

Between you and me

By SARAH ECKOLS

Admire all the talk of Vietnam, the energy crisis, President Ford and Kissinger, higher prices and rebates alas, the Merkel Mail, I hear, has once again come up with a new editor. The lass I understand hails from Winters and comes to Merkel by way of Abilene as her last home. Sarah Eckols is my name and I will be pleased to have you come by my office and we'll talk "Between You and Me."

This time of the year always brings with it the sweet smell of honeysuckle and the buzz of activities like no other time of year. Girls are giving up their jeans and donning dresses for those banquets and proms that are so frequent in April and May. And the boys are suffering with coats and ties they'd rather not wear. There are awards banquets, Jr.-Sr. banquets, honors banquets, sports banquets, and an occasional barbecue or ice cream feast. But isn't it nice to get dressed up for these occasions and give up the grub duds just once in a while.

If you happen to see Derrell Riggan before he leaves for the state track meet in Austin, you might give him a word of encouragement and wish him luck. It sure will be nice to have that state crown and a state champion in Merkel.

I am looking forward to getting to know each of you in Merkel through the pages of this newspaper. I have been pleased with the hospitality that has been shown me thus far and I hope I can help make the Merkel Mail a pleasant and informative media for you. Your comments whether critical or complimentary are welcome.

Mrs. Seymore Named to State Post

Mrs. Mack Seymore has been appointed as state chairman of exhibits and the state handbook for the Young Homemakers of Texas it was announced by Area IV advisor, Mrs. Sammie Pittman. Mrs. Seymore will fill a vacancy left by the resignation of Mrs. Ethylene Steindam of Henrietta.

Mrs. Seymore will go to Houston in September to attend the state executive committee meeting. She will also attend the fourteenth annual convention of the State Association of Young Homemakers in Houston in January.

Mrs. Seymore has been a member of Young Home-

makers for eight years. She is a past president of the local chapter and has served as Area IV treasurer and was named the Area IV Outstanding Young Homemaker runner-up last year. She is presently chairman of the social committee for the Merkel chapter. Mrs. Seymore is active in the Merkel Band Boosters, serving as treasurer this year; coach for a Miss Softball team, member of the Ladies Golf Assn.; and a member of the First United Methodist Church. She is the mother of two children, Stacy and Ted. Mr. Seymore is the Taylor County Farmers Union Insurance Agent.



TOTAL LOSS - Some of the stock of the Carriker Food Store in Trent is shown on the sidewalk after fire completely destroyed the contents of the store. The fire occurred early Monday morning. (Staff photo by Sarah Eckols).

Monday Blaze Destroys Carriker Food Store in Trent

A pre-dawn blaze of unknown origin destroyed the Carriker Grocery Store in Trent Monday, leaving behind nothing but ashes and smoke. The building, though left standing, was gutted and is completely lost, according to Mr. and Mrs. Doug Carriker who have owned and operated the business for about 20 years.

Mrs. Carriker could not estimate the amount of loss late Monday morning and could only say that at this point things look pretty dark.

About 4 a.m. smoke caught the attention of Larry Briscoe, minister of the Trent Church of Christ, who lives directly behind the Carriker Grocery Store. Smoke filling his own residence awakened him and caused him to locate the blaze coming from the back of the Carriker building. He called Fire Marshal Billy Wayne Hamner who summoned both Trent and Merkel firemen. The blaze remained uncontrolled for some time and the firemen battled fire until after 6:30 Monday morning. The difficulty in fighting with fire seemed to be worsened because of the wind direction working against firemen.

The fire which apparently started in the rear of the building in the motor room is the second misfortune the

Carrikers have suffered at the hands of the destructive blazes. The first fire occurred in 1962 and was not as damaging as Monday's tragedy.

Mrs. Carriker said that the store had been remodeled about two years ago. She and Mr. Carriker have been in the grocery business most of their lives and mostly in Trent. Mr. Carriker said he was called about 4 a.m. and

was at the building by 4:15 at which time flames were shooting through the building and out of the roof.

The Carriker Grocery store is one of only two in Trent. Both Mr. and Mrs. Carriker worked in the store. Mrs. Carriker said, "There's no way we can salvage enough equipment to get back in," as she and several others looked through the water soaked debris.

Badger Band In Concert

Tuesday night the Merkel independent Schools presented their annual spring concert under the direction of W. G. Reed, Badger Band director. The High School choir began the concert with a variety of selections. Specials were presented by a girls quartet composed of Tammy Booth, Janie Clark, Lisa Gregory, and Nancy Fudge. Cindy Elliott sang a solo.

The Beginning Band followed with several melodies by Betton and Peters. Mr. Reed presented a medal to Roberta Duran as outstanding beginning band member of the year.

Several unusual numbers were presented by the Junior High Band. One selection featured trumpet soloist Roger Dye. Another was "Who Dunnit" narrated by Gay Pfeister. The band presented Mr. Reed with a gift after which he presented awards to Janice South and Roger Dye as outstanding Junior High Band members. He also recognized all who participated in the U.I.L. solo and ensemble contest pointing out their various ratings - first, second and third division ratings. He also recognized first division twirlers.

The climax of the evening came when the Badger Band in full dress uniform took the stage to perform in a spirited manner. They presented Mr. Reed with a gift as a token of their appreciation.

Mr. Reed recognized the senior students and all of these participating in UIL solo and ensemble contests and their ratings. He presented the awards, announced at the All Awards Banquet, to the Band Favorites, Janie Clark and Jim Wharton. Mr.

Reed explained about the distinguished "John Philip Sousa" award for outstanding bandsman of the Badger Band which he presented to Jim Wharton, senior student.

Before the final number was played, Mr. Reed announced the twirlers for next year. Junior High twirlers for 1975-76 are Rene Aiken, Shannon Bagby, Taresia English, Lisa Owen, Don Wilkerson, Ann Melton, and alternate Wendy Hogan.

Badger Band twirlers for 1975-76 are Christy Boone, Melinda Bowen, Lori DuBose, Deborah White, Cindy Smith, Kelly Magee, and alternate Gayle Teaff. Drum Major will again be Rhonda White.

Mr. Reed also presented certificates of appreciation to Ann and Vernon Wade for the use of their van in transporting instruments to out of town engagements.

Local Resident's Brother Dies

Nathan Slough, 78, of Eola and a retired operator of the Eola telephone office died April 30. Funeral services were held in the Eola School Auditorium with burial in an Eola cemetery.

Mr. Slough was a member of the United Methodist Church. His wife preceded him in death.

Survivors are four sons, Merle of Abilene, Presley of Washington, Eddie and Jerry of San Angelo; a daughter, Mrs. Cleda Jacoby of Eola; three sisters, Mrs. Mary Hines of Albuquerque, New Mexico, Mrs. Sam Hill and Mrs. Essie Warren of Merkel and a brother, Barney of Houston.

Lions Name Teacher-of-the-Year, Queen Candidate Tuesday

Mrs. Paul (Elleta) Orsborn was named teacher-of-the-year at the regular Thursday noon meeting of the Merkel Lion's Club, and Becky Rister of Tye, a sophomore at Merkel High School, was named club queen.

Mrs. Orsborn who has taught for 36 years will retire at the end of this school term. She has taught several grades and has been a teacher in the Merkel School System for 29 years. She is a graduate of Hardin-Simmons University. "The hugs from my children is what I'll miss most," said Mrs. Orsborn. She said she intended to retire before her grandchildren be-

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came her students, but this year she has had her first grandchild-student. She and her husband farm.

The new Lion's Club Queen, Becky Rister, is the daughter of Curtis C. Rister of Tye. She is active in Student Council, volleyball, basketball,

Art Assn. Formed

The Merkel Art Association was organized at the end of the semester of the Oil Painting Class of the Merkel extension service of the Cisco Jr. College taught by Mr. James Campbell of Abilene. The organization elected Mrs. Ford Smith Jr. as president, Mrs. Jack Hogan as secretary-treasurer and Mrs. Ben R. Hicks as reporter.

The members had a desire to continue their group painting after the class had been completed so they decided to meet the second Tuesday night of each month. The next meeting will be on May 13th at the Methodist Fellowship Hall at 7 p.m. Plans are being made for an Art show soon at the West Texas Utilities Co.

Members are Mrs. Billy Bob Neff, Mrs. C. E. Tip-ton, Mrs. Stanley Toombs, Mrs. A. L. Moore, Mrs. Ronnie Doan, Mrs. Jack Bagby, Edith Kennedy, Ruth Cox, Mrs. Ford Smith, Jack Hogan and Ben Hicks and Mr. Ben Rich.

