Area Crops Harvested at Last

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Combines and Trucks Rolling in Merkel Fields

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Between you

and me

By SARAH ECKOLS

Who says kids these days aren't any good? The Merkel Senior Class of 1975 had to pinch pennies this year to meet their expenses of graduation, etc. When it was all said and done, the kids had a grand total of \$7 left in their treasury. They donated the money to the Rehab Center. I think the majority of today's youth is a group we can be proud of.

One of our readers has come up with a question. Seems her cat has 7 claws on its front feet and five on the rear feet. She would like to know if this is unusual. Give us a call if you can help.

What a night it was last Tuesday. I for one was beginning to think Merkel and most of Taylor County was about to be blown away. That was a really nasty looking cloud. I remember last year in August a few miles south of here they were begging for rain. In North Runnels County water
became a scarce commodity. It is nice to see this year there apparently will not be the drought situation that existed last year.

Of course right now, it would be nice to have a dry spell so that area farmers could harvest the wheat that is waiting in the fields.

Perhaps it could have been called the fall and rise of a president. And, perhaps it is consolation to the rest of us to know that no matter how high the office one holds, he is not exempt when it comes to a stumble now and then. That was the way it was as President Ford stumbled into Spain the other day on his European trip.

It is super nice to see gardens springing up around the town and countryside. It won't be long until the ladies will be busy canning and freezing for the winter. I find it hard to believe that people in the larger cities can exist and live for years never experiencing the wonders of good country living like fresh vegetables straight in from the garden.

It is very frustrating to report one more time that progress in the Tri-City Baseball project is at a standstill due to lack of land and interest of local residents in donacting their time and energy to the project. Desperately needed now are pipe, and welders willing to work. If you can give either your time or materials, please contact J. C. Carson at 928-5935 after 6 p.m.

Retiring Teachers Honored By Fellow Employees

Employees of the Merkel Public School System honored the retiring teachers Tuesday, May 27, with a covered dish supper in the school cafeteria.

Following the supper, a public reception was held for the honorees present – Mrs. Paul Orsborn and Mrs. Bryan Dunagin. Mrs. Carrol Benson, also retiring, did not attend.

Mr. Mack Fisher, Super-

West Reunion Held in Merkel

The seventh annual J. W. West reunion was held Saturday and Sunday, May 31 and June 1, in the Community Center in Merkel.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn West of Lamesa; Mr. and Mrs. Austin Hale of Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. Joe West of San Angelo; Mr. and Mrs. Ike West of San Antonio; Mr. and Mrs. George West of Merkel, all children of the late J. W. Wests.

Other descendants present were Mrs. Susan Baker, Michael and David; Mr. and Mrs. Louis West, Larry and Ken of Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry West, Curtis and Steven of Lewisville; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hamilton of Rule; Mr. . and Mrs. Leroy West and Betty; Mrs. Edith West of Benjamin; Mr. and Mrs. Wayne West of Cisco; Steven and Russell Abbott, Mr. and Mrs. Don West, Kathy, Cindy and Kevin; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Angley and family of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Travis Hale of Hamlin; Mr. and Mrs. Bobby West of Czrena; Mr. and Mrs. Lion West, Helen, Deb, Jo and Alva; Mr. and Mrs. B. Tucker and family, all of Rotan, and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Horton, Wayne and Chris of Merkel.

intendent of Schools, introduced Bobby DuBose, School Board President, who made a plaque presentation to Johnny Teaff, retiring school board member, for his years of service.

Mr. Fisher then spoke words of high praise for Mrs. Dunagin and Mrs. Orsborn as he presented them plaques from the school boardin recognition of their years of service as teachers.

Mrs. Orsborn has taught 36 years, 29 of these being in the Merkel schools. Mrs. Dunagin has taught 28 years with 26 years being in Merkel schools.

The two were lauded further by Elementary Principal John Cain as he presented them silver trays as tokens of appreciation from the faculty and personnel of the

school system.

Mr. Cain stated, "On behalf of the entire school system, we pay tribute to you for your outstanding service to our school and its students.

Working with both of you has been a pleasure, and you will

be greatly missed by all of

Mrs. Orsborn and Mrs. Dunagin were presented yellow orchids by the personnel. Both ladies expressed their appreciation and praised the administration, school board members, and the staff for their goodness to them during these many years of service.

Robert English of KRBC-TV was present to televise the honorees.

Guest at the reception were served punch and cookies from a crystal and silver appointed table, centered by a floral arrangement of multicolored spring flowers. An arrangement of yellow roses decked the registration table.

Members of the hospitality committee for the Merkel Public Schools served as hostesses for the reception They were Gayle Baker, Pat Dudley, Cathy Malone, and Mitzi Hart.

Starbuck Resigns Civil Defense Post

Fred Starbuck, Civil Defense Director for the City of Merkel, has submitted his resignation to Mayor Lou David Allen, effective June 31, 1975. Citing health reasons, Starbuck states that "he believes it is time for a younger man to assume responsibility of the program."

Civil Defense was first established in Merkel with appointment of Fred Starbuck as director, by the late Mayor Henry C. West, in the early part of 1952. He has served continuously, with the exception of about 18 months, since his first appointment.

Awards Assembly At Junior High

An awards assembly was held at Merkel Jr. High May 22 at 10 a.m. Mr. John Cain presided over the assembly while Mrs. Hart presented reading certificates, Mr. Bratcher presented soil conservation and fire prevention awards and Mrs. Coco. presented UIL awards.

Athletic trophies were presented to Cindy Smith, Mike Sims, Katherine Irvin, Ricky Howes, Gina Farmer, Kelley Wolf, Randy Holmes and Roger Dye.

Coach Martin presented football awards and Mr. Cain presented special awards to football sweetheart, Gay Pfiester; band favorites, Lorie DuBose and Mike Sims; outstanding Badgerette, Diana Bien; Miss MJHS, Kathrine Irvin; Mr. MJHS, Rusty Watts; office-library worker, Kim Mashburn; Miss Merry Xmas, Becky Watts; student council, president. Gay Pfiester; vice president, Mike Sims; secretary, Carla Rister; treasurer, Lesa Hart; and reporter, Debra Ybarra.

Twirlers for the 1975-76 school year were introduced. They are Taresia English, Shannon Bagby, Dion Wilkerson, Lisa Owen, Ann Melton and Rene Aiken.

The 1975-76 cheerleaders will be Becky Watts, Lesa Shugart, Gwen Tarpley, Kim Mashburn, and Jody Jinkens.

The student council officers elected for the 1975-76 term will be president, Scott Cain; vice president, Sherry Ascencio; secretary, Kim Mashburn; treasurer, Robert Fowler; and reporter Chris Cox. The student council sponsor is George Martin.

Christi Boone Takes First At Dress Revue

Christi Boone, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Boone of Merkel took first place in the senior division of the 4-H dress revue held Saturday afternoon in Radford Auditorium on the McMurry campus in Abilene.

The girls winning in the 1975 Taylor County Dress Revue will compete against some 40 counties in the district revue.

Running a close second behind her sister was Cindy Boone who took second place in the senior division. A young lady from Wylie,

Traci Merkel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Merkel took first place in the junior division.

Places were also given to

beginners and intermediates, however, they do not qualify to compete at the district level.

Margie Ballard, Miss Teenage Abilene and a graduate of Colorado City High School was commentator for the event.

Art Assn. Hosts Show at WTU

The Merkel Art Association will display work by its members June 6 and 7 in the West Texas Utilities building in Merkel, it was announced by the association's president, Mrs. Ford Smith, Jr.

Art will be displayed Friday afternoon and all day Saturday and the public is invited to attend this showing. Taylor County is looking at a bumper wheat crop this year. There are over 80,000 acres of wheat this year in the county as compared to only 60,000 acres last year of Up until Friday

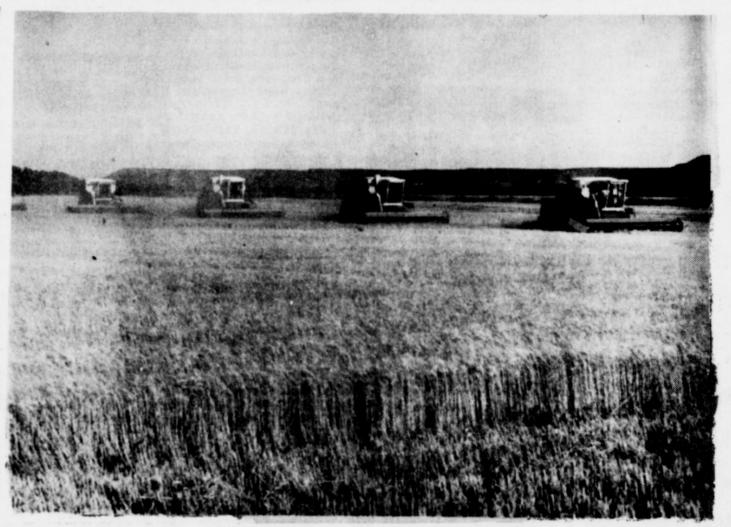
which only 20,000 was harvested.

Harvesters from Missouri, mass and Oklahoma are here to do the job of combining and getting the grain to the elevators. These men harvest about seven months of the year from South Texas to Canada. Things looked pretty grim late last week as the combines sat parked and unused in the rain. Dry weather is essential for the combines to get into the fields and cut the ripe wheat. According to Jack South of the South Grain Elevator in Merkel, wheat

must have a moisture content of 14 per cent or less before

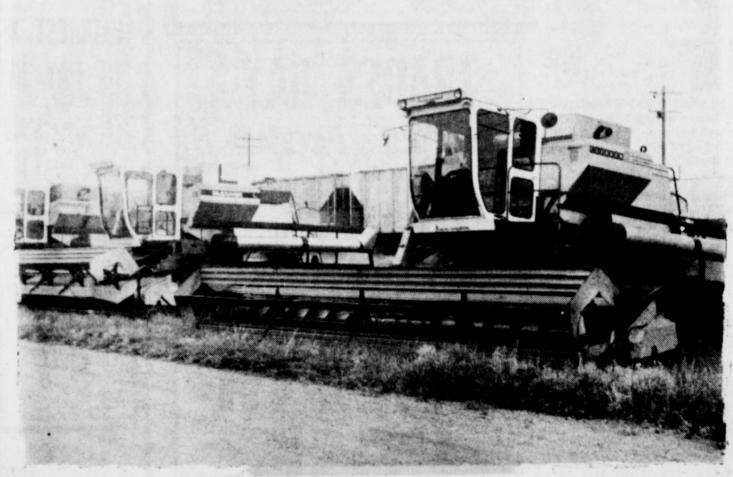
Up until Friday of last week only a small amount of wheat had been cut in the area and that was in Haskell County on the F. C. Blake farm about 20 miles from Haskell. That wheat was yielding at 30 bushels and averaging more than 61 pounds per bushel with a moisture content of 14.30.

South is very encouraged about the harvest in Taylor County and particularly in the Merkel-Trent area. He estimates the crop to be over \$2 million with most of the money to stay in this area.



ROLLING COMBINES - Some five combines and several grain trucks were in this field southwest of Merkel earlier this week as the wheat harvest got into full swing in Taylor

County. These machines belong to Jim McDaniel of Missouri who is in the area combining grain and will be moving north with the harvest as far as Canada.



READY AND WAITING - These combines are sitting idle in the rain waiting for the ground to dry enough to harvest he area wheat crop. At the time of this picture, rain was pouring down in Merkel, with no let up in sight.

Senator Bentson Visits Abilene June 7 -- Coffee Scheduled

Senator and Mrs. Lloyd Bentsen will be in Abilene for the Texas Lions Club Convention Saturday, June 7. There will be a coffee honoring the senator and his wife hosted by Taylor County Democrats at the Downtowner Motel from 9 to 10 a.m. Joe Lassiter of Merkel, a spokesman for the group, has urged that Merkel and Merkel area residents go by and meet the senator and his wife.

According to Lassiter, the governor signed a bill in

Austin May 20 establishing the presidential primary in Texas for 1976. The Senator is a strong contendor for the Democratic Party nomination for president, He will be a candidate in the presidential preference primary. This will be a chance for the people of Merkel and the surrounding area to meet the senator first hand. It is vital since they will have the opportunity to cast their vote in the presidential preference primary,

The scheduled coffee is a

come-and-go affair. "We want everyone to feel welcome to come by and meet the senator. The dress attire will be just plain work-a-day dress," he stated.

Senator Bentsen is no stranger to Merkel as he visited in the city; during his first campaign for the Senate. While in Merkel, he had breakfast with several of the local citizens. Since that time, Senator Bentsen has mentioned several times that his Merkel visit was an enjoyable occasion.

Smith Promoted In Germany

Jimmy L. Smith, son of James T. Smith of 1422North 1st Street in Merkel, was promoted to Army chiefwarrant officer in grade W-2 recently while serving as a team chief with the 3rd Infantry Division in Wurzburg, Germany.

Visitor

Corporal Sonny Dye is in Merkel on leave from the U.S. Marine Corps visiting in the home of his grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Dye and Arnold.

Corporal Dye is stationed Hawaii.

"A shot in the arm," is how Don Hensley, president of the Farmers and Merchants Bank in Merkel describes what the good crop will do for the economy of our town. He added that he sees the situation as "Nothing but stimulating. As a banker, I am optimistic and elated for the area farmers." He said the good condition of wheat crops should compensate to some extent for the poor cotton crops.

