintings
Three H. C. Zachry western paintings were presented to three foreign ambassadors by the West Texas Chamber of Commerce during the recent 9th annual Texas Congressional Dinner in Washington. The ladies in the West Texas party were guests of the ambassadors from Brazil, Australia and Italy at a visit to each of the three embassies. During the visits Mrs. Burl B. Hulsey, Jr., wife of the WTCC President, and Mrs. J. Fike Godfrey, wife of the WTCC Executive Vice President, presented to each of their hosts a western scene painting by H. C. Zachry, an Abilene artist.

Zachry, an internationally-known Abilene artist, continues to bring honor to West Texas as his paintings are viewed around the world. The paintings were presented to Italian Ambassador Egidio Ortona; to Sir Patrick Shaw, ambassador for Australia; and to the Brazilian Ambassador; Joao Agnato de Arango Castro. 6-1tc

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this 24th day of March, 1975.
(SEAL)
Attest: Irene Crawford Clerk, Domestic Relations Court in Taylor County, Texas; By Sandra Van Cleave, Deputy. 6-1tc

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: LeJean Marie Zollars, Defendant, Greeting:
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County, in Abilene, Texas, by filing 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 28 day of April A.D. 1975, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 9th day of January A.D. 1975, in this cause, numbered 10,153-DR on the docket of said court and styled Charles Edward Zollars, Jr., Plaintiff, vs. LeJean Marie Zollars, Defendant.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: They were married on or about Dec. 17, 1973, they separated and ceased to live together on or about February 17, 1974. There is no community property and no children were born to or adopted by this marriage 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 7th day of March A.D. 1975.
(SEAL)
Attest: Irene Crawford, District Clerk, Domestic Relations Court, Taylor County, Texas; By Judy Kiser, Deputy. 4-4tc

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper published in Taylor County, Texas. Witness my hand, this 4th day of March 1975.
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NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS of the American Paint Horse Association are, front row, left to right, Mott Headley, Port Gibson, Miss., president; Junior Robertson, Waurika, Okla., first vice president and Paul Harber, Jenks, Okla., second vice president. Other members of the Executive Committee are, left to right, Bill Nell, Davis, Calif.; Wyman Wilkerson, Merkel, Texas; Sam Ed Spence, Fort Worth, Texas, executive secretary; I. M. (Chuck) Dearing, Barker, Texas, senior member of the Executive Committee and Colin Beals, Phoenix, Ariz., immediate past president of the association. The 5,244 membership organization recently held its 1975 convention in St. Louis, Mo., with over 200 members present. The association headquarters are located in Fort Worth.

APHA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Wilkerson Named To National Post

St. Louis and its suburb of Bridgeton, Mo., were the host cities for the 1975 American Paint Horse Association's annual convention. Over 200 Paint Horse breeders from 31 states and Canada attended this year's convention. Sixty-seven members of the APHA Board of Directors answered to the roll call by executive secretary Sam Ed Spence at the opening session on Friday, March 14.

The attendance this year was by far the largest since the association held its first convention in Denver in 1971. Mott Headley of Port Gibson, Miss., was unanimously elected president to succeed Colin Beals of Phoenix, Ariz. Headley has been a member of the Executive Committee since 1972. Elected as first vice president was Junior Robertson of Waurika, Okla. Paul Harber of Jenks, Okla.,

was elected second vice president.

Elected as senior member of the Executive Committee, which consists of the president, and first and second vice presidents, was I. M. (Chuck) Dearing of Barker, Texas. Other members elected to the executive group were Wyman Wilkerson, Merkel and Bill Nell of Davis, Calif. The seventh member of the Executive Committee is retiring president Beals.

Registration for the 1975 convention began on Thursday, March 13 in the lobby of the Red Carpet Inn in Bridgeton. Hosting the convention this year was the Illinois Paint Horse Club headed by Jim Apple of Bethalto along with other members of the Illinois club.

At the general membership meeting on Saturday morning, Beals gave the annual president's report to the membership in attendance. Another banner year was chalked up by the APHA in 1974, reported Beals. There were 4,958 members of the APHA in 1974, an increase of 673 for a 16 per cent gain. Junior membership was up 18 per cent with a total of 286 junior members.

Subscriptions to "The Paint Horse Journal" were up three per cent while the number of APHA approved shows were up six per cent according to Beals. There were 421 more registrations of Paint Horses in 1974, up 10 per cent from 1973. Transfer of Paint Horses was up 11 per cent with 354 more horses being transferred in 1974 than in 1973.

Of the 377 shows approved in 1974, 251 were Class "A" shows, an increase of 67 per cent. Also, 166 of the shows (44 per cent) had 150 or more entries.

Effective immediately, the Board of Directors voted to increase the lifetime membership fee to \$200.00.