We goofed!!

Last week the Merkel Mail covered the Merkel High School All-Awards Banquet. We are sorry that we omitted some winners in that article.

Winning the awards in English were Tammy Booth and Beverly Gilmore; annual staff, Lisa Gregory, editor; citizenship, Jim Wharton and Lisa Gregory; and typing, Andy Hart.

FU to Meet

The Taylor County Farmer's Union is to meet Thursday, May 8, at 7:30 p.m. in the Taylor Electric Cooperative Building in Merkel. Members are urged to attend this important meeting.

75-76 Calendar in Planning

The Merkel Band Boosters are planning the 1975-76 Community Birthday Activity Calendar. The calendars will run from Sept. 75 to August 76.

The meeting dates of organizations in Merkel will be placed on the calendar for 25 cents per meeting date. Be sure to get your family's birthdays on the calendar. Prices are \$2.50 for

and is a Merkel High School cheerleader. She is interested in drawing and art. According to principal Travis Davis the pretty young lady is talented. Miss Rister will represent the Merkel Lion's Club at the district convention in Abilene June 7-8 to compete for the district queen title and if she is successful at the district level she will compete at the state convention, also to be held in Abilene June 9.

The program was presented by Stewart Dickson, Chief Deputy of the Taylor County Sheriff's Dept. He enumerated on the roles of an officer being that of doctor, lawyer, first aid expert, counselor and peace-maker. He also discussed the transition of law enforcement in the last 10 years.

Co-op Winners Announced

Names of the winners of the Washington Youth Tour Contest sponsored by Taylor Electric Cooperative were announced this week by Don Hart manager of the Cooperative.

Winners of the contest were Lesa Ledbetter and Keith Morton of Clyde High School. Lesa is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Ledbetter and a senior at Clyde High School. Keith is the son of Douglas and Farnell Morton of Clyde and is a junior at Clyde High School. Mrs. Loyd Huff was their sponsor.

Lesla and Keith will be among many other young people from all over the state participating in the Texas Tour to the nation's capital city June 6th.

Expenses of the youth tour are shared by a number of cooperatives in Texas which sponsor "Rural Electric Youth Tour" contests similar to the one sponsored by Taylor Electric Cooperative.

Winners from across the state will meet in Waxahatchie on June 6th to leave for Washington.

Victory Singers

The Victory Gospel Singers will meet May 12 at 7 p.m. in the home of W. G. Richardson, 307 El Paso Street, for their regular Second Monday singing. Leroy Butler will be the May director.



SPORTS HONOREES - Honored at the All-Sports Banquet Thursday evening were, 1 to r, Jackie Sims, Galen Boone, Billy Watts, Robert Morgan, Netta Stephan, Darrell Riggan, David Hendricks, and Tonya Crenshaw. (Staff photo)

All Sports Award Banquet Hosted

Merkel Booster Club President Finley Barnett, told about 250 people at the All-Awards Banquet Friday night that the youth participating in sports at the Merkel school represents the finest in Merkel, and the very best of the American youth.

Master of Ceremonies Larry White introduced the head table, and guest, followed by the introduction of each individual athletics by their coaches, Coach Ronny Aldridge, varsity football, and boys basketball; Coach Monte Land, track; Coach Pat Penick, girls athletics; Coach Ronny Aldridge, golf; and Coach David Summers,

tennis. Each athletics dept. was recognized for its accomplishments of the 74-75 season.

In presenting the Booster Club Awards, Merkel High Principal Travis Davis told the audience, that 1974-75 was truly the year of the Badgers. We broke a long losing streak and ended the season with a 8-2 record in football. In Basketball we had 33 consecutive wins and won 8-A District play with 28 wins and no defeats. Davis said that there are 71 students participating in sports this year and that the winners of the awards were chosen by the members of the

Booster Club, with each member being allowed to vote each week on the best athletes.

This year's All-Sports Award winners were: Best Lineman - Galen Boone, Best Back - Steve West, Most Conscientious Award - (tie) Jackie Sims and Billy Watts, Best Basketball Boy - Robert Morgan, Best Basketball Girl - Netta Stephan, Best Golf - David Hendricks and Best Tennis - Tonya Crenshaw. Rev. Russell McNally, pastor of the First United Methodist Church gave the invocation and Larry Gill, minister of Merkel Church of Christ, gave the Benediction,



COMPLETES JOG - Merkel Mayor Lou David Allen is pictured with Mrs. Jocille Brady, secretary-treasurer of Tri-City Baseball, after his successful jog from Tye. The jogging was done to benefit the efforts of the Tri-Cities Baseball to build a ball park. (Staff photo by Jennye Martin)

1975 Mayor Goes 6 MPH On No Gas

The 1975 model Mayor Allen gets a top speed of six miles per hour on the open road between Merkel and Tye and is pleasing to the ecologist with its 0 per mile gas and oil consumption.

Mayor Lou David Allen jogged the promised 9 mile route from Tye to Merkel last Saturday morning in a 90 minutes flat time.

Several months ago the mayor promised to jog from Tye to Merkel if the Tri-Cities Baseball Project leaders could raise \$500 toward their goal to build a baseball park. The group raised the stated amount and the mayor paid off his debt in sweat and leg power. The mayor made his grand entry into Merkel with a fanfare of sirens and fans who waited and watched for his arrival at the Merkel Post Office. Not tired, just thirsty was the mayor's comment at the end of his trip.

F'Nightly Study Club Met

Mrs. Buster Horton was hostess Tuesday, April 22, for the Fortnightly Study Club which met at the Asteroid. Twenty-two members were served coffee and cake.

Mrs. S. C. Dixon, president, presided over the business meeting which was followed by the program given by Mrs. Buster Horton and Mrs. Comer Haynes who were introduced by program chairman, Mrs. Carl Hughes. Mrs. Horton gave the program using the subject of famous and historic buildings of Texas.

Mrs. Haynes read the poem "The Bridge."

The last meeting for the '74-'75 year will be held May 17 at the Asteroid at 12:30 p.m. Mrs. S. C. Dixon will host the salad luncheon.

Student, Sponsor To FFA Convention

Chester Collinsworth, Merkel FFA Advisor, and Glen Braune, Chapter Delegate, will attend the Area IV FFA Convention in Stephenville Friday, May 9. The meeting will be held on the campus of Tarleton State College.

Texas is divided into 10 FFA areas. Merkel is in Area IV which encompasses 28 counties and represents over 100 schools.

The area convention is for the purpose of electing delegates, sweetheart candidate, and talent to send to the state convention to be held in the Astrodome in Houston this summer. The winners in these categories will be announced at a banquet to be held Friday night.

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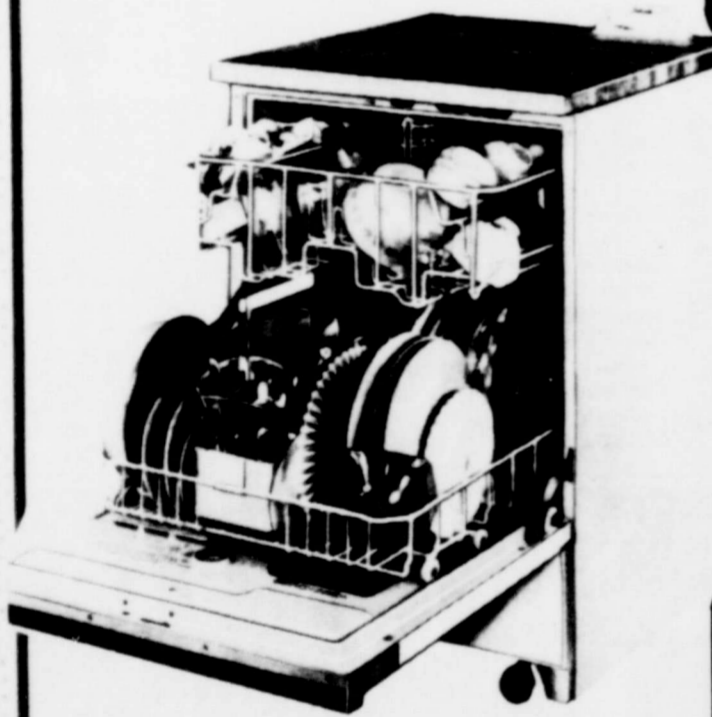


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LITTLE LEAGUE AND T-SHIRTS ... in parade Thursday

T-Shirt Starts Play Saturday

T-Shirt baseball will get off to a start Saturday, May 10 at 6:30 p.m. with the Mustangs playing the Yankees. All games will start at 6:30 p.m. during the season.