Hensley added that this will

Hensley added that this will be an above average harvest season barring any unforeseen disaster that might destroy the crops or damage them extensively so that the yield is low.

Though economically the wheat crops are very good for our area, most of the wheat itself is shipped elsewhere; mostly overseas. Some area experts feel that the imaginary "wheat shortage" of recent years was nonexistent and that there has been a surplus of the grain all along. The "dollar-a-loaf" bread scare was completely unfounded stated one scource, since bread contains only about 5 cents worth of wheat per loaf.

The weather change which came over the weekendended the fears that harvest crews would need to move on north before the area wheat could be gotten to the mills. Jim McDaniel of Missouri and his crew was hard at work Monday and he kept five combines and several trucks busy. However, a rain at this time would be damaging to the crop and would delay harvest cauisng losses to the farmers.

Combines are preparing to roll over the plains and western areas of Texas also as the wheat in these areas reaches maturity.

reaches maturity.
In contrast to our wet spell, the wheat and flax harvests in South Texas are producing yields that are low due to prolonged dryness in that area. However, the wheat crop looks extremely good in most other areas.

Inflation is a factor even in the harvest of farm crops. The trend toward custom combiners is here. For instance labor has risen from \$1.25 an hour to the present \$3. Fuel has gone from 16 cents to 29 cents. There has also been a great increase in maintenance costs in the past few years. Combine crews are running in the \$6 per acre range this year and farmers are having to tighten up. Some are unwilling to go beyond \$5.50 per acre. The \$6 per acre is felt by the Texas farmers. But custom combiners claim they will have no trouble getting \$8 per acre in Oklahoma.

The McDaniels crew will be moving from Texas through Oklahema and then into Missouri. From where they will follow the harvest on into Canada and in the fall will return to the south and harvest soybeans in Arkansas and Louisiana.

With no forecast of rain in the area for the next few days the outlock is good that the wheat will be gotten in and combines will not be nalted due to weather conditions.

Summer Jobs Needed By Area Youth

Many young people from the Merkel area have requested assistance from the office of the Justice of the Peace in obtaining summer work. Individuals or businesses interested in hiring young people of school age may contact Judge Millett for referral.

According to U.S. Department of Labor, the wage scale for young people of this type is 85% of the minimum wage of \$2 per hour or \$1.70 per hour. Certain types of jobs are excluded from this provision.

For further information and details, contact the Department of Laborin Abilene



TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME - Of course, no ball game would be worth going to without the concession stand. In this case it is provided at the MSA games by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Merkel Fire Department

Tri - City **Baseball**

The Tri-City Baseball Association met Monday night in order to continue work toward building a baseball and softball park in Merkel. Two diamonds are in the planning, but materials and land are still lacking.

The association is asking for the aid of anyone interested to please donate time or materials in order to make these ball diamonds a reality for the kids of Merkel.

The following materials are needed: pipe, poles for lights, light fixtures, materials for a concession stand, commodes, lavatories, water pipes, bases and weld-

If you wish to contribute to the cause you may contact J. C. Carson any time after 6 p.m. at 928-5935. Regular meetings are held every Monday at 8 p.m. at the Asteroid Restaurant.

SIXTH GRADE

"A" - Shelia Adair, Lisa

Allen, Mannel Biera, Mark

Bland, Judy Castille, Todd

Gregory, Kelly Knight, Alane

"A-B" - Kay Amerine,

Vickie Campbell, Tammy Da-

vis, Cindy Doan, Sherry Lau-

rence, Randy Martin, Ann

Melton, Bart Pursley, Billy

Walters, Charlotte Watts.

SEVENTH GRADE

lie Blanscet, Wendy Hogan,

Kim Mashburn, Brade Wade,

Cynthia White, Dion Wilker-

Susan Arnwine, Chris Cox,

Jeannessa Cypert, Jodie Jin-

kens, Chirre Kraatz, Karen

Pack, Susan Peachy, Marissa

Sandusky, Tomie Santee, John

EIGHTH GRADE

"A" - Gay Pfiester, She-

"A-B" - Cindy Boone, Pam

Crenshaw, Charleen Fariello, Carla Gardner, Lesa Hart,

Kathryn Irvin, Thomas

Kraatz, Kelly Magee, Dede

Metts, Carla Rister, Diana

Roberts, Grant Sandusky,

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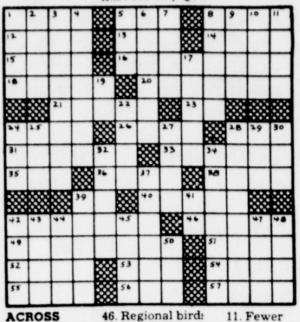
Townsend, Becky Watts.

lia Sloan, Cindy Smith.

"A" - Shannon Bagby, Bil-

"A-B" - Josh Amerine,

Crossword Puzzle



49. Comics

52. Great Lake

weight

55. Char

56. Snake

DOWN

ACROSS **Prohibits** 51. Airplane High: music

53. Philippine Bitter drug 13. By what tree 54. Metric means Wings 15. Donate 16. Athletes 18. Stairs 57. Serf

20. Glossy paints 21. Large cats 23. Russian yes 24. Oven 26. Girl's name 28. Vegetable 31. Slow: music

33. Use 35. Affirmative 36. Small fly 38. Comfort 39. The: Span. 40. Confine again 42. Sandy

1. Pouches 2. Perched Short stories Oozing Exclamations Bottom 7. Double

8. Greek letter 9. On the sheltered side 10. Title

11. Fewer 17. Mrs. 19. Therefore 22. Rare gas 24. Nickname 25. Chemical suffix

27. Head: Fr. 28. Arrangers 29. Dawn goddess 30. Yes 32. Ice house

34. Body of nobles 37. Spheres of action 39. Go in 41. Italian river

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vin Cooley, Karen Jackson,

Stormy Magee, Kandy Richie,

Melissa Tomlinson, Windi

"A-B" - Lola Bailey, Tina

Bicknell, Tonja Bicknell,

Greg Dickinson, Stephanie

Fortune, Kimberly Gurganus,

Mike Hagar, Sharon Jackson,

Debra Kimbrell, Dianna Lan-

deros, Eddie Martin, Chris Mashburn, Pam Massey,

Jackie Owen, Daryl Pool, Jeff

FIFTH GRADE

Allgaier, Loyce Baker, Nancy

Click, Mary Fariello, Janice

Jacobs, Paul Kannel, Maria

Moreno, Stacy Seymore, Yvonne Swinney, David Wil-

berta Duran, Christine

Franklin, Larry Hines,

Sheryl Lucky, O. C. Mc-

Keehan, Connie Page, Willy

kerson Deborah williams. "A-B" - Kristi Alves, Ro-

"A" - Rene Aiken, Susan

Scott, Jimmie Shelton.