Sam Ed Spence is Executive Secretary of the American Paint Horse Association. The association was organized in February, 1962 and had a membership of 150. At the end of 1962 the newly formed association had registered 230 Paint Horses. A total of 31,750 Paints had been registered at the end of 1974.

Lightweight Beef Offers Economy

COLLEGE STATION - Lightweight, forage-fed or budget beef can offer economy in meals, but most consumers are unaccustomed to its mild flavor, Mrs. Mary Sweeten, foods and nutrition specialist, noted this week.

This mild flavor, resulting from the reduction of fat marbling and covering found in grain fed beef, can be enhanced by marinades, according to the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System, specialist.

"Marinating the beef overnight can make a lightweight beef roast or steak perfectly acceptable for grilling or roasting," she said.

Marinades are usually a combination of acid such as vinegar, citrus, wine or fruit juice and cooking oil, with herbs and spices.

"Many people like to use fresh garlic pod, bay leaf, pepper corns, thyme, fresh parsley or dry mustard. "Buying mechanically tenderized beef or using a meat tenderizer may also add to the quality of the prepared meat," Mrs. Sweeten pointed out.

Ag Loan Sizes Up

COLLEGE STATION - The average size of agricultural loans increased in Texas last year, but credit quality appears to be deteriorating.

That's the result of a recent survey of 100 Texas agricultural lenders by Dr. Wayne Hayenga, economist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"Sixty-nine per cent of the lenders surveyed said that the average loan size increased the past year. However, that may not be all good," says Hayenga, "since loan repayment was lower at 49 per cent of the responding institutions."

The survey showed the average interest rate was 9.84 per cent for feeder cattle loans, 9.57 per cent for farm and ranch operating loans, and 8.93 per cent for real estate loans.

"Cattle feedlot loan margin requirements averaged 40 per cent and compensating balance requirements averaged about 13 per cent," notes Hayenga.

On crop contracting, the lenders noted that 36 per cent of all farm and ranch customers contracted part of their crops in 1974. Also 15 per cent of the agricultural lenders surveyed required at least partial forward contracts for low equity borrowers to obtain loans.

The demand for operating loans increased in 1974 while

those for feeder cattle and dairy loans decreased.

What do lenders see in store for 1975?

"About one-half of the lenders and a majority of the bankers expect lower ranch earnings during the first six months of this year, with an increase in spending by farmers and ranchers," reports the economist.

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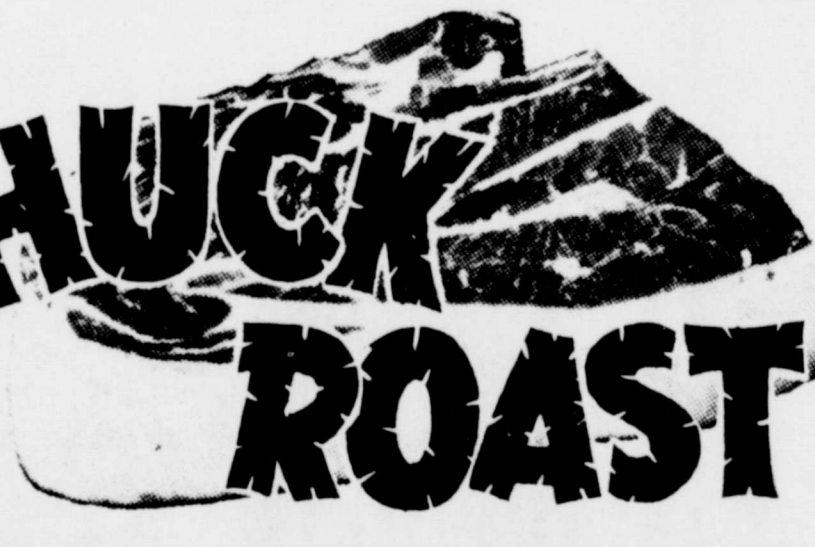
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The principal focus of the welfare reform act is upon the program of Aid to Families with Dependent Children, the category of welfare which has been the most

costly and subject to greatest abuse. The AFDC caseload which doubled in the decade ending in 1965 had doubled again by 1970.

Too many in the welfare bureaucracy and among legislators at all levels forget that the goal of a successful welfare program ought to be getting people off welfare and into productive employment again. Through this bill, we propose to give meaning to that goal.

The thrust of the legislation is to rid the welfare rolls of "Professional recipients," not to penalize those with genuine needs for help. Welfare reforms are long overdue. Since the cost of these programs has doubled in just five years, it is time to call a halt to burdening the productive men and women of this country with those who do not want to work.

Many federal social programs need corrective legislation to insure that aid is channeled exclusively to the legitimately needy.

This act will complement similar actions which have been taken in a number of States since 1971. By tightening eligibility and cracking down on fraud, several of them have managed to improve assistance to citizens in critical need.