Teams, managers, and coaches are:

Braves - Manager, Gary Smith; coach, Bill Whisenhunt.

Mustangs - Manager, Elton Freeman; coach, Rocky King.

Yankees - Manager, Pat Pallarez; coach, Bob Tate.

Tye Girls Track Winner

The Tye Elementary School Track Team had a good week on the track last week. Friday the girls won the District 14EE crown while the boys came in 3rd. At the Hamby Invitational Track Meet on Tuesday the girls won 2nd and the boys won 3rd.

Dee Ann Smith set a district record in the 100 yd. dash and won both the 50 yd. dash and the 100 yd. dash at both meets. Dee Ann also led the 220 yd. relay team composed of Kim Ben, Tracy Ball, and Mary Ann Martin to a first place finish.

Rodney Carroll won the boys long jump. Others that won 2nd, 3rd, or 4th place ribbons were: Ken Reeves, James Turner, Allen Boyle, Bill Wilhelm, Richard Sanders, Danny Ockley, Donald Hegwood, Billy Morgan and Rocky Mathewson.

Girls winning 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place ribbons were Kim Ben, Carol Corbin, D'Juana Roberts, Angie Weels, Alice Berry and Tracy Ball.

Father-Son BBQ Tonight

The Merkel High School Chapter of the Future Farmers of America will hold their annual Father-Son Barbecue tonight at the Tillett ranch south of Merkel.

Sixty to seventy FFA boys and their dads are expected to attend the feed. Miss Vicky Shaw, FFA Sweetheart, will be a guest. Sponsor of the FFA chapter is Chester Collinsworth, Vocational agriculture teacher at Merkel High School.

Mr. Collinsworth has announced winners of FFA awards. Receiving awards Wednesday were Brad Pursley, Swine Production; Glen Braune, Sheep Production; Randy Harris, Poultry Production; Jimmy Cade, Agriculture Mechanics; and Chuck Knight, Livestock Production.

MISSIONETTE NEWS

The Merkel Missionettes toured Gilene's Manufacturing Co. recently. The layout, cutting, and sewing of garments was demonstrated as well as the use of various machines used in the manufacture of clothing.

Following the tour, the group returned to the church building for a business meeting, singing and games. The Mother-Daughter banquet was set for May 10 at 7 p.m. It is to be a covered dish dinner.

The Missionettes will go to Abilene for the showing of "What Missionettes Are About." Missionettes are to meet at the church building no later than 6:30 p.m. May 8. Missionettes who have earned their badges are to receive national recognition.

LITTLE LEAGUE SCHEDULE

May 10	Sat.	Mustangs	vs.	Yankees
May 12	Mon.	Yankees	vs.	Braves
May 17	Sat.	Braves	vs.	Mustangs
May 19	Mon.	Mustangs	vs.	Yankees
May 24	Sat.	Yankees	vs.	Braves
May 26	Mon.	Braves	vs.	Mustangs
May 31	Sat.	Mustangs	vs.	Yankees
June 2	Mon.	Yankees	vs.	Braves
June 7	Sat.	Braves	vs.	Mustangs
June 9	Mon.	Mustangs	vs.	Yankees
June 14	Sat.	Yankees	vs.	Braves
June 16	Mon.	Braves	vs.	Mustangs
June 21	Sat.	Mustangs	vs.	Yankees
June 23	Mon.	Yankees	vs.	Braves
June 28	Sat.	Braves	vs.	Mustangs

First Team listed for each game is HOME TEAM and will occupy the West Dugout.

TEAM SPONSORS AND NAMES
MEPKEL DRUG CO.....Yankees
BETA SIGMA PHIL.....Braves
WILSON FOOD STORE.....Mustangs

Nursing Home Week May 11-17

Patients and residents of local nursing homes will be honored during Nursing Home Week, May 11-17. The observance is sponsored by Texas Nursing Home Association which is affiliated with American Health Care Association.

In joining the program Mary Outlaw, Administrator of the Starr Nursing Home announced an Open House on Mother's Day, May 11. This year's theme is "VISITORS WELCOME!"

"This is an all-out effort by our profession to get the community to take time for a personal visit and a close look into the operation of today's nursing homes," said Mary Outlaw. "We can and do provide for every need of our residents except one—we can't show them that the community cares about them. Their feelings of remoteness from the mainstream of community life can be relieved only by new, outside visitors and this special week gives everyone a chance to show that the people in the community care about their neighbors in nursing homes."

"America is experiencing a dramatic rise in need for more and better health care facilities, and nursing homes are meeting that need with continuing expansion of services and facilities," she

Senior Girls Honored at Tea

The Taylor County Young Homemakers honored the Merkel High School Senior girls and their mothers last Tuesday at a Tea in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Jarrett Williams.

The table was decorated in the senior's colors of yellow and white. Mrs. Mack Seymore, chairman of the Tea, had handmade the country bookcase doll in a dress and bonnet of yellow checked gingham.

Twenty senior girls and their mothers attended the tea and toured the Williams' lovely home.

Other Young Homemakers helping and attending the tea were Mrs. Butch Caton, Mrs. John Beasley, Mrs. Robert Crawford, Mrs. Hugh Baker, Mrs. Larry Peasley, Mrs. Steve Buntin, Mrs. John Cain, Mrs. David Summers, Mrs. Larry Gill, Mrs. Joe Gregory and guest Miss Melba Seymore.

Garden Club Meets Thursday

The Merkel Garden Club will meet for a 12 o'clock luncheon May 15, at 112 Oak Street. The program is to be the installation of new officers. Hostesses for the luncheon are Mrs. C. Griggs and Mrs. Aaron Sudderth.

Badger Tracks

Hi! I'm Susie Toombs your new reporter. Last Monday the Student Council officers for 75-76 were chosen. They are president, Danny DuBose; vice president, Lonnie Carter; secretary, Kathryn Murrell; business manager, Marlon White and reporter Susie Toombs. We plan to have a great student council next year.

Several events have occurred this past week. There was a Band Concert Monday night at the high school auditorium presented by the beginning band, junior high band, high school band and choir.

The twirlers for 75-76 were announced at the concert. Junior High twirlers will be Ann Melton, Rene Aiken, Dion Wilkerson, Lisa Owens, Shannon Bagby, Taresai English, and Windy Hogan, alternate. For High School they will be Christy Boone, Melinda Bowen, Deborah White, Cindy Smith, Kelly Magee, Lori DuBose, and Gail Teaff, alternate. Congratulations!

The Junior and Senior Banquet was held Tuesday night at Old Athlene Town. The theme was "Remember the Good Ole Days."

These last few weeks of school will be the busiest. Thank goodness there are only two weeks left. Well that's all for now. Two weeks and counting.

Homemakers Meet Thursday

The Merkel Young Homemakers will meet Thursday night, May 8, at 7:30 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Barbara Fowler.

SENIOR CITIZENS SCHEDULE EVENTS
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<p>BETTY CROCKER Hamburger Helper 7 OZ. BOX</p>	<p>59¢</p>	<p>Kool Aid 3 FOR</p>	<p>19¢</p>
<p>BAKER'S ANGEL FLAKE COCONUT 4 OZ.</p>	<p>45¢</p>	<p>PRINGLE'S Potato Chips 9 OZ. TWIN PACK</p>	<p>89¢</p>
<p>DEL-MONTE TUNA FLAT CAN</p>	<p>49¢</p>	<p>EAGLE BRAND MILK 14 OZ. CAN</p>	<p>59¢</p>
<p>SWIFT'S PREM 12 OZ. CAN</p>	<p>69¢</p>		

<p>KEEBLER CRACKERS 1 LB. BOX</p>	<p>55¢</p>
<p>NABISCO Vanilla Wafers 12 OZ. BOX</p>	<p>55¢</p>
<p>SCOT TOWELS BIG ROLL</p>	<p>49¢</p>
<p>LIQUID JOY KING SIZE</p>	<p>89¢</p>
<p>IVORY SOAP PERSONAL SIZE 4 FOR</p>	<p>49¢</p>
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<p>CATSUP HUNT'S 20 OZ. BOTTLE</p>	<p>49¢</p>
<p>SPINACH DEL-MONTE 15 OZ. CAN 2 FOR</p>	<p>45¢</p>
<p>VIENNAS ARMOUR'S 9 OZ. CAN</p>	<p>59¢</p>
<p>CRISCO OIL 48 OZ. BTL</p>	<p>\$2.09</p>
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<p>MACARONI DINNER KRAFT'S DELUX 14 OZ. BOX</p>	<p>49¢</p>		
<p>MIRACLE WHIP KRAFT'S QT.</p>	<p>\$1.09</p>		
<p>Gandy's NOVELITIES CRTN.</p>	<p>59¢</p>		
<p>Gandy's YOGART ASST. FLAVORS CRTN.</p>	<p>29¢</p>		

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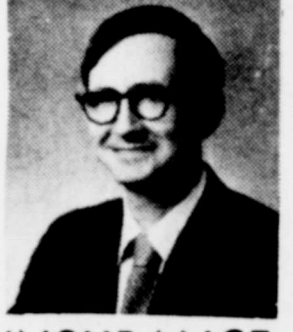
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'Back Yard' Chicken Flocks Making Strong Comeback

COLLEGE STATION - The backyard poultry flock, which had nearly vanished from the Texas scene, is once again the vogue as literally thousands of urbanites and farm families alike turn to the production of eggs and broilers for home consumption. "Like home gardening, the backyard flock is enjoying its greatest popularity in over three decades," says Dr. William O. Cawley, poultry specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"Many hatcheries dealing in small orders reported record sales last year."