"A" - Rosie Biera, Tim

John Cain, principal of the Merkel Elementary School has announced the honor roll for the final period of the 1974-75 school year. FIRST GRADE "A" - Artie Ascencio,

Monica Atkinson, Cammie Bright, Sue Cunningham, Dean Franklin, Amy Irvin, Lori Kimbrell, Barbara Kinder, Kelly Riney, Regina Stuckey, Lucretia Wade. "A-B" - Kevin Coker, Ricky Hair, Chris Horton,

Pallarez, Devin Sanford, SECOND GRADE "A"-Benny Allgaier, Cody Johnson, Corbet Putnam,

Kenny Sims, Sean Woodard,

Darren Lancaster, Randy

"A-B" - James Allday, Bobby Biera, Donny Brady, Jerry Davis, Randy Davis, Tami Elliot, Brian Ford, David Glasscock, Ken Hogan, Tim Jacobs, Missy Jones, Darren Pack, Melody Pape, Michael Reddin, Gayle Richie, Shane Smith, Johnny Starbuck, Cindy Toney, Cresencia Vasquez, Dona Watts, Cindy

THIRD GRADE "A" - Anglea Allen, Scott Alton, Bonnie Anderson, Joan Fariello, Jay Gibson, Tommy Hays, Brenda Hohhertz, Russell Lucas, Kimberly Pack, Cindy Sims.

"A-B" - Brooks Boyd, Steven Davis, Jill Douglass,

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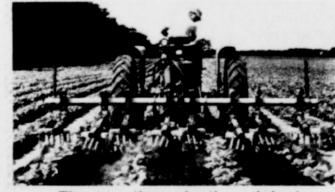
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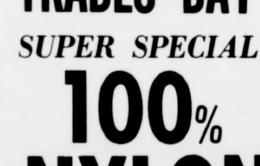
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THE MERKEL MAIL Thursday, June 5, 1975



BATTER UP - FINALLY - This young lady is batting in the first MSA game of this season in Merkel. The game was played Monday evening on the diamond behind the Merkel

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS

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

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Harriett Irene Groh-

man, Defendant, Greeting: YOU ARE HEREBY COM-MANDED to appear before the Honorable Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 23rd day of June A.D. 1975, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 12th day of May A.D. 1975, in this cause, numbered 10,075-DR on the docket of said court and styled John

Grohman, Plaintiff, vs. Har-

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CITATION BY

PUBLICATION

TO: Poe Hiroshi Shinn, De-

YOU ARE HEREBY COM-

MANDED to appear before the

Honorable Domestic Rela-

tions Court of Taylor County

at the Courthouse thereof, in

Abilene, Texas, by filing

written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first

Monday next after the ex-

piration of forty-two days

from the date of the issuance

of this citation, same being

the 26th day of June A.D.

1975, to Plaintiff's Petition

filed in said court, on the

15th day of May A.D. 1975,

in this cause, numbered

10,604-DR on the docket of

said court and styled Brenda

Omelia Shinn, Plaintiff, vs. Poe Hiroshi Shinn, Defendant.

ture of this suit is as follows.

to-wit: parties were married on or about the 6th day of

July, 1972 and separated

about January of 1974; no

children were born to or adopted by this marriage and

none is expected; no com-

munity property has been ac-

cumulated by the parties other than personal effects;

petitioner requests change of

name to Brenda Omelia

Smith; as is more fully shown

by Plaintiff's Petition on file

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the

date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

in this suit.

A brief statement of the na-

THE STATE OF TEXAS

fendant, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded

Texas - GREETING:

riett Irene Grohman, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Petitioner and Respondent were married on or about the 12th day of October, 1974 and separated on or about the 25th day of October 1974; marriage has become insupportable because of discord or conflict of personalities; petitioner believes the parties will be able to enter into an agreement respecting the property of the parites, if so the agreement will be presented for approval of this court; as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this

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 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

court at Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, this the 12th day of May A.D. 1975. (SEAL)

hand and the seal of said

Attest: Irene Crawford Clerk, Domestic Relations, Court, Taylor County, Texas. By San-'dra Van Cleave, Deputy. 13-4tc

The officer executing this

writ shall promptly serve the

same according to require-

ments of law, and the man-

dates hereof, and make due

return as the law directs.

hand and the seal of said court

at Abilene, Taylor County,

Texas, this the 15th day of

Attest: Irene Crawford

Clerk, Domestic Rela-

tions Court, Taylor

County, Texas. By San-

dra Van Cleave, Deputy.

13-4tc

SET ON

May A.D. 1975.

(SEAL)

Issued and given under my

THE STATE OF TEXAS

PUBLIC NOTICE

Jones HD Council To Sponsor 4-H'er

The Jones County Home

Demonstration Council met May 21 at 2 p.m. in the An-

son Federal Housing Building. The chairman, Mrs. Ab

The group voted to help sponsor Susie Lindsey for the

4-H tour to Washington D. C.

To Meet Tuesday

The Farmers Union will

meet Tuesday, June 10, at

8:30 p.m. in the Taylor Coun-

On the agenda for the meet-

ing is a report on the National

Farmers Union's president

visiting Roby. The national

president is Tony Dechart.

No. 11,240-B

IN THE 104TH DISTRICT

TAYLOR COUNTY, TEXAS

COURT OF

IN THE MATTER OF

THE MARRIAGE OF

DEBRA L. BUKOWSKI AND

MOTION FOR CORRECTION

OF JUDGMENT

NUNC PRO TUNC

COMES NOW Debra L.

Bukowski, Petitioner in the

above entitled and numbered

cause, and moves the Court

to amend the Judgment signed

and entered here in on May

21, 1970, and respectfully

shows the Court the follow-

In accordance with Rule

305 of the Texas Rules of Civil

Procedure, Petitioner pre-

pared a form of judgment for

submission to the Court. The

Court subsequently signed

and entered the judgment.

inadvertence of Petitioner's

Through the mistake and

TO THE HONORABLE

JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

KENNETH L. BUKOWSKI

PUBLIC

Farmers Union

ty Coop building.

Mrs. H. A. Haynes asked

Hunter Jr. presided.

that all the club members

complete their report of work

sheets and turn them in at the June council or before.

Plans for rally day to be held June 11 in the Alison

Lion's Club Building were discussed. There will be re-

gistration at 9:30 a.m. and a

covered dish luncheon at 12 noon. The council will meet

at 1 p.m. Judy Low, home economist for Stamford West

Texas Utilities Co. will give the program on home made

ice cream. Also installation

of officers will be held. Each

club will prepare a portion

of the morning entertainment.