Fortnightly Study Club Has Bi-Centennial Program

The Fortnightly Study Club met Tuesday, April 1, in the home of Mrs. Charles Eager for the Bi-Centennial program.

The president, Mrs. S.C. Dixon, held a brief business session during which Mrs. Mack Fisher spoke for the retired teacher's salary increase bill to be voted upon April 22. Everyone was encouraged to go vote.

Mrs. John Boyd spoke as a cattleman's wife concerning the drop in price of cows, and the problems of continuing in the cattle business. She said

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Everyone is or has been on a therapeutic diet for a short term or long term. Mrs. Dennis Butler gave the program on "Special Diets" at the regular meeting of the Goodman Home Demonstration Club Friday, March 28, at the home of Mrs. Garland Price, Mrs. H. H. Windham, Vice-President, presided.

Mrs. Butler's program gave general information covering diets for gastritis or ulcers, gall bladder, low sodium, diabetes, pancreatitis, hypoglycemia, endohyal hernia. Diet is essential in the control of these diseases.

During the business meeting it was decided to quilt next week. The quilt will be put up at Mrs. G. Price's Wednesday afternoon and all who can will come Friday, April 4th for an all day quilting.

Members decided to attend the cancer program "Women Aware" Abilene Civic Center, 7 p.m. March 31st.

Officers elected at the last meeting were: President, Mrs. Dennis Butler; Vice-President, Mrs. David Carter; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Frank Carter; council Delegate, Mrs. Garland Price.

Refreshments were served to eight members; Mmes. Allen Agnew, Dan Butler, Dennis Butler, David Carter, Frank Carter, Cal McAninch, Garland Price, H.H. Windham and Miss Shayla Carter.

Next meeting will be held in the home of Mrs. Allen Agnew April 11. The program will be on furniture and wood care.

By WANDA BRAUNE

This is the week of many of the District UIL events. Tuesday afternoon the journalism and mathematics students went to Jim Ned to participate in these contests. The literary events will be concluded Saturday. These include typing, spelling and speaking.

The girls volleyball team went to McMurry Wednesday afternoon for the district tournament. They look great in practice and are sure to come home with the district trophy.

During spring break, the librarians travelled to Austin for two days of fun. They were Jerre Kay Smith, Rhonda White, Mike Magee, Ray King, Wayne Webb and last but not least, Mrs. Windsor. Early Thursday morning, exactly 6:00 a.m., they set out on their journey. (How Jerre Kay managed to get ready on time is anybody's guess.) They explored the libraries on the UT campus, the Wildlife Exhibit and many of the sites of the State Capitol. While it was sleeting in Merkel, this group was swimming and having fun in the sun. Friday night they arrived home about ten o'clock. Rhonda and Mrs. Windsor kept the number of hot fudge sundaes they ate a deep dark secret, but the number is being carefully narrowed down.

Guess that's all for now. Seven weeks and counting....

that one out of five jobs are concerned with beef and its production. She also said that beef is our hope of getting out of the situation that we are in.

In keeping with the Bi-Centennial celebration, Mrs. Fisher reviewed the book, "Sidelights of the American Revolution," by Webb Garrison. In her discussion of the book, she reviewed many of the familiar events, battles and characters during the time of the revolution.

Delicious refreshments were served to the following: Miss Christine Collins, Mmes. S. C. Dixon, Carl Hughes, Newton Daniel, Charles Knight, Andy Shouse, Charles Eager, Don Hart, Jo Dell Gregory, Comer Haynes, Johnny Cox, Mack Fisher and one visitor, Mrs. John Boyd.

Fete Honors Nellie Merritt

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Tarpley were hosts to an Easter Dinner honoring Mrs. Nellie Merritt, Mr. Tarpley's aunt, of Creston, British Columbia.

Guests attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Dixon and children, M. S. O'Neta Seivey, and Debbie Fincher, of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Dixon and Mrs. Stella Tarpley of Abilene, Mrs. Simmons Coloway of Anson; Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Wade, Mrs. Dany West and Daniel, all of Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Tarpley of Caps; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Roberts of Big Spring; Mr. and Mrs. Doyce Maxwell and Missi of Killeen; Mr. and Mrs. Tuffie Stevens, Starlene and Tonya of Suth; Mr. J. E. Stevens, John and Tom of Trent; Mr. and Mrs. Buster Tarpley of Lubbock; Ghrona Tarpley of Dallas; and Garves Tarpley of Lamesa.

The previous night, Saturday, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Tarpley hosted a dinner party honoring their children, Buster and Leann, seniors at Texas Tech and Ghrona, senior at North Texas State, and their niece, Lisa Gregory, senior at Merkel High School.

Guests attending were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Gregory of Big Spring, Mr. and Mrs. Garth Gregory and Todd of Merkel, and Stacey Stanley of Noodie.

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