



## Between you and me

By SARAH ECKOLS

In these days when everything seems a little on the unbalanced side anyway what with the economy in such a state, the energy shortage, the food shortage, overpopulation and the government spending billions of dollars on space travel and exploration and minding the business of other countries; I find nothing more arousing to my distaste and negative response than man's inhumanity to his fellow man. Burns wrote in "Man Was Made To Mourn"

"Nature's law,  
That man was made to mourn,  
Man's inhumanity to man  
Makes countless thousands mourn!"

In today's world I see the evidence of man's inhumanity to man in so many instances that I often wonder if indeed man is a creature of conscience and responsibility or if perhaps he has neither inborn in him.

The fact that Protestants and Catholics are killing one another in Ireland in the name of God and religion is a perfect example of man's inhumanity to his fellow being. There are examples of this and have been since time began in the Middle East, in the Orient, in the Far East, in Europe, and believe me right here at home. When was the last time you picked up your newspaper and read of rape, robbery, murder, child abuse?

Government is guilty of inhumanity to man and this editor feels a prime example of this was the public crucifixion of a man by an entire government and nation when former president Nixon was on the chopping block.

Other examples of man's inhumanity to his fellow man is seen daily even on a local basis in our own state and communities in racial, ethnic, religious and yes even sexual discrimination is seen on the streets of Austin, Abilene, Dallas, and yes even on the streets of Merkel, Texas.

Each of us can make countless others mourn if we practice lack of compassion, understanding and acceptance of our fellow man for being an individual with the same feelings and desires for equality as we ourselves have.

Search your conscience and be honest with yourself. If you have prejudices whether they be on religion, philosophy, racism, or sex then you indeed practice "Man's inhumanity to man."

Monday will be the first day of school in Merkel, let me once again remind you that there will be children on their way to and from school. I hope that each of us will do our part to see that the children walking to school will be safe in getting to their destination. You as drivers have a responsibility to the pedestrian, especially the children.

I must once again offer apology to Merkelites for not being able to take pictures. I thought that the camera was repaired, however it has since developed another problem which I hope to have corrected by the next issue of The Merkel Mail. Please bare with me during this editor's crisis of photography.

In case you noticed the flag at City Hall Tuesday morning in an upside down position, it was not a distress signal sent out by Mona Fay Bartlett, School Tax Assessor Collector at the stamped of property owners to her desk upon receipt of their new evaluations as one may imagine. It was instead an error on the part of Suzanne Hernandez in her haste to make sure the flag flew over City Hall, J. A. Sadler, city coordinator has assured me. Miss Hernandez is employed at City Hall under the federally funded Man Power Program.

## Merkel Schools To Offer Free Lunch Program

Merkel will participate in the free lunch program. They are a member of the Pre-Federal Beef Program.

There has been a guideline and explanation issued by the Texas Education Agency for those students who may qualify for free lunches.

Here is a brief summary of the guidelines.  
Children from families whose income is at or below a certain income are eligible for free meals. (The income scale is at the bottom of this story.)

If your income is greater than those shown but you have unusually high medical bills, shelter costs in excess of 30 percent of your income, special education expenses due to the mental or physical condition of a child, or disaster or casualty losses, your children may still be eligible.

To apply for free meals for your children, at anytime during the year, you need to complete the required application and return it to your school principal.

The applications will be passed out the first day of school at the Primary, Elementary and High Schools in Merkel and at the Tye Elementary. They should be turned back in immediately. The school will let you know whether or not your children are eligible within 10 days after receiving your application. If you do not agree with the school's decision you have a right to a fair hearing. This can be done by calling or writing Mack Fisher, Superintendent of the Merkel Public Schools, phone 928-5813.

In certain cases foster children are also eligible for benefits. If you have such children living with you and wish to apply for such meals for them, please notify us or indicate it on the application.

All children are treated the same regardless of ability to pay, in the operation of child feeding programs, no child will be discriminated against because of his race, sex, color, or national origin.

### FREE LUNCH ELIGIBILITY INCOME SCALE

(Minimum Guidelines Increased by 25%)

Family Size	Family Annual Income
1	\$0-3,230
2	0-4,240
3	0-5,250
4	0-6,260
5	0-7,190
6	0-8,110
7	0-8,950
8	0-9,790
9	0-10,550
10	0-11,310
11	0-12,060
12	0-12,810
Each Additional Family Member	\$750

## Tax Notices Distributed To Local Property Owners

A complete re-evaluation of all property in the district has been completed by the Merkel School Tax Office and notices were mailed Friday to every property owner.