All members of the home

demonstration clubs in the

county are urged to be pre-

sent and may bring guests.

counsel, the judgment con-

tained the following error as

signed and entered: The pro-

perty described as a house

located and being situated at

5261 Encino, Abilene, Taylor

County, Texas, should be the

property located and being

situated at 5261 Encino, Abi-

lene, Taylor County, Texas,

being more fully described as

Being Lot No. 11, Block "G" Section No. One (1), Alamenda

Addition of the City of Abi-

lene, Taylor County, Texas.

A corrected form of judg-

ment is attached hereto for

consideration by the Court.

Respondent is uncooperative

and cannot be located, and

will be served with this peti-

WHEREFORE, Petitioner

prays that the Judgment be

corrected in accordance with

the correct f om of judgment

ROBINSON, HANNA,

Abilene, Texas 79604

By James D. Norvell

15-4tc

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tion by publication.

herewith submitted.

P. O. Box 769

Attorney for the

Petitioner

follows:

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Texas - GREETING:

each week for four consecu- cerning an accident between eight days before the return day thereof, in a newspaper South 9th and Butternut printed in Taylor County, Streets in Abilene Taylor citation, of which the herein of such accident plaintiffs below following is a true alleges were caused to sufcopy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Jesus Pedraza Garcia, Defendant, Greeting: YOU ARE HEREBY COM-

trict Court of Taylor County quirements of law, and the at the Courthouse thereof, mandates hereof, and make in Abilene, Texas, by filing due return as the law directs. a written answer at or before the date of the issuance of day of May A.D. 1975. this citation, same being the (SEAL) 30 day of June A.D. 1975, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 19th day of May A.D. 1975, in this cause, numbered 12,652-

and styled Donnie Wayne Eaton and Lavenda Eaton, Plaintiff, vs. Jesus P draza

Garcia, Defendant. A brief statement of the You are hereby commanded nature of this suit is as folto cause to be published once lows, to-wit; suit is contive weeks, the first publica- the parties which accured on tion to be at least twenty- the 21st day of February, 1974 at the intersection of Texas, the accompanying County, Texas; as a result fer serious bodily injuries as better described in plaintiffs petition; 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 MANDED to appear before the writ shall promptly serve Honorable 104th Judicial Dis- the same according to re-

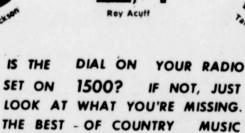
Issued and given under my 10 o'clock A.M. of the first hand and the seal of said Monday next after the expira- court at Abilene, Taylor tion of forty-two days from County, Texas, this the 19th Attest: Irene Crawford

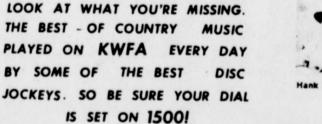
Clerk 104th Judicial District Court, Taylor County, Texas; By Sandra Van Cleave, Deputy. 13-4th





B on the docket of said court









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Meet June 9 **Victory Singers**

The Victory Gospel Singers will hold their regular 2nd Monday singing at 7p.m. June 9 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Richardson, 307 El

Paso Singers from Maryneal, Coleman, Blackwell and the Abilene - Merkel area have been attending this regular singing for the past nine

years. The singing director for June is Virgil Crawford.



LOOK who's HERE!

Mr. and Mrs. Don Eiland of Abilene announce the birth of a son, Ryan David, born May 22 at 2:15 p.m. in Hendrick Hospital. The baby weighed 8 pounds and 4 ounces.

The baby's maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Allen Agnew of Merkel and his paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Royce Eiland of Fclsom, New Mexico.

He also has a maternal great-grandmother, Mrs. Emory Wilburn of Merkel and a paternal great-grandmother, Mrs. Willy Joe Largent of Folsom, New Mexico.

Vacation Bible School in Noodle June 9-13

Noodle Baptist Church will hold their Vacation Bible School June 9 through June 13, for children from 3 to 15 years of age. Classes will be from 8:30 to 11 a.m. daily. In closing an assembly will be held at 8 p.m. Friday, June 13, for the children and parents. Classrooms will be open for visitation at that time. Bible lessons, singing, refreshments and fun time will be in store for all who attend. All children in the Noodle area are invited.

> SENIOR CITIZENS SCHEDULE EVENTS 1st Monday of Month singing 2nd Tuesday Noon Covered Dish Luncheon. Game Nights Every Thurs. & 4th Monday 4th Thurs. GAME Night Reserved for Talented Amateur.

Thursday, May 29, in an evening ceremony at First United Methodist Church in Merkel with the Rev. P. T. Steward

officiating. The bride is the daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Hendricks and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert James, all of Merkel.

Organist was Mrs. Junior Clark and soloists were Mrs. Tex Barnhart and Steve

Best man was Steve Teaff and groomsmen were Dana James, brother of the bridegroom, and Tommy Law, all of Merkel. Ushers were David Hendricks, brother of the bride, and Stanley Leamon and Andy Stephan, both of

Abilene. Matron of honor was Mrs. Thomas Neill and bridesmaids were Mrs. Gaylon Doan and Cindy Beasley, all of Merkel. Their gowns of apricot, yellow and green dotted Swiss were empire design with scoop neck lines and butterfly sleeves. Flower girl was Misty Doan of San Angelo and ring bearer was

Sam Leamon of Abilene. The bride, given in margown of organza with Venise In celebration of this spelace heavily accenting the demure scoop neckline, short sleeves, and empire bodice. The Venise lace was repeated on the semiflow skirt and chapel train. Her hat of Venise lace held an English illusion veil with matching lace border.

ceremony was hosted by the bride's parents in thefellowship hall of the church.

Following a wedding trip to San Angelo, the couple will live at 1941 Estes in Abilene.

The bride is a graduate of Merkel High School where she was in the band and was a twirler. She was in the National Honor Society and was named to Who's Who.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Merkel High School at McMurry College where he is on the Dean's list. He is employed by Aileen's in Abi-

The rehearsal dinner was hosted by the bridegroom's parents at the Big Country Inn in Merkel.

Curtis Marks 14 Years In Merkel Church

June marks the 14th anniversary for John Curtis as pastor of the Assembly riage by her father, wore a of God Church in Merkel. cial event, Mr. and Mrs. Don Woods will be conducting services June 8 and June 15 both morning and evening. There will also be a male quartet from Abilene presenting music.

The public is cordially in-

vited to attend. A reception following the

The Light Touch

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One great obstacle to marriage these days is the increasing difficulty of supporting the government and a wife on the same income.

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TOMATO RELISH

- 3 pounds ripe tomatoes 3 medium onions, chopped
- 1 large green pepper, chopped 1 cup Karo light corn
- 1 tablespoon salt 2 cups cider vinegar 1 tablespoon mustard seed 11/2 teaspoons whole cloves

11/2 teaspoons celery seed 2 (3-inch) sticks cinnamon Dip tomatoes in boiling water just until skins are softened, about 1 minute. Remove skins and stem ends; coarsely chop. Place tomatoes, onion, green pepper, corn syrup, salt

and vinegar in 4-quart saucepan or kettle. Tie mustard seed, cloves, celery seed and cinnamon in cheese cloth; add to vegetable mixture. Bring to boil over medium heat; reduce heat and boil gently, stirring occasionally, about 2 hours or until mixture thickens. Remove spice bag. Leaving 1/4-inch head space, ladle into clean hot 1/2 pint jars with 2-piece metal caps. Seal following jar manufacturer's directions. Process in boiling water bath 10 minutes. Cool on wire rack or folded cloth. Label and store in cool dry place. Makes about 5 (1/2 pint) jars.

Cemetery Donations

The following have made donations to the Merkel Cemetery Association: Lena Hodge Fund

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Page 5 Chamber Hears Park Progress Report

The Merkel Chamber of Commerce met at 4 p.m. Monday, June 2, in the Boney. Insurance Building.

Progress of the Merkel City Park was discussed. The water system is in, the shelters are up, and the ground is plowed. Seeding of the grass was begun Wednesday and the park grounds should be showing signs of green in the very near future.

The Chamber of Commerce membership drive will be underway in the next few days and members should be calling on delinquent and non-members in the city shortly.

Plans are being made for the next meeting to be a breakfast meeting. Members will be contacted as to time and place.

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flects slumping demand,

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John White warned.

missioner Joe Christie.

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Western Pleasure (13-18) - 1. Patricia Boyd, 2. Shelli

Texas Taxe\$



By BOB BULLOCK, State Comptroller

Austin-When we talk state taxes.

international levels.

This is why President Ford's energy programs--and whatever the Congress does about them--will have a treasury.

effective June 1 he was putting a \$1 a barrel import the \$3 in February.

The net result of raising under the price control. the price of imported oil \$1 a barrel is to raise the price of oil produced in the United States also. The result of price increases is an increase in tax revenue because Texas' oil production tax is figured market price.

we saw when the first dollar's worth of import tax was put on in February, we estimate that the new increase will production taxes will produce in the next two years.

Congress will override the President's plan. Therefore, Texas can't bank on this money until Congress has its

about energy in Texas we are Congress to phase out price 2. Jay Boyd 19.1, 3. Jeff talking about oil. And when controls on what we call "old field 20.0, 5. Charles Hatwe talk about oil we are oil". This is just a name--and field 20.3. talking about big money in not a very good one-given to Barresl (19 and over) - 1. But despite oil's by each producer in 1972. (tie) 18.5, 2. Mary Beth Philimportance to Texas, the Today oil produced up to the future and the fortunes of 1972 level is under a federal 5. Barbara Whisen-hunt 19.1, 4. Obie Coker 19.3, future and the fortunes of 1972 level is under a federal 5. Deanna Pursley 20.4. our oil tax revenue depends price ceiling of \$5.25 a barrel. on the actions and situations Oil produced above the 1972 Dee Dee Masonheimer, Lisa at the national and level is considered "new oil" Dokey (tie) 12.5, 2. Vicki controls. It now sells for 5. Buddy Stout, Mike Dokey about \$11 a barrel.

Obviously, if the \$5.25 price ceiling is drastic effect on our state removed-altogether or by 4. Jay Boyd 11.9, 5. Suzanne phases -- the price will rise and Byrd 11.6. In the first place, the as it does the revenue from Flags (19 and over) - 1. President has announced that the 4.6 per cent tax will James Allday 10.8, 2. Mary

tax on all foreign oil coming into America. Congress gave him authority last year to increase of between \$175 1. Leslie Masonheimer 24.4, 2. Jan Melton 27.5, 3. Vicki tax on all foreign oil coming off the price lid would bring son 13.0. order such import taxes up to million and \$225 million Campbell 28.0, 4. Ann Mel-\$3 a barrel. He levied \$1 of because about 60 per cent of ton 29.5, 5. Lisa Dokey 32.3. the oil produced in Texas is Poles (13-18) - 1. Patrica

> several months before Suzanne Byrd 26.1. Congress finally acts on this Poles (19 and under)

from whatever federal action burn 25.5, 5. Mary Beth Philis taken comes too late for lips 26.0. at 4.6 per cent of the oil's use on this year's budget. By_ early next year the picture Based on price increases will be in focus and if we had annual budget sessions of the Legislature the money could

bring in an additional \$32.5 dollars we gain will just have million in tax money-above to build up in the treasury as budget session--a situation very similar to the past two But there is a chance years when we built up a billion dollar surplus from oil prices skyrocketing during the Arab embargo.

> Texas runs on oil--as far a the federal government lets it

Western Pleasure (19 and over) - 1. Barbara Whisenhunt, 2. Karlen Mashburn, 3. L. J. Gray, 4. Jarrett Pinckley, 5. Mike Welch (guest). Boot Race (5 and under)

- 1. Kyle Coker, 2. Dennise Pursley, 3. Justin Foster, Patricia Welch (guest), 5. Amber Whisenhunt. Boot Race (6-8) - 1. James

Allday, 2. Robby Williams, 3. Mike Dokey.
Barrels (12 and under)

1. Vicki Campbell 19.0, 2. Leslie Masonheimer 19.1, 3. Lisa Dokey 19.4, 4. Ann Melton 19.6, 5. Dayna Pursley

Barrels (13-18) - 1. Suzanne Byrd, Cindy Boone, The President also wants and Christy Boone (tie) 19.0,

the amounts of oil produced Jim Allday, Karlen Mashburn

Flags (12 and under) - 1. Campbell 12.9, 3. Ann Meland is not under price ton 13.0, 4. Jan Melton 13.4, (tie) 15.1.

Flags (13-18) - 1. Patricia Boyd 10.5, 2. Christy Boone 11.0, 3. Cindy Boone 11.2,

Beth Phillips 12.1, 3. Deanna Pursley 12.5, 4. Jarrett We estimate that taking Pinckley 12.8, 5. Don Simp-

Boyd 22.0, 2. Cindy Boone 23.0, 3. Jeff Toombs 24.1, But again, it may be 4. Christy Boone 24.4, 5.

and we know where we stand. 1. Barbara Whisenhunt 23.9, Whatever gains we get 2. Jim Allday 24.0, 3. Lyn Dokey 25.4, 4. Karlen Mash-

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MRS. JOHNNY SAM JONES .. formerly Miss Toland

Miss Toland, Jones Married In Taft

The marriage of Miss Mary Kathryn Toland to Johnny Sam Jones was solemnized Saturday evening, May 31, at the First United Methodist Church of Taft, The Reverend William D. Gunkel officiated at the double ring ceremony. Parents of the couple are

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton James Toland of Taft and Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Daniel Jones of Mrs. M. K. Brown was the organist. She accompanied Gordon Gathright of Harlin-

gen who sang "The Wedding Song", "The Lords Prayer", and "The Wedding Prayer." of the Chancel area. Inside the communion rail and in the choir area were white tapers in arched brass candelabra entwined with ivy and white pom mums. The altar flowers were white roses,

Killian daisys and pom mums. Candlelighters for the altar candles were Dale Briscoe

Griffin of Eldorado, nephews tiers of heavy white cotton of the bride. The bride was given in

marriage by her father. She wore an hierloom gown of candlelight delustered satin. It was fashioned with a fitted bodice, Sabrina neckline, long pointed fitted sleeves and a chapel train. Down the front of the skirt and around the neckline was a rose design worked in trapunto and accented with pearls. Her veil was a fingertip mantilla of rose point lace. She carried a cascade bouquet of white butterfly roses, gypsophelia

and English ivy. Kenneth Rothlisherger of Taft was the Matron of Honor. The bridesmaids were Mrs. Johnny Carver, sister of the bride, of Lubbock; Mrs. Rex Bland, sister of the groom, of Talpa; Mrs. Emery Birdwell of Palo Pinto: Miss Diane Floerke and Miss Brenda Ewald of Taft. The brides maids wore

lace and colored embroidery. They carried white daisy and gypsophelia nosegays with long yellow streamers. Melissa Briscoe of Seminole, niece of the bride, was the flower girl. Her long dress was of white tucked cotton, colored embroidery and heavy lace. She carried a white wicker basket filled with daisys and gypsophelia.

Clinton Griffin of Elderado, nephew of the bride, was the ring bearer. Rex Bland of Talpa, brother-in-law of the groom, was the best man. Serving as groomsmen were Heatly of Odessa, Jeff Hecht of Aspermont, "ex Barnhart of Abilene, Jack Birdwell of Palo Pinto, Jim Bob Bailey of Ozona, Ushers were Emery Birdwell of Palo Pinto, Richard Threadgill of Taft, and David Jones of

A reception was held at the home of the brides parents. White roses and calafiums were used throughout the house. A tiered wedding ake topped with white roses d garlanded with ivy and oses was on the brides table the dining room. The grooms table on the patio was centered with a hurriane chimney filled with daisys and grapes. Frosted

grapes decorated the grooms ake and coffee was served rom a brass samovar. Punch was served from a silver unch bowl on the patio. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Albin nd Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Toand, grandparents of the ride, were in the receiving ine at the reception along with the bride and groom and heir parents. Mrs. R. H. Briscoe of Seminole and Mrs. F. Griffin of Eldorado,

he guest register. The bride is a graduate of Taft High School and a Senior student in Merchandising at Texas Tech University. The Groom graduated from Trent High School and received his degree in Agricultural Business from

isters of the bride, were at

Texas Tech University. Members of the house party or the reception were Mrs. Tex Barnhart of Abilene, Mrs. Don Hodges of Smithrille, Miss Sharon Jones and Mrs. J. L. Jones of Bryan, Mrs. Jack Taylor of Corpus Christi, Mrs. T. H. Wilson of Fredericksburg. From Taft were Miss Missy Hardy, Miss Sally Sanders, Miss Nan Lavender, Miss Betty Threadgill, Mrs. Lee White, Mrs. R. B. Sanders, Mrs. R. Marsh, Mrs. Clarence Dorman, Mrs. A. F. Teasch, Mrs. L. H. Smith, Mrs. C. H. Mayo, Mrs. T. M. Reding, Mrs. F. L. Williams, Mrs. R. C. Dillon, Mrs. J. G. Callins, Mrs. H. E. Ewald, Mrs. R. E. Ayers, Mrs. Martin Hickman and Mrs. J. B.

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"We've Only Just Begun" Is Graduation Theme

The eighth grade class of address as high individual in Merkel Elementary School her class. The high boy in graduated Thursday evening, May 22 at 8 o'clock. The theme "We've Only Just Begun" marked the change from junior high to high school for the youngsters.

Gay Pfiester with an aver- wards were art, Carla Gard-

Miss Abilene Contest

Slated For September Girls from area schools surrounding Abilene learned firsthand about Miss Teenage Abilene competition last week when Margie Ballard, current Miss Teenage Abilene, spoke with them concerning the program, Miss Ballard, on this personal tour, answered questions about pageant activities and eligibility rules and spoke of her experiences

Teenage Abilene last fall. Accompanying Miss Teenage Abilene on her school visits was Belinda Harmon, pageant coordinator. According to Mrs. Harmon, due to last minute details of the

since her selection as Miss

Ladies Golf News

The Schedule of play for the adies Golf Association of the Merkel Country Club is as follows:

June 3- Roughin' it. Keep all shots out of fairways. June 10-Play Supper and Business Meeting. Hulley Gulley - Each team will be teamed with a blind team. June 17-High-Low, total on 2 blind holes

June 21-One Day Tourna-

June 24-High-Low Putts Be sure and get out to play and post your score to obtain a handicap for the tourna-

Remember next Tuesday evening is the regular supper and business meeting. Everyone is urged to be present to finalize the plans for the Ladies Golf Tournament on

Merkelite Is

Wayne Tipton, formerly of

Merkel and son of Mr. and

Mrs. Lee Tipton of Merkel,

who built a basketball coach-

ing career spanning more

than two decades will not be

coaching basketball any

Tipton, who completed his

fifth season as Dalhart's head

basketball coach this past

year, has resigned, and, at

his own request, has been

reassigned as a teacher in

the Dalhart Public School

Tipton began coaching bas-

ketball in 1950 and has been

a head coach for 21 years,

He has head-coached at Bris-

coe, Sunray, White Deer,

Gruver and Dalhart and has

compiled a won-loss record of 338-161 for a 67.7 winning

During the district champ-

ionship playoff game in Du-

Answers to

Crossword Puzzle

GIVE SWIMMERS STEPS ENAMELS

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Texas Panhandle

age of 95.36 gave the class ner and Cindy Boone; math,

school year many of the area

schools were unable to be

visited, "We went to as many of the schools as possible,"

Mrs. Harmon said, "and met

the 1975 eighth grade class

was superintendent of the

Merkel schools, Mr. Mack

Fisher. Those receiving a-

Presenting honor awards

was Grant Sandusky. .

and visited with as many of the girls as we could." The Miss Teenage Abilene program is sponsored by the Dr. Pepper Bottling Company of Abilene. Girls between the ages of 13 and 17 from the 25 counties of the Dr. Pepper distribution area are eligible to enter the competition. This area includes over 90

Contestants are judged not on beauty but on scholastic Billy Mashburn, Drew Mawachievement, poise, appear- son, Marsha Maxwell, Dede ance, individual accomplishment, and awareness. Entry forms for the Miss Teenage Abilene competition will be Reed, Carla Rister, Dianne available early in June throughout area counties. The pageant date is set for Sep- dusky, Richard Schultz, Carla tember 27 in the Abilene Civic Shelton, Mike Sims, Sheila Center.

Girls desiring additional South, Joe Speaks, Gwen information concerning the Miss Teenage Abilene program should write to: Miss Teenage Abilene, P. O. Box 2383, Abilene, Texas, 79604.

Senior Citizens Met Monday

The Merkel Senior Citizens met Monday for their monthly singing with over fifty members and visitors attending. Luncheon Day for the organization will be Tuesday,

June 10. Many activities for the summer are being planned and people of all ages are invited to come and help. For more information call Ira Walker or Ruth Cox.

mas in 1974, Tipton suffered

a heart attack, but he re-

turned to coaching this past

His teams have won the

state schoolboy tournament

twice out of four times to

the meet. He was named to

the Panhandle Sports Hall of

Health being a prime con-

sideration, Tipton says, "It's

just time that I did some-

thing different," and though

he had considered quitting

before this year, he had to

According to the Amarillo

Fame in 1966.

find out for sure.

Trent Revival June 15-22

Roger Reed; science, Lesa

Hart; English, Dianne Rob-

erts; history, Cindy Smith;

speech, Pam Crenshaw; and

High School, John Cain pre-

sented diplomas to the fol-

Maydean Joyce Bailey, Yo-

landa Bailey, Diana Bien,

Patsy Biera, Cindy Boone,

Craig Bowen, Jay Boyd, Mike

Brady, David Burfiend,

James Lee Castille, John

Darwin Constable, Patricia

Ann Cox, Theresa Cox, Pam

Crenshaw, David Clyburn,

Darryl Dawson, Sharon Dos-

ser, Lori DuBose, Roger Dye,

Charleen Fariello, Gina Far-

mer, Bill Fisher, Mary

Flores, Ann Floyd, Randy

Fry, Carla Gardner, Shelly

Gibson, Debbie Glasscock,

Louis Goodman, Lugenia

Guenther, Darryl Harris,

Lesa Hart, Johnny Hernan-

dez, Suzanne Hernandez,

Randy Holmes, Ricky Rob-

bert Howes, Craig Hutchings,

Also Johnny Jackson, Tho-

mas Kraatz, Betty Lindsey,

J. D. Lindsey, Kelly Magee,

Metts, Maury Moore, Gay

Pfiester, Eleno Quinonez,

Daniel Lee Reddin, Roger

Roberts, Theresa Roper,

Sloan, Cindy Smith, Janice

Taff, Tammy Thomas, Joe

Treadwell, Mike Tucker,

Phillip Turner, Janet Wade,

Russell E. Watts, David M.

Wharton, Steve Williams.

Kelley Wolf, and Debra

Danna Russell, Grant San-

Kathryn Irvin.

band, Janice South.

lowing students.

The Trent First Baptist Church will hold their revival June 15 through June 22. Week day services will be at 7:30 each night and at the regular times on Sunday Sunday school will be at 9:45 with services at 11 a.m. and

Van Gauthe, pastor of Central Baptist Church in Italy, Texas, will be the guest preacher and Jim Jones, minister of music at Belmont Baptist Church in Abilene will direct the music. Wayne Oglesby is pastor of the First Baptist Church in Trent. Everyone is in-vited to attend the revival.

Goodman HD News

The Goodman Home Demonstration Club met Friday May 23, at 3 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Garland Price. The Jones County extension agent Necy Wilburn gave the program on men's wear with a slide presentation, A series of workshops on sewing men's wear will be held during June. The business session was

Members present were Mrs. Carl Bonneaux, Dan Butler, Mrs. Frank Carter and Mrs. Garland Price.

CELLARS

Globe "Tipton is a Merkel It is hoped that all our native, but he's been a Panmembers will be well and able handle citizen for a long time, to attend the next meeting and now...probably even a which will be the second Friday of June.

SEPTIC SYSTEMS

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R. McGEE

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THE MERKEL MAIL Thursday, June 5, 1975

Miss Lollar, Watson To Wed

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Lollar announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Vicki, to James L. Watson of Sweetwater. Watson is the son of Mrs. Lloyd Watson and the late Mr. Watson of Sweet-

The bride elect is a 1975 graduate of Merkel High School. The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of Sweetwater High School and is employed with the Coca-Cola Bottling Company in Sweetwater.

A September 12 wedding is planned to take place in



VICKI LOLLAK

STATE CAPITAL Highlights ^~°Sidelights TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN-The 64th regular session of the Legislature wound down with a few bangs and several whimpers this week.

In five months of activity, it considered legislation touching almost every segment of the state's economic and social life.

Despite criticism, the session did turn out legislation of far-reaching importance. Even before final lastminute decisions on a \$12 billion record budget, school finance reform and utilities regulation, the session chalked up these accomplishments:

- Article-by-article constitutional revision, set for a statewide election Novem-- Approval of Health Maintenance Organizations,

a new form of fixed-fee health care coverage, and two medical malpractice insurance bills. - Provision for issuing certificates of need for hos-

pital facilities and reor-

ganization of the State

Board of Health. -Adoption of a permanent voter registration bill and a measure to authorize primary election finance.

- Passage of a ninecounties House of Representatives bill which will assure single-member districts for the counties.

- Establishment of a

1976 presidential preference primary.

-Agreement on a "rape victims' bill" to aid in prosecution of sex crimes.

Bonds Approved

A proposed constitutional amendment to raise the ceiling on state water development bonds from \$400 million to \$800 million will be voted on in November, 1976.

The resolution contains a prohibition on use of money to import Mississippi River water. A \$35 million limit is also ordered for individual projects which are not part of a statewide water plan.

A bill to authorize issuing all or part of the new bonds will be put off until the 1977 Legislature con-

Redistricting Passed

A bill providing singlemember House of Representatives districts for nine Texas counties survived a Senate filibuster and was sent to the governor.

It applies to Travis, Jefferson, McLennan, Tarrant, Lubbock, Nueces, Galveston, El Paso and Hidalgo counties.

All the counties except Galveston and Hidalgo were covered by a 1974 court order (later delayed) decreeing single-member districts.

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Miss Cook Plans July 4 Wedding

Merkel announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Mary Beth to Robert Ray Rabb, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Rabb of Haynesville, La.

The bride elect is a graduate of Merkel High School and the propsective bridegroom is a graduate of Haynesville High School and is presently employed by Power Constructor, Inc. The couple will reside in Palestine.

The ceremony is planned for July 4 at p.m. in the home of the bride's parents with the Rev. Russell Mc-Anally officiating.

The Veterans Administration employs five per cent of all physicians in the United States and is the world's largest employer for such professionals as nurses, clinical and counseling psychologists, dietitians, medical and psychiatric social workers and physical and occupational therapists.

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