However, backyard poultry looking to save money will be disappointed, contends Cawley. It is almost impossible for the small home flock to compete with large commercial operations. These firms buy and sell on the narrowest of margins, hoping to realize a profit from their volume business.

Some questions to consider

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

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: Verda Jean Foil, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 22nd day of May A.D. 1975, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 10th day of April A.D. 1975, in this cause, numbered 10,469-DR on the docket of said court and styled David Eugene Foil, Plaintiff vs. Verda Jean Foil, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows: Parties were married on or about February 5, 1960 and separated on or about January 4, 1971; Following children were born to this marriage, David Lee 10-20-61, Anita Jean, 4-4-63, Jason Carl, 9-19-65, managing conservator is Beula Wynne Love, no service necessary at this time; children are presently in the Hendricks Home for children; certain community property has been accumulated; 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 seal of said court at Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, this 10th day of April A.D. 1975.

Attest: Irene Crawford, Clerk, Domestic Relations Court, Taylor County, Texas; By Sandra Van Cleave, Deputy. 9-4tc

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THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: David B. Williams, 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 Beula Wynne Love, Supervisor of the Taylor County Child Welfare Unit, 317 Pecan, Abilene, Texas, Petitioner, filed in said court on the 26th day of February, 1975, against Theresa Ann Updegraff, and David B. Williams, Respondents, and said suit being numbered 10,299-DR on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In the interest of Michael Updegraff, a child," the nature of which suit is a request to terminate Parent-Child Relationship.

Said Michael Updegraff was born the 10th day of February 1975, 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 29th day of April, 1975.

Attest: Irene Crawford, Clerk, Domestic Relations Court, Taylor County, Texas; By Myrna Lawrence, Deputy. 11-1tc

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Alvin Edwin Krauss, 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 27th day of May A.D. 1975, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 1st day of April A.D. 1975, in this cause, numbered 10,429-DR on the docket of said court and styled Marie Krauss, Plaintiff, vs. Alvin Edwin Krauss, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows: Parties were married on or about April 5, 1956 and separated on or about September 15, 1957; marriage has become insupportable because of discord and/or conflict of personalities; petitioner would show that she and the respondent have no community property; petitioner and respondent have no children under the age of 18 years; 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 14th day of April A.D. 1975.

Attest: Irene Crawford, Clerk, Domestic Relations Court Taylor County, Texas; By Sandra Van Cleave, Deputy. 9-4tc

Trent FHA Elects Officers

FHA officers for the 1975-76 school year were elected in last weeks Trent FHA meeting. The new officers are President - Teri Hamner, sophomore; vice president - Robbie Freeman, freshman; secretary - Shirley Breenem, sophomore; Treasurer - Brenda Griffith, sophomore; historian - Pam Evans, freshman; parliamentarian - Connie Cross, sophomore; song leader - Penny Hatfield, freshman.

PTA to Meet

The Merkel PTA will meet Monday, May 12, at 7 p.m. in the school auditorium. Officers for the coming year will be elected at this meeting.

Mrs. Kathy Malone and Mrs. Darla Mawson will present their fourth graders in "Rumplestiltskin" at the meeting.

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: James Alford Lott, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 5th day of June A.D. 1975, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 9th day of January A.D. 1975, in this cause, numbered 10,152-DR on the docket of said court and styled Rhonda Gail Lott, Plaintiff vs. James Alford Lott, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows: Parties were married on or about the 6th day of December, 1972 and on or about March 6, 1973 they separated and ceased to live together; marriage has become insupportable because of discord or conflict of personalities; the parties did not accumulate any community property and no children were born as a result of the 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 24th day of April A.D. 1975.

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County Agent News Column

A landscape plant disease and insect clinic and meeting will be held May 8, 7:30 p.m. in the Abilene Garden Club, 300 Westwood Club.

The meeting is open to the public at no charge and individuals with problem plants are encouraged to bring a sample of the plant to the meeting.

Dr. Robert Berry, Extension Plant Pathologist from Lubbock will talk on landscape plant diseases and Dr. Mike McWhorter, extension Entomologist will cover insect identification and control. Both specialists plan to use color slides to illustrate their talks.

Following their presentations they will then examine disease and insect specimens for those wishing to bring them for that purpose.

A grain sorghum variety demonstration was established on the Bobby Toliver farm near Merkel. Nine medium maturing sorghums were selected for the test and they were planted at a rate of 40 per acre on April 8. All varieties are up and signs have been erected to designate them. Yields and growing characteristics will be recorded at the end of the year.

Grain Sorghum producers are encouraged to stop at the demonstration which is located 2 miles north of Merkel on Highway 126.

Some pecan trees have been banded in Abilene so that pecan nut casebearer larvae can be captured to determine the spray dates for control of the insects. Estimated spray dates for control of the insects. Estimated spray dates should fall somewhere between May 20 and June 1.

Because the insect enters the small nutlets soon after hatching control by insecticide is narrowed to about 5 days after they hatch.

Cardboard bands have been put on tree lumps where the rough bark begins so that the larvae or worms crawl underneath the band and turn into pupae. The pupae are then collected and kept until they hatch into adults which lay eggs. An accurate spray schedule can then be set to coincide with the hatching which takes place about 5 days after they are laid. The public will be informed of the spray dates through mass media methods as soon as they can be determined.

U.S. Begins Drive on Stricter Enforcement of Odometer Laws

HOUSTON - In the fall of 1974, a used car saleswoman in Texas was convicted on a criminal charge for illegally rolling back auto mileage. She is believed to be the first person convicted under a Federal law making it illegal to tamper with an odometer in order to hide a car's true mileage. Her sentence: A five-day jail term, a \$400 fine, and a one-year probation period.

Such penalties, says the American Automobile Association, could become more widespread under a nationwide crackdown by the U.S. Department of Transportation against private sellers who violate this and other

1973 laws relating to odometer disclosure.

In February DOT's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) requested the 26 states with anti-tampering laws in force to "join with the federal government to halt this continuing, multi-million dollar fraud on the American public."

When AAA asked a spokesman for the safety agency why states having no such laws had not been contacted as well, he said NHTSA planned to do so "in a few weeks - perhaps toward the end of April."

A survey completed by the agency in the fall of 1974 showed that less than half of the nation's used-car dealers have been complying with the law requiring a signed Odometer Disclosure Statement (a written statement of actual mileage) to be furnished before every auto sale. This document must be separate from the title certificate.

Less than 19 per cent of private sellers were meeting the requirement, according to the survey.

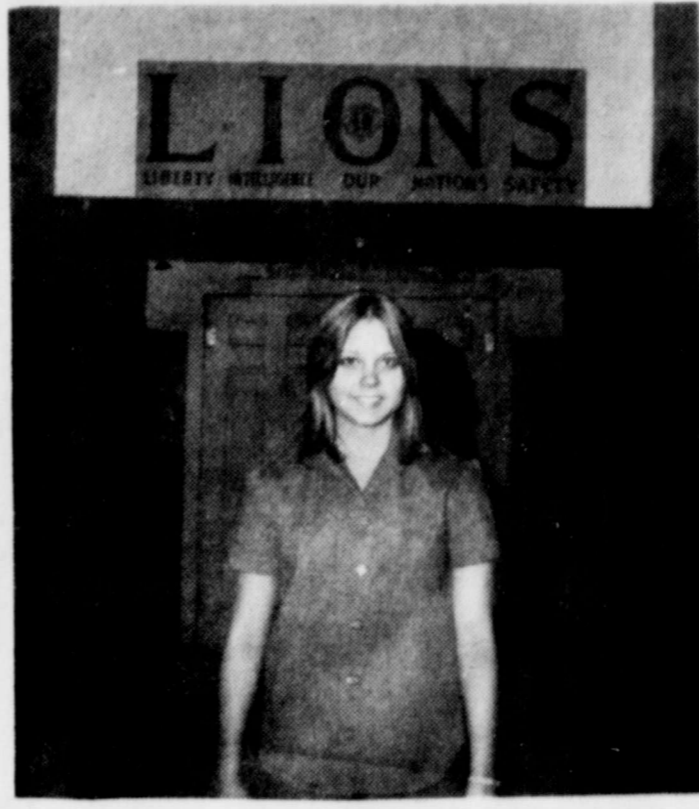
Persons planning to buy a used car, AAA says, should be aware that the law also requires that if the seller knows the odometer reading is different than the number of miles the car has actually traveled, he must state on the disclosure form that the actual mileage is unknown. The motoring organization says individuals victimized by violations of odometer disclosure laws with intent to defraud can obtain redress locally through a civil suit whether or not his state has an anti-tampering law.

If a state's anti-tampering law allows both civil and criminal suits, car owners may institute both procedures.

Texas, according to the AAA, has a statute making it unlawful to tamper with an odometer. The maximum penalty for violating this law calls for two years imprisonment and a \$1000.00 fine.



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Texas Industrial Commission Coordinating Training Program

Mrs. Pauline Stanford might make the world's greatest housewife in Wichita County. But when it came to finding a job, all her 20 years as a housewife couldn't get her a pot of beans. Because of a unique Texas training program, Mrs. Stanford now supervises 10 people for West Products of Electra, has acquired a new skill and is making a healthy salary.

Here is but one of many success stories growing out of an Industrial Start-Up Training Program coordinated by the Texas Industrial Commission.

The four-year-old project is not only giving thousands like Mrs. Stanford new skills and a greater outlook on life, but is proving a great inducement for industry to locate and expand within the state. In addition, the program is returning \$4 to the state for every one spent.

Frank Alagna, program manager for the Industrial Commission, says the training has already benefited 89 industries. The flexible program is tailored to the particular needs of any industry and has provided training for welders, pipe fabricators, machinists, sewing operators, bakers, electronic and mechanical assemblers and others too numerous to mention. Computerized projections

for the first 58 industries serviced indicate 7000 jobs have been created with a spinoff of another 14,000. State and local taxes generated by these people amounts to over \$6 million annually, according to Alagna.

"When you consider many of these people were unskilled and unemployed negative statistics on the labor force, it is easy to see the great benefit the program is providing," Alagna said. "The program is not only enticing many industries to Texas, since we guarantee a trained labor force ready to work the first day of operations, but it is allowing many Texas industries to expand their operations."

"Take for instance, Herman Marcus, Inc. of Dallas, an apparel manufacturer. They had everything going for them. Brisk sales. A backlog of orders. A bright future. But one problem existed. They couldn't expand because they didn't have enough skilled personnel," he explained.

The Texas Industrial Commission's site selection committee found Menahans had an available labor force to suit their needs. Initially, 80 local citizens received training through the Start-Up Training Program and were ready to work the first day the plant opened.

The company has since expanded again.

Alagna said the training

program grew out of a 1971 study made by the Texas Industrial Commission to determine what competitive edge Texas was lacking in drawing new industry to the state.

A comparison showed Texas Education Agency developed the concept of a vocational training program funded by the TEA, coordinated by the TICC, with training done by the local agencies best able to do the job.

The program has access to all occupational training facilities of Texas' 51 junior colleges and four campuses of the Texas State Technical Institute, as well as many of the state's independent school districts. Instructors are usually provided by the industries.

Bill Evans, General Manager and Corporate Director of West Products of Electra, said the Start-Up Training Program saved his company thousands of dollars.

"Not only did we save in training costs, but the program provided an additional plus in the low turnover rate we've experienced. Since the trainees knew about the job beforehand, they had every opportunity to drop out."

Evans said the trainees are under no obligation to accept the job once they graduate, although most do. Only a nominal number have quit and the biggest loss rate incurs because other companies entice graduates with bet-

ter job offers, he added.

"I don't know of too many state programs that have benefited so many people, industries and the entire state as much as this one, while paying for itself many times over."

SHOP THE WANT AD WAY

Mack Fisher Thanks Campaign Workers

As a member of the Red Cross Board for the Taylor County, and co-director of the American Red Cross Drive in Merkel, I should like to thank the various clubs, campaign workers, and the many friends of the American Red Cross for their work, contributions, and support which made our drive easier. The cooperative work done by Fred Starbuck and Benny Melton in directing the drive and the facilities provided by the Boney Insurance Agency all helped to make the drive a success.

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Beef Consumption Sets Record

COLLEGE STATION - "Americans are eating more beef than ever before and loving it," says Dr. John Hopkin, distinguished agricultural economist and head of the Department of Agricultural Economics, Texas A&M University.

"Average consumption of beef in 1974 was 117 pounds per person and a new high in the U.S.," according to Hopkin. "And present indications are that we'll see another new record in 1975 - exceeding 120 pounds per capita."

Our supply of beef is well able to handle such gains. In fact, Hopkin says, per capita consumption might have to exceed 130 pounds per person if we are to see any material decline in cattle numbers.

Hopkin has ample reason to know what he's talking about. He's the chairman of the recently appointed Council of

Economic Advisors to the American National Cattleman's Association. The council, a group of distinguished college and industrial economists, will meet periodically to consider the total economic problems of the industry and suggest courses of action.

The council will focus on the broad, long range economic picture. Their work is intended to complement, not displace, present information programs of the American National Cattleman's Association.

Hopkin, who is Stiles professor, also has responsibilities with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. He formerly was vice-president of the Bank of America agricultural program.

"At our council's first regular meeting in Denver on February 28th," Hopkin said, "it was determined that the issue emerging as a paramount problem is adequate financing for the cattle industry during its current crisis."

"Under the direction of the council, a group of experts will convene on the Texas A&M Campus, March 21-April 11 to begin focusing on the dimensions of the problem. They will attempt to assess the seriousness of the present financing problem, project the capacity of the industry to generate cash flows to service existing and expected debt loads, and evaluate alternative approaches.

"There is a world supply of beef right now brought on by a combination of interlocking factors: the energy crisis, feed grain prices, economic downturn here and abroad, government interference in Europe and to a limited extent in the U.S., and too optimistic an expansion of breeding herds.

"Fortunately for the cattle industry, the supply of other meats will be down this year. Estimates are that pork supplies will be down for most, if not all, of 1975 - possibly by 12 per cent.

"Present indications are that the supply of poultry will be down 10 per cent during the first half of the year. However, if feed grain prices move down a bit more, as they might well do, supplies of broilers can be increased rather quickly.

Practical Luxury

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Western Pleasure (13-18) - 1. Patricia Boyd, 2. Cindy Boone, 3. Suzanne Byrd, 4. Shelli Stout, 5. Charles Hatfield.

Western Pleasure (18 and over) - 1. Don Dudley, 2. L. J. Gray, 3. Karlen Mashburn, 4. Benny Melton, 5. Jerry Byrd.

Boot Race (5 and under) - 1. Denise Pursley, 2. Becky King, 3. Justin Foster, 4. Luci Masonheimer, 5. Mike Boyd.

Boot Race (618) - 1. James Allday, 2. Brent King, 3. Ken Hogan.

Barrels (12 and under) - 1. Ann Melton 20.0, 2. Vickie Campbell 21.0, 3. Eddy Sparks 22.4, 4. Dee Dee Masonheimer 23.0, 5. Buddy Stout 23.6.

Barrels (13-18) - 1. Terry Gramberger 19.3, 2. Jay Boyd 19.7, 3. Shelli Stout 19.9, 4. Jerre Kay Smith 20.4, 5. Patricia Boyd 21.2.

Barrels (18 and over) - 1. Lyn Dokey 18.8, 2. Jarrett Henslee & Benny Melton (tie) 19.5, 4. Kathryn Whisenhunt & Jim Allday (tie) 19.6, 5. Fran Barker 19.8.

Flags (12 and under) - 1. Vicki Campbell 10.9, 2. Sherri Williams, 3. Lisa Dokey, 4. Jan Melton 12.2, 5. Ann Melton 12.4.

Flags (13-18) - 1. Charles Hatfield 10.7, 2. Suzanne Boyd 11.0, 3. Jay Boyd 11.3, 4. Cindy Boone 11.7, 5. Jesse Sparks 12.5.

Flags (18 and over) - 1. Fran Barker, Deanna Pursley, Jarrett Pinckley (tie) 10.0, 2. Benny Melton, Walter Henslee, Kathryn Whisenhunt (tie) 10.2, 3. Karlen Mashburn 10.4, 4. Mary Beth Phillips 10.6, 5. Don Simpson 12.6.

Poles (12 and under) - 1. Ann Melton 29.4, 2. Jan Melton 32.1, 3. Dee Dee Masonheimer 34.4, 4. Lisa Dokey 34.8, 5. Vicki Campbell 33.0 plus .05.

Poles (13-18) - 1. Cindy Boone 24.9, 2. Shelli Stout 29.0, 3. Jesse Sparks 30.3, 4. Suzanne Byrd 30.6, 5. Jay Boyd 42.5.

Poles (18 and over) - Kathryn Whisenhunt 25.0, Barbara Whisenhunt 25.1, Jarrett Pinckley 25.3, 4. Walter Henslee 26.0, 5. Mary Beth Phillips 26.4.

Mount Change (open) - Charles and Euland Hatfield 14.0, 2. Jarrett Pinckley and Felix Boyd 14.4, 3. Eddy and Jesse Sparks 15.4, 4. Lyn Dokey and Jay Boyd 17.9, 5. Don Dudley and Barbara Whisenhunt 18.0.

The Riding Club will have its monthly pot luck supper and business meeting Thursday, May 8th at 7:30 p.m. at Taylor Electric Cooperative.

Game Night in Noodle

The regular game night at the community center at Noodle was held Friday, May 2. Election of officers included Emmett Womack who was elected to serve the unexpired term as secretary-treasurer. The office was left vacant by the death of Hollis Irvin. Elected to the board were Troy Sloan and Clayton Dillard.

The ladies served refreshments to the 18 members present. The next meeting will be May 16.

Jones HD Luncheon

The Jones County Home Demonstration Council is sponsoring a salad luncheon Tuesday, May 6 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Anson Lion's Club Building. Tickets will be \$2.25 plate and can be purchased at the door or in advance from the County Extension Agents office. There will be a bake sale in conjunction.

XI NU CHI Bake Sale

The Xi Nu Chi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi will meet May 8th in the home of Mrs. Weldon McAninch. Installation of officers will be the program.

Officers to be installed are Mrs. Darla Mawson, president; Mrs. Bobby DuBose, vice president; Mrs. Mamie Steck, recording secretary; Mrs. Peck Eager, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Bob Garner, extension officer. Mrs. Glenn Teaf, an outgoing officer will conduct the installation ceremonies.

The Xi Nu Chi will sponsor a bake sale Saturday, May 10, in front of the West Texas Utilities building. Orders in advance will be accepted for any bake goods by calling 928-5025 or 928-5750 after 6 p.m. Coffee, cakes and baked goods will be served at the sale.



DERRELL RIGGAN
... going to State in Track

Merkel Senior Goes to State

Derrell Riggan, Merkel High School senior, will take his high jumping skill and a very proud coach to the state track meet in Austin this weekend. He will be jumping over the bar at 10 a.m. Saturday morning at Memorial Stadium on the University of Texas Campus.

The 6 ft. 4 inch Riggan qualified for state at the Regional meet with his season bests of 6-4. He has been participating in the high jump since his sophomore year at Merkel High. He made it to the regional meet last year. Also active on the cinders, the versatile 165-pound senior ran on the Badger 440 and mile relay teams, the 100 and 220 yard dashes and took 4th in the long jump at the district meet.

There will be 8 boys in the Class A high jump event. The top two boys from each region qualify to go to the state meet, where each will have three tries per height at the bar. In case of a tie, the crown will go to the boy with the least number of misses, then to the fewest number of jumps if further tie breakers are needed.

Merkel High School track coach, Monte Land says Riggan has a good chance to bring home the title. Coach Land and his wife will accompany Merkel's star athlete to the state meet Friday afternoon.

Riggan is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Riggan of Merkel. He is secretary of MOC at Merkel High, lettered this year in basketball and says he is an average student. He plans to attend McMurry College this fall and hopes to run track for the Indians.

The March of Dimes supports program which trains health professionals in the special skills required for intensive care of the critically ill newborn.

Tri-City Baseball

The Tri-City Assn. is distressed over prospects for a new ball park. There aren't any. If you know of land for sale or if you have land for sale in Merkel please contact J. C. Carson. Location of suitable land for sale is the only hold up on the project at this point.

The association has 7 lots to trade. They would appreciate any assistance and all donations to the cause to get these youngsters a ball park built.

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FIGHTING GORILLA AWARD - Recipients of the Fighting Gorilla Award at Trent was Steve Bland, third from left. Also pictured is L. J. Coach Bruce Thomas, Coach Bob Campbell, Coach Charlie Hatfield, and Roy Neff.

Trent Holds Honors Banquet

A huge mural, depicting every high school student in some phase of student life - done with the Snoopy cartoon characters, greeted Trent athletes last Friday night, May 2, at a banquet held in their honor at the school cafeteria.

A welcome given by Principal Roy Neff kicked off the annual Athletic-Honors Awards Banquet at 7:00 p.m., after which all proceeded to the gymnasium for the Awards.

Rebecca Freeman, a Senior, received awards for serving as student body president and editor of the yearbook, "The Gorilla." She, along with Teri Hamner, a sophomore, were named to the One-Act Play All-Star Cast in UIL. Receiving Honorable Mention in the UIL event also were Charlie Hatfield, Glenn Dunn and Pam King, with Miss King also being voted "Most Valuable Cast Member" by the play cast.

Band Director Marty Findley presented the Marine Award in Band to Jeffery Wells, a Senior, and the Who's Who Among Music Students in American High Schools to Pam King, a Junior.

Rocky King, ag instructor, presented the outstanding FFA students: Jim Adams, Patricia Boyd, Steve Bland, Kenny Nance, Patricia Boyd, Rocky Bryan, Rocky McKinney, Mac Sipe, Teri Hamner, Randy Scott, Steve Shugart, and Alan Morse.

Receiving Academic Awards for outstanding work in the following courses were Connie Cross, mathematics; Teri Hamner, science; Pam King, home economics; Lonnie Mitchell, English; Becky White, business; and Pam King, social studies.

Mrs. Carolyn Land, cheerleader sponsor, recognized the cheerleaders for the year, Rebecca Freeman, head cheerleader; and Teri Hamner, Patricia Boyd, and Robbie Freeman, along with Pam Evans and Shirley Brenem, who will be next year cheerleaders in addition to Teri Hamner and Robbie Freeman, head cheerleader.

Athletic awards were presented by Coaches Roy Neff, Bob Campbell and Bruce Thomas to the following: Seniors-Steve Bland, Mac Sipe, Tom Stevens, Charlie Hatfield, Rebecca Freeman and Cindy Beasley; Juniors-Bob Reed, David Hackney, and Pam King; Sophomores-Alan Morse, Rocky Bryan, Jimmy Adams, Brenda Griffith, Teri Hamner, Shirley Brenem, Pam Evans, Teresa James and Joice Moses; Freshmen-Bobby Brazelton, Ethel Gage, Timmy Moses, Dexter Hulise, James Mayes, Pam Evans, Robbie Freeman, Penny Hatfield and Nell Kirk.

Mac Sipe and Cindy Beasley presented gifts of appreciation to the high school coaches, Campbell and Neff, from the boys and girls teams.

Dean King, superintendent of schools, began a new award which honors the boy and girl athletes who maintain the highest scholastic average. This award which will become a tradition at Trent Schools, went to Pam King, with an average of 96.07 and Steve Bland with an average of 89.28.

The "Fighting Gorilla" award, which goes to outstanding boy athletes who participate in all three major sports, was presented to Charlie Hatfield and Steve Bland.

Named Valedictorian of Trent High School was Cindy Beasley with an average of 94.24 and Salutatorian is Becky White, with a 90.88 average.

Before the "evening of honors" was closed with the singing of the Alma Mater, Rebecca Freeman, student body president, presented the Trent superintendent and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Dean King, with an engraved silver tray, as a token of appreciation from the student body. The Kings will be moving to Sundown at the end of this school term.

Awards Presented At Trent

On April 24, the Trent FFA-FHA chapters held their annual Mother-Daughter, Father-Son Banquet in the cafeteria. Steve Bland, FFA President, served as Master of Ceremonies.

Mrs. Jere Thomas, FFA sponsor, named the Betty Crocker "Search for Leadership in Family Living" award winner, Cindy Beasley, a Senior. Pamela King, a junior, received the Crisco Award which goes to the Outstanding Home Economics student.

Mr. Rocky King, FFA sponsor, then took charge of the program and presented the following awards:

Star Chapter Farmer-Jimmy Adams; Star Greenhand-Patricia Boyd; Electrification Award-Steve Bland; Mechanics Award-Kenny Nance; Livestock Award-Patricia Boyd; Sheep Production-Jimmy Adams; Poultry Production-Rocky Bryan; Placement Services-Rocky McKinney;

S'Dancers To Meet

The Levi and Lace Square Dancers are having a workshop Friday, May 9, at 7:30 p.m. at the Taylor Electric Co-op building.

Members and all interested persons are invited to attend this workshop. The caller will be Jack Mason of Sweetwater. For further information contact Mrs. Kent Satterwhite.

Gaylon Doan Receives BS Degree

Gaylon Booth Doan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Doan of Merkel received his B.S. degree in physical education at the commencement exercises in the J. W. Hunt Physical Education Center on the McMurry campus May 3.

Doan is a 1969 graduate of Merkel High School. He minored in history.

Home Improvement-Mac Sipe; Beef Production-Teri Hamner; Swine Production-Randy Scott; Ornamental Horticulture-Steve Shugart; Overall Showmanship Award from Livestock Show-Alan Morse; Plumbing Award-Alan Morse.

Mr. King announced that Trent was selected for superior chapter rating for this district, 4 out of 22. Mac Sipe was one of four out of the district selected to go to area for a FFA scholarship.



75-76 CHEERLEADERS - Recently elected to serve as cheerleaders for the coming year were, top row, L. J. Gayla Toliver, a junior; Rita Watts, a junior; Jerre Kay Smith, a junior; bottom row, L. J. Becky Rister, head cheerleader and a sophomore; and Carrie Law, a freshman. Not pictured is Patty Toney, a junior. Mrs. Mary Grimes is the sponsor. (Staff Photo by Jenney Martin)

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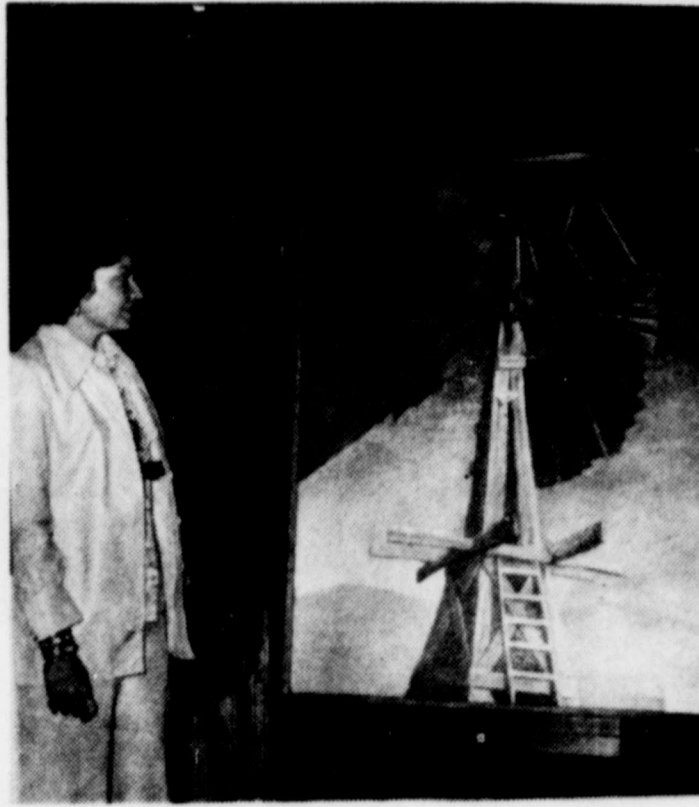
Pat Garren, Southwestern Artist Has Display at Farmers and Merchants Bank

Pat Garren depicts the west and southwest through her paint brush and canvas. Ms. Garren doesn't like to be stereotyped as strictly a western artist, however. Having lived on a working ranch in West Texas, Pat is intimate with ranch life and has ridden professionally in rodeos. Her love for the west and western things is displayed in her paintings with titles like "Covey Down the Road," "Water Chore," "Navajo Sky," and "The Day of the Eclipse," which were on display at Farmers and Merchants Bank in Merkel Tuesday.

Talented in both water colors and oil painting, Pat began her career as an artist in Ruidoso, New Mexico where she studied under artist, James Hill. She also studied under Robert Garland of Lawton, Oklahoma. Pat is a native of Taylor County. She was reared in Abilene and attended Abilene High School. She attended Texas Christian University where she received her degree and became an English teacher. Recently she has decided to leave the classroom to pursue a career as a professional artist. The mother of two daughters, Ms. Garren presently resides in Abilene.

Ms. Garren's works hang in numerous private collections in West Texas and have been selected for the Big Country Art Assn. circuit tour. One of her watercolors was chosen to hang in the 31st Annual State Exhibit sponsored by the Abilene Fine Arts Museum. She did her first solo show at the Abilene Chamber of Commerce in March.

Ms. Garren has been selected to show in the Rue de Lamar Gallery in Austin. Her paintings have been toured at several conventions. When asked whether talent or work is more important in becoming an artist, Ms. Garren said it is half and half.



ART DISPLAY - Pat Garren is pictured with one of the paintings she has on display at the Farmers and Merchants National Bank. (Staff photo by Sarah Eckols)

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Happy 91st Mrs. Thompson

Mrs. Nettie (Perkins) Thompson of Amy Lyn Manor in Abilene celebrated her 91st birthday, April 29 at her residence at 2418 Russell in Abilene. Those who attended the dinner celebration included her children: Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Perkins, San Angelo; Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Perkins, Abilene; Mrs. Juanita Perkins and son Jim, Abilene; John Perkins, Arlington; Mr. and Mrs. Tillman Howell, Austin; Mrs. C. L. Bristol, Raymondville; and Mrs. Carolyn Brockman, and granddaughter of Abilene.

Other guests were two sisters, Mrs. Eulala Holland, Abilene; Mrs. Ruth Reidenbach, Merkel; and friends: Mrs. A.C. Bristol, Raymondville, Mrs. Georgia Masters, San Angelo.

Friends and relatives who called in the afternoon included Mr. Roscoe Owen, Abilene; Mrs. Margie Standridge, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs.

Johnny Perkins and family, Abilene.

Mrs. Thompson received a call from the only living child unable to attend, Mr. Jack Perkins of Napa, California. Another son, Burden Perkins, formerly of Merkel, is deceased.

Mrs. Thompson has been a resident of the Merkel and Abilene community for approximately 80 years.

Persons who use insecticides in their gardens should read all labels carefully before applying the chemical, said Agriculture Commissioner John C. White. Pesticides applied at rates exceeding recommendations may be poisonous to the plant and develop resistance to the applied material in target pests.

Tent Fires Present Hazard

AUSTIN - In these early days of spring, a sudden drop in temperature or rain burst can tempt campers into making a fatal mistake, according to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department officials.

The mistake is a perfectly natural one - to rush into the tent to try to stay warm. The hazard is fire. A lantern or stove in a tent for heat can turn it into an inferno in seconds.

Unfortunately, according to officials, most tents are neither flame resistant nor flame retardant. In fact, most tents are dangerous since the substances used for waterproofing are highly flammable.

One spark from a lantern or stove or an ember from a campfire or cigarette can surround the occupants of a tent with flame so fast they can't escape.

The result can be death or horrible disfigurement. According to officials, tents made of thick heavy-gauge canvas are safer than the more convenient lightweight tents, but even heavy tents will burn quickly unless they are made to retard flame.

Some lightweight "play tents" that children use for backyard camping can virtually explode when ignited. A five-by-seven-foot, two-man pup tent collapsed in flames 22 seconds after it was ignited during one test.

What do you do when your tent catches fire? The normal reaction would be to back away from the flames, but this would be a fatal error, according to officials.

Don't hesitate. Break out of the tent through the flames, where the fabric is weakened. You might get singed, but that's better than being scorched while you fiddle with the zipper.

The following rules will help in preventing fires in your tent.

Keep flames alive out of tents. This may mean lighting your lantern outside in the wind, but the precaution is worth it.

Candles, open stoves and gas heaters are extremely dangerous and should be kept out of your tent.

Use flashlights or the new fluorescent camp lights for illumination.

Never cook inside your tent.

The problem of how to stay warm in a tent can be frustrating. Added to the possibility of fire is the danger of asphyxiation.

If you want to heat your tent, the catalytic heaters are considered safe "when used as directed," but light these outside the tent. There is always a danger of fire when any flammable fuel is used.

The safest product for providing warmth for a few hours is still the old-fashioned hot-water bottle.

If you're buying your first tent, or replacing a worn-out one, make sure your new tent is flame retardant. Look for the sewn-on label that says, "Flame Retardant"

Taylor Raised \$10,745 in '74

The Big Country Area of the American Lung Association of Texas (ALAT) met Saturday, May 3rd at the Holiday Inn in San Angelo.

Incoming officers were installed with James M. Binion of Abilene as 1975-76 President; Ted W. Hogan, Crane, President Elect, Mrs. Doyle Condra, Ballinger, Vice President; and Mrs. Billy Joe Luckett, Bronte, Secretary-Treasurer. Mrs. Earnest Barrow of Eola was installing officer.

A summary of the Christmas Seal campaign results for 1974 was given by Don Hensley of Merkel, 1974 Fund Raising Chairman. Big Country Area Christmas Seal income of \$55,224.00 was 103.1% of 1973's Christmas Seal income. Other incomes made up of Christmas Seal prospecting, memorials, bequests and school solicitations.

Taylor County raised \$10,745.25 in 1974 which was 107.9 per cent of the 1973 total.

James Binion and Don Hensley reported on the annual meeting of the ALAT board of directors held in Fort Worth. Gail Smith of Odessa summarized the state annual meeting's session on Lung Association purpose, goals and board responsibilities.

A report was made on the progress of long range program plans for Big Country Area. Planning is underway for the establishment of Asthma Improvement Programs as a part of the curriculum in the schools in Odessa and Abilene. Big Spring Independent School District is currently making an assessment of the need for asthma improvement classes in that city.

Beezie Cooper, Area Executive of Big Country told board members of the International Conference on Asthma Programs she attended in Minneapolis.

Announcement was made of the Workshop for Pulmonary Care to be sponsored by Big Country Area in Midland on June 6 and 7. This workshop, the first of a series to be held throughout the area, is for medical personnel in Midland and Big Spring.

The next meeting of the Big Country Area board will be in San Angelo on September 27, 1975. Headquarters for the Big Country Area are at 1962 W. Beauregard in San Angelo.

NEW YORK - After the rush of an early Easter, florists, candy stores and greeting card shops across the nation are preparing for another huge influx of customers. The occasion is Mother's Day which will be celebrated for the 67th time on Sunday, May 11.

Dennis Burns of hallmark Cards estimates that 200 million Mother's Day cards will be exchanged this year - less than at Christmas, Valentine's Day or Easter, but more than on Father's Day, Halloween or Thanksgiving.

Children buy more than half of these cards, followed by grandchildren, then fathers, Burns said. Surprisingly, not all Mother's Day greetings go to mothers.

Others who receive them are grandmothers, godmothers, mothers-to-be, mothers-in-law, sisters, daughters, aunts, cousins and nieces.

NICE CATCH - A recent trip to an 'unknown' fishing hole recently netted these four fishermen the material for a fish fry. The fishermen are, l. r. Pee Wee Pack, Jeff Whisenant, Duke Pack, and Rabbit Pack. The 24 bass weighed 30 lbs. (Staff photo)

Flowering Vines Add To Landscape

COLLEGE STATION - One way to add color and variety to your home landscape is with annual flowering vines, says one expert in landscape horticulture.

"All that is needed to grow flowering vines is a wooden lattice, woven wire fencing or string to support the plants," says Everett Janne with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. "These vines can be used to shade a porch or add color and interest to a particular area."

Among annual flowering vines that are attractive in home landscapes are morning glories, cathedral bells, moonflowers, nasturtiums, canary birds, gourds, cypress vines and black-eyed Susans.

The morning glory is colorful with white, blue or red flowers. It grows to a height of up to 15 feet.

Start the vines in four-inch pots and transplant them two or three weeks after the usual last frost date. Be sure they are planted in a well-drained,

sunny location, emphasizes Janne.

"Don't plant morning glories in rich soil or use fertilizer, as this will produce vigorous vines but few flowers," says the horticulturist with the Texas A&M University System.

Cathedral bells grow up to height of 20 feet and produce bell-shaped, blue or violet flowers. "These vines are free of insect and disease problems and can be planted in either a sunny or shady spot," says Janne.

The moonflower vine is also tall-growing and produces large white fragrant flowers which open during the even-

ing. It also has large heart-shaped leaves that provide a dense shade.

Nasturtiums are bushy vines that grow to four-to-five feet tall and produce fragrant red or yellow flowers. They prefer a well-drained soil of low or average fertility.

The canary bird vine grows to a height of about eight feet and is closely related to the nasturtiums.

Gourds produce few flowers but have colorful fruit.

"The fruit ripens in late summer and can be used for fall and winter arrangements in your home," notes Janne.

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Precinct 3.	25,541.55	101,559.40	33,540.58	93,560.37
Precinct 4.	56,686.77	101,469.96	25,635.41	132,741.32
General.	157,981.01	1,038,562.74	482,377.88	714,145.87
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P.I.C.A. Tax.	2,135.01	38,607.91	38,605.42	2,137.50
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Permanent School.	4,594.77	27.88	27.88	4,594.77
Courthouse & Jail Skg. Ser-1967.	52,474.68	238,202.02	206,701.20	83,975.50
Payroll Account.	1,050.00	336,538.66	336,538.66	1,050.00
Special Tax.	1,088,585.96	19,561.20	1,108,147.16	00
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MILK**
GAL. JUG **\$1.39**
NO DEPOSIT

SNICKER - MILKWAY -
3 MUSKETER
CANDY
6 PACK BARS **69¢**

IMPERIAL
SUGAR
POWDER LB. BOX **43¢**

HUNTS
ASSORTED FLAVORS
PUDDINGS
4 SNACK PACK EA. **59¢**

LIBBYS
VIENNA
SAUSAGE
3 5 OZ. CANS **89¢**

DELSEY
TISSUE
2 ROLL PACK **43¢**

**MIRACLE WHIP
CATSUP
MRS TUCKER
PARKAY**

KRAFTS (1 LIMIT)
QT. JAR **98¢**

HEINZ
26 OZ. BOT. **59¢**

3 LB. CAN (1 LIMIT) **\$1.29**

OLEO
REG. LB. **49¢**

I.G. FRESH
BISCUITS
10 COUNT
2 CANS FOR **23¢**

FROZEN FOODS

BIRDSEYE
ORANGE DRINK
AWAKE 12oz. CAN **39¢**

MORTON'S 8oz.
POT PIES 2 FOR **49¢**

MORTON'S
T.V. DINNER EA. **49¢**

SHOP AND SAVE
I.G. DAIRY FRESH
BUTTER MILK 1/2 GAL CRTN. **63¢**

HORMEL
CHILI PLAIN 300 CAN **59¢**

BILTMORE
LUNCHEON MEAT 12 OZ. **39¢**

KING-LIQUID
DOVE BOTTLE **69¢**

2 BAR DEAL
LUX 7-OFF BATH SOAP EA. **53¢**

KING
BREEZE
PRIZE SOAP BOX **\$1.69**

GIANT
WISK
BOT. EA. **99¢**

FRESH CALIFORNIA
STRAWBERRIES

3 PINTS FOR **\$1.00**

FRESH
LETTUCE LB **15¢**

CALIFORNIA
NAVEL ORANGES LB. **23¢**

FRESH
CORN ON COB 2 EARS **19¢**

HASS
Avocados 5 FOR **1.00**

FRESH
GREEN ONIONS 2BN **23¢**

save
55¢

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SAVE 55¢
WITH THIS COUPON WHEN YOU BUY A 2 LB. CAN OF MAXWELL HOUSE COFFEE AT CARSON'S
2 LB. CAN ONLY **\$1.73**
ONE COUPON PER PURCHASE OFFER EXPIRES MAY 12TH

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THE TURKEY

You'll Remember With Pleasure

GOVT. INSPECTED
PLUMP, TENDER FLAVORFUL

HENS 5-9 LBS. **69¢**



ROAST CHUCK LB. **79¢**

STEAK T-BONE LB. **\$1.49**

HAM BONELESS 3 LB. CANNED **\$4.29**

BACON HORMEL B.L. POUND **\$1.33**

SAUSAGE HORMEL LITTLE SIZZLER LB. **85¢**

PATTIES HORMEL CHICKEN FRIED PKG. **79¢**

BEEF FRESH GROUND LB. **55¢**

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FOOD STAMPS
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GIFT BOND STAMPS
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