According to Mona Faye Bartlett, school tax assessor - collector, the notices will show the full appraised value but not the taxes due. The full appraised value will be shown in an effort by the tax office to help each taxpayer understand how property has been appraised.

The Merkel School Board has not set the percent of assessment or the tax rate for 1975, and will not set them until budget hearings are completed. Until the budget is approved and the percent of assessment and tax rate are set, the tax office cannot estimate individual tax bills.

In the appraisal of agricultural land, the use and income capability, as well as other factors affecting value, were given consideration in setting the appraised value.

Property owners who believe that the appraised value of their property is greater than the amount they could realize on the market are entitled to discuss the matter with the appraisers or the Board of Equalization.

An appeal form is included with each notice. Those who wish to appeal should fill out the form completely and mail it to the tax assessor-collector before August 13. The tax office will confirm appointments with the appraisers or the Board. Appointments will not be made by phone.

The Equalization Board will meet in the Merkel High School on August 13, 19 and 20. Members of the Board are Bill Button, Tommy Cutler, and James R. Snowden.

The appraisal of the property in the school district was conducted by Professional Appraisal Company of Arlington, one of the largest appraisal firms in the state. The project required approximately ten months of work.

## Declares Dividend

Lone Star Gas Company's Board of Directors today declared a regular quarterly dividend of 40¢ (forty cents) per share of common stock payable September 2 to shareholders of record August 18, 1975.

## Four New TE Teachers Added To Tye Faculty

All students who attended Tye School or Merkel Kindergarten who will attend Tye School this year will not need to register for school this year.

Classes will begin Monday, August 18 at 8 a.m. All new students in the Tye School are asked to register in the principal's office any time Thursday or Friday, August 14 and 15.

Kindergarten students in the Tye School system this year will attend classes from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day for the full school year.

## Notice

The Board of Equalization will be in session at the Merkel City Hall on Monday, August 18th, 1975, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. for the purpose of equalizing all taxable property situated in the City of Merkel, Texas. Any persons having business with said Board, are hereby notified to be present.

## Notice

Due to meetings of the board of equalization at the Merkel High School, all high school students are to meet in the high school gym at 8:30 a.m. Monday, August 18. This announcement has been made by Merkel High School principal, Travis Davis.



70 POUND JACK-O-LANTERN-This 70 pound pumpkin was grown by Mrs. W. F. Smart of 1711 North Third in Merkel. Of the four seed Mrs. Smart planted, only two came up. From this vine only one pumpkin was produced. Seems like the vine concentrated all its efforts in one spot. Mrs. Smart is a very young 83 years old.

## Retired Military Policeman To Head Merkel Police Force

Paul L. Crouse has been named chief of the Merkel police force. The appointment is effective August 18 it was

announced by Mayor Allen this week.

Crouse is a graduate of Arkansas City High School in

## Tri-City MSA Strikes Again- Brings Home Honors

Tri-City mini-minor and minor All-Star teams participated in the East Texas State Tournament at Will Hair Park in Abilene this past weekend, August 8, 9 and 10.

The mini-minor team won second place in their division. They won their first game against Albany Saturday afternoon by 20-16. In the final Sunday afternoon against Breckenridge, the mini-minors lost 27-18. The girls in this division are 8, 9 and 10 year olds. Team members are: Tina Bicknell, Tonya Bicknell, Sissy Atkinson, Lori Shaw, Jill Douglas, Denise Pack from Merkel; Ida Griffith, Darla Ross and Debbie Williams, alternate from Trent; Lisa Morgan, Aislinn Donovan, Tonja Samford, Lori Morgan, alternate from Tye; Darla Beasley, Lisa Leuthauer, Mary Villareal and Renee Woodard from Hawley; Gerry Lewis, manager; Carolyn Leuthauer, coach; Mrs. Ronnie Woodard, coach; and Fonda Bicknell, chaperone.

The minor All-Stars composed of 11 and 12 year olds lost games to Abilene South, the tournament champion; and to Albany in the consolation game Saturday afternoon. These girls received the coveted "Good Sportsman" trophy at the awards presentation in Abilene Sunday afternoon. Minor All-Stars are: Vicki Wyatt, Nelda Hart from Tye; Judy Brenem, Sandra Griffith and Martha Nance from Trent; Becky Smith, Mona Tilly, Connie Murphy from Hawley; Kimberly Baruch, Nancy Clichek, Judy Glascock, Roberta Duran, Loyce Baker, Stacy Seymour, Kim Smith and Morlene Pack, alternate from Merkel; Beverly Wyatt, manager; Brenda Jackson, coach; Tonya Crenshaw, coach; Melba Seymour, coach; Gayle Baker, chaperone.

This was the first year for Tri-City League to be organized and participate in the state tournament. The communities involved should be very proud of these girls and their coaches.

## Council Tables Lone Star Rate Hike

The Merkel City Council voted to table the proposed rate increase for Lone Star Gas Company at their regular meeting Monday, August 11 in the council room of City Hall.

Bill Harris, Lone Star Gas representative, presented his proposed increase in gas rate which will increase the average Merkelite's gas bill \$1.29 each month.

The rate increase is asked for due to rising cost of operation and service, facility expansion and cost of gas purchased by Lone Star. Merkel was represented at the Texas Utility Advisory Council and has been fully represented at all council meetings and meetings of other boards connected with

utility rates since the energy crisis began.

No action was taken on the application for rate increase in order that the public might be informed and those wishing to know full details of costs of operating the Lone Star Gas Company and what the rate will mean to individuals may come by City Hall or talk to your mayor or councilmen concerning the proposal.

Further action will be taken at the August 25 City Council meeting to be held at 5:30 p.m. in the council room of City Hall. Harris emphasized that the small user such as the older citizens will fall under a small increase than the larger user which will be more fair than the past policy.

Arkansas City, Kansas. He is a graduate of the United States Air Force Military Police School and has training in traffic control; organization, duties and functions of units in Military Police Corps; leadership and management; investigation photography; investigative methods and preservation of evidence; intelligence fundamentals; and he attended the NCO Prep school; law enforcement and corrections training; law enforcement certification and fingerprint identification.

Crouse retired from the Air Force in June of 1973 after spending 20 years as a military policeman. He was born November 1, 1933 in Cowley County, Kansas.

Mrs. Crouse is the former Loyce J. Merritt, Mr. and Mrs. Crouse have five children, William, 18; Paula, 17; Cathryn, 15; Michael, 14; and Forrest, 10.

Crouse is currently Chief of the Roscoe police force. He will be moving his family to Merkel as soon as adequate housing can be found.

## MSA To Host Street Carnival, Square Dance

The Tri-City MSA will hold a street carnival August 23 beginning at 7 in Merkel. There will be cake walks, dart games, dunking booth, country store, fish booth and bingo.

A street square dance will begin at 8 p.m. with a guest caller from Abilene. Fee for the square dance will be \$2.50 per couple.

The Tri-City MSA would like to thank the local merchants for their support during fund raising campaigns and for their sponsorship of teams for MSA. Without their support the program would not have been possible.

A special thanks to Ray Pack and the Halfbreeds for their benefit which raised several hundred dollars for the group.

## Teachers To Be Welcomed At Reception

A reception welcoming home resident faculty members will be hosted at the Merkel High School cafeteria Tuesday evening, August 19 at 7:30 p.m.

The reception is being hosted by the Merkel Chamber of Commerce and the public is cordially invited to attend.

## Merkel Schools To Begin Classes August 18

The 1975-76 school year will begin on August 18 for the Merkel, Tye, and Noodle students. School buses will make their regular runs on that date. A general faculty meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 13, at the Merkel Restaurant, at 8 o'clock a.m. Following the general meeting, principals will begin a series of in-service workshops in their respective buildings. The time for these meetings will be announced by the principals at the Wednesday morning meeting.

Mack Fisher, superintendent of the Merkel schools, stated that an increase in enrollment is expected for the new school term. "We are looking forward to a real successful school term," Fisher stated. "We have been fortunate in securing a good staff of teachers who are fully qualified to work with the youth in our schools."

Price of lunches has been set at 55 cents for students and 85 cents for adults. Meal tickets for students will sell for \$11 for 20 meals.

Buses will make their regular runs on Monday, August 18, and will arrive at school at 8:25.

The 1975-76 faculty includes:

Administration-- Mack Fisher, superintendent of schools;

Travis Davis, principal of the high school;

Administrative, Accounting, and Tax Departments-- Mrs. Ida Mae Strickland, executive secretary and business manager;

Bobby Rodgers, Accountant;

Mrs. Blanche Hewitt, Secretary;

Mrs. Fonda Bicknell, Secretary;

Mrs. Terri Martin, Secretary;

Mrs. Mona Bartlett, Tax assessor.

Cafeteria Personnel-- Mrs. Elizabeth Wilson, manager;

Mrs. Bernice Bagby;

Mrs. Leona McWilliams;

Mrs. Elvera Biers;

Mrs. Lillian Walters;

Mrs. Wilma Robinson;

Mrs. Hazel Gooding;  
Mrs. Joe Chance.  
Bus Drivers--  
Leon Harris, Mechanic bus driver;  
W. J. Tate;  
A. J. Walls;  
A. D. Agnew;  
Price Melton;  
Leonard Payne;  
Finley Barnett;  
Ben Womack;  
Richard Hill-Monte Land;  
Joe Chance.

Maintenance Department--  
O. C. Coker, Supervisor;  
Roy Swinney;  
Oliver Rister;  
James Donnelly;  
Donald Horton;  
Joe Chance.

Title I Program--  
Mrs. Joan Reed,  
Mrs. Brenda Dickey,  
Mrs. Anita Cain,  
Mrs. Cathy Albus.

School Board--  
Bobby DuBose, President;  
Charles Jacobs, Vice President;

Bobby Toliver, Secretary;  
Don Hart;  
Jerry Gibson;  
Jack Moore;  
Joe Henry.

John Cain, principal of the primary and the junior high school;

Gene Stuckey, principal of the Tye Elementary School, High school faculty--  
Miss Sherilyn Maynard, Counselor;

Mrs. Ruth Windsor, Librarian;

Miss Kathy Harkey, Speech, Drama, English;

Miss Pat Dudley, English;

Miss Pat Fenick, Girl's Coach, English;

Mr. Richard Hill, Social Studies;

Mr. Don Holloway, Social Studies;

Mr. David Sumners, Coach, Social Studies;

Miss Myra Bennett, English, Health;

Mr. Monte Land, Biology, Coach, Math;

Mrs. Gayle Baker, Business;

Mrs. Candy Martin, Home-making;

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## Family Film To Be Shown At Tye Church

TIME TO RUN, a film that is a mixture of problems and solutions, will be shown at Tye Baptist Church at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday, August 17. The feature, filmed in Eastmancolor by World Wide Pictures, will be shown once during Sunday School.

Filmed on location in the Southern California area, TIME TO RUN stars Ed Nelson, Randall Carver, Barbara Sigel, Joan Winnill and Gordon Rigby. Nelson plays Warren Cole, a hard driving success-oriented industrial and scientific engineer who, because of over-involvement with his work, has failed to communicate with his wife Fran, played by Joan Winnill, or their son Jeff, played by screen newcomer Randall Carver.

## Billy D. Doan Installed As Lodge Master

Billy D. Doan was installed as Master of the Merkel Lodge July 24 during ceremonies held at the lodge building. J. A. Sadler was installing officer.

Other officers installed were Wiley Noax, senior warden; Ted Pargament, Jr., warden; Charles Eager, treasurer; Roy Mashburn, secretary; William R. Cypert, chaplain; J. R. Mashburn, Sr., deacon; Bob Rogers, Jr., deacon; O. Payne, Sr., steward; Allen R. Morgan, Jr., steward; and A. B. Parham, tyler.

TIME TO RUN allows the viewer to become involved on any one or more of the three different levels. Viewed purely as entertainment, it's the suspenseful story of Jeff's attempts at sabotage in the nuclear generating plant conceived, designed and managed by his father. Jeff strongly feels that the plant is a threat to the environment, and he puts his feelings in action.

Viewed on an emotional level, TIME TO RUN is the deeply moving drama of the conflicts that are tearing a family apart--conflicts that develop between husband and wife, and between father and son. In an attempt to find freedom from the ever-growing hostilities, Jeff takes to the road, hoping to discover some meaning in his confused life.

Approached from a religious perspective, TIME TO RUN is also a story of friction between Jeff and his girlfriend, Michelle, played by Barbara Sigel, who is a familiar face to television viewers. Michelle has discovered a spiritual dimension in her life, and this aspect is very confusing to Jeff, who has little time for "a God who would allow war, hatred, and suffering on earth." But his life is shattered by an avalanche of personal problems, and he finds himself at a Jesus people gathering with Michelle, where he glimpses the possibility of a new life-style based on love and understanding.

TIME TO RUN is a film that can help strengthen love relationships between people. It's a film that was made for families to attend--together.

# Lone Star Establishes Utility Division

Lone Star Gas Company's President and Chief Executive Officer, W. C. McCord, announced the separation of its utility and nonutility business through the establishment of a new division, Lone Star Gas Company Utility Division, and the planned formation of a wholly owned subsidiary corporation to hold existing Pool Company and Lone Star Producing Company and their subsidiaries.

Lone Star Gas Company Utility Division will conduct the corporation's natural gas utility operations. The corporation's chemical and thermal energy operations will be conducted by Nipak, Inc., an existing wholly owned subsidiary of the parent corporation. "The action was taken," Mr. McCord explained, "to establish a clear distinction between these operations and the company's utility operations." Louis B. Hulcy was elected President of Lone Star Gas Company Utility Division.

The new corporation that will take over the well serving, exploration and production companies will be under the direction of Richard B. Williams, who will be elected President of that subsidiary.

Nipak will be under the direction of Neal H. Parrott, as Executive Vice President of that subsidiary. Each of the three major operating entities will be staffed with a full complement of operating and staff officers and employees for separate conduct of their business.

Senior officers of the parent corporation are R. E. Pitts, Chairman, Chief Policy Officer; W. C. McCord, President, Chief Executive Officer; S. R. Singer, Senior Vice

President, Finance and Corporate Development, Chief Financial Officer; W. T. Satterwhite, Senior Vice President and General Counsel; Chief Legal Officer; and Glynn M. Covington, Senior Vice President, Administration.

## Renewal Services To Be Held In Trent Church

Trent United Methodist will hold services of renewal August 21 thru August 24.

Prayer and share groups will meet each evening at 7 and services of renewal begin at 8 p.m.

Bobby Dale Whitlock is minister of Trent United Methodist Church and will be conducting the services. Joy Dean McElmurry will be music director.

## Merkel Visitors

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Sadler have been hosting their children Mr. and Mrs. Mike Sadler of Lubbock and Sgt. Pat Sadler of Dover Air Force Base, Delaware.

Mike and Sharon Sadler are announcing the birth of a son, Barni Aldric, born July 13 in Lubbock. The baby weighed 9 pounds and 3 ounces. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Byrne of Colorado City.

Sgt. Sadler has returned to Dover where he is currently stationed with the U. S. Air Force.

**FARM**  
A parcel of land ripe for subdivision.

## Doan Family Reunion

The Doan reunion was held Sunday August 10th, at the West Texas Utilities building at Lytle Lake.

Relatives and friends were kept busy playing cards, dominoes, and just visiting.

A covered dish lunch was served.

Those attending were: Fay Doan, Merkel, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Mayfield, Abilene, Texas; Myrtle and Roy Doan, Vista, California; Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Doan, Merkel, Texas; Docia Melton, Merkel, Texas; Neva and Don Doan, Pecos, Texas; Opal Sandusky, Merkel, Texas; Betty, Sammy, and Shelle Doan, Merkel, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Gaylon Doan, Spur, Texas; Jodie Jinkens, Merkel, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Gary Doan and Boys, Midland, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Doan, Merkel, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hewitt and Suzie, Merkel, Texas; Ann, Ronny, and Kyle Doan, Merkel, Texas; Glenna (Doan), Glenn, Richard, and Rusty Bryan, San Angelo, Texas; Joy Moore, Levelland, Texas; Edward Farmer and Brenda, San Antonio, Texas; Herman Doan, Merkel, Texas; Phyllis, Travis, and Dusty Farmer, Abilene, Texas; Ann, Carolyn, and Jay Horton, Wichita Falls, Texas; Jimmy Doan, Snyder, Texas; Jim Farmer and Brenda, San Antonio, Texas; Ann and Bud Derington, Merkel, Texas; Fred Farmer, Dallas, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Farmer, Abilene, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Whit Farmer, Ira, Texas;

## Miss Reed Receives Awards

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Miss Reed received a red stripe for her cap and a pin with one bar. Gayle was also fortunate enough to attend the candy stripper's convention held in San Antonio July 23 and 24 where over 1,000 candy strippers from all over the state attended.

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## Lambda Beta News

The weekend of August 2, 1975 the Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi camped-out at the Abilene State Park.

Swimming, horseshoe playing, bike riding, good eating, and a real fellowship in the great outdoors was enjoyed by parents and children of the Lambda Beta Chapter.

Campers were: Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hohertz and family, Glenda Teaff and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Yadlow and family, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Lucas and family, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Moore and family, Mr. and Mrs. Craig Jones and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Welch and family.

Best man was Richard Eason, Austin, George McDowell Collins III, Allan Campbell and Richard Hall were groomsmen and the bride's nephews, Teddy Lewis, Shawn Shaw, and Charles Mark Shaw, ushered.

A reception followed. The couple will live here after a honeymoon trip to Colorado and California.

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## Social Security Celebrates 40th Birthday

Social Security is 40 years old this August, and "the program has matured with our growing and changing Nation," according to Hammons, Social Security District Manager in Abilene.

The Social Security Act became a law on August 14, 1935. President Franklin D. Roosevelt called it "a law which will give some measure of protection to the average citizen and to his family against...poverty-stricken old age."

In the beginning, social security benefits were for retired workers only. "Over the years," Hammons said, "the law has been amended so that now monthly benefits are paid to eligible retired and disabled workers and their families and to dependents of deceased workers who worked long enough in jobs covered by social security."

Originally, social security covered jobs in commerce and industry only, and about 26 million workers had the protection. "Today," Hammons said, "more than nine out of 10 jobs are covered, and about 100 million workers--and their families--have social security protection."

Survivors benefits for dependents of deceased workers were provided by a 1939 amendment to the law. Disability insurance was added in 1954 to give workers protection against loss of earnings due to disability.

Social Security benefits are based on work and earnings. "The first benefits were paid in 1940 to about 222,000 people," Hammons said. "The average monthly payment was about \$22 to a retired worker and \$47 to a widowed mother with two children in her care."

Today social security pays benefits to about 31 million people. In Taylor County, \$2,216,000 in benefits are paid monthly to 14,635 people. When you include the 15 counties served by the Abilene D/O and Brownwood B/O the number is 50,590 and the monthly total is 7,319,000.

Social Security benefits are funded by contributions from workers, employers, and self-employed people. Employees and employers each contribute 5.85 percent of the first \$14,100 of yearly

earnings from work covered by social security. Self-employed people contribute 7.9 percent.

## Notice

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Equalization of the Merkel Independent School District will be in session at the Merkel High School, City of Merkel, Taylor County, Texas, beginning at 9 a.m. on the 18th day of August, 1975, for the purpose of equalizing the value of any and all taxable property for the year 1975, and any and all persons interested or having business with said Board are here notified to be present.

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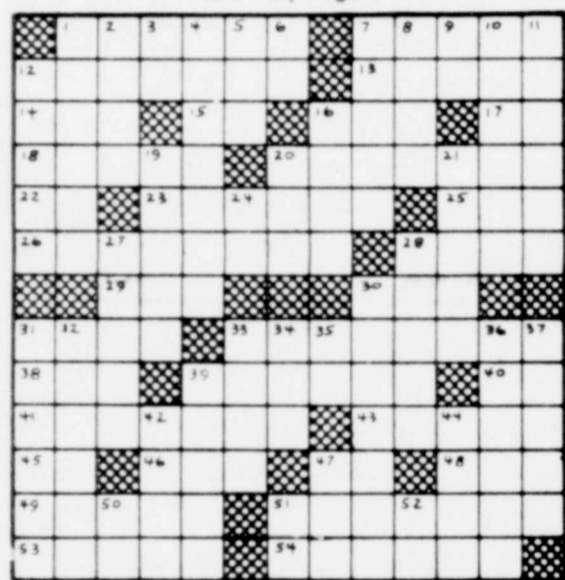
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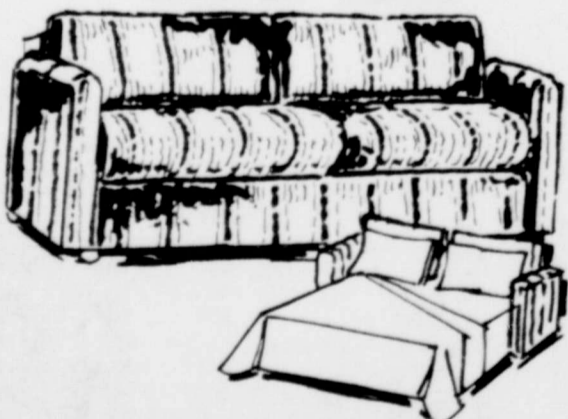
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### ACROSS

- 1. Classed
- 7. Composure
- 12. Food store
- 13. Relations
- 14. Be ill
- 15. Chinese river
- 16. Vehicle
- 17. Particle
- 18. Entreaties
- 20. Error
- 22. Building wing
- 23. Far away
- 25. Irish sea god
- 26. Delineate
- 28. Seed vessels
- 29. Feline
- 30. Metallic rock
- 31. Falsehoods
- 33. Guerrilla
- 38. Girl's name
- 39. House of Congress
- 40. Chinese measure
- 41. Trod
- 43. Speak pompously
- 45. Compass point
- 46. Rim
- 47. Exist
- 48. Hindu goddess
- 49. Internal
- 51. Unconscious
- 53. Musical composition
- 54. Panes
- DOWN**
- 1. Openwork barrier
- 2. Actor's part
- 3. Current: elect.
- 4. Final course
- 5. Silkworm
- 6. Prefix: two
- 7. Hesitation
- 9. AT
- 10. Wagered
- 11. Chemical compounds
- 12. Stared
- 16. Insect sting
- 19. Son of Zeus
- 20. Rabble
- 21. Bitter drugs
- 24. Musical note
- 27. View
- 28. Searcher
- 30. Turk
- 31. Little girl
- 32. Purpose
- 33. Cheep
- 34. Also
- 35. Sun god
- 36. Ritual platforms
- 37. Brother's daughter
- 39. Steeple
- 42. Appealed
- 44. Of grandparents
- 47. Collection
- 50. Greek letter
- 51. To the top
- 52. Us

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Association of Retired Persons, or National Retired Teachers Association; However payment of membership dues may be paid at the time of enrollment. The enrollment will be followed by sessions one and two of the course, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., and for the remainder of the week

at the same time through Friday, August 22. Enrollment will be limited to 35 and may be paid in advance.

Clarence Hunnicutt will serve as course coordinator, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. William M. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. R. Milton Hix, Mr. Richard Hodges, and Mr. R. R. Tuley. All have been trained by the National Safety Council and approved as certified defensive driver instructors. All volunteer their time and services in the interest and promotion of traffic safety on city streets, highways, and interstate systems.

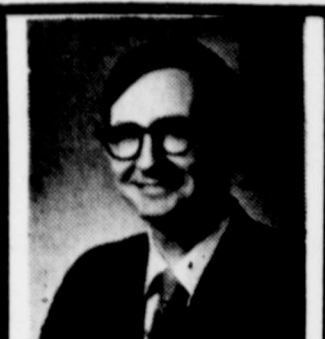
Given as a public service, such courses are sponsored by the Abilene, Texas, chapter, American Association of Retired Persons, and by the National Retired Teachers Association. Both are non-profit, tax exempt organizations, in cooperation with the Texas Department of Public Safety, and by the National Safety Council.

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Louis Colden Kenner, were issued on July 24, 1975 in Cause No. 12,089, pending in the County Court of Taylor County, Texas, to: Mamie Popejoy Kenner. The residence of such Executor is Abilene, Taylor County, Texas. The post office address is: c/o Sam Moore P. O. Box 769 Abilene, Texas 79604 All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 5th. day of August, 1975.

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## Comper Cemetery Assn. To Meet Aug. 16

The Comper Cemetery Association will meet for business and working the Cemetery, Saturday August 16th.

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## Miss Noster Honored At Bridal Shower

Roseann Noster, bride-elect of Skipper Youngblood, was honored with a bridal gift party Thursday in the home of Mrs. Larry Gill, 1408 Sunset.

The party was given by twenty-seven hostesses.

Table was covered with white and lavender gingham checks and centered with yellow and white daisies.

Special guests were Mrs. Manfred Noster, the bride-elect's mother, Mrs. Danny Wade, sister and Mrs. Emerson Derington, her grandmother.

Miss Noster, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Manfred Noster and Youngblood, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Youngblood will be married August 30 in Merkel Church of Christ.

## Utley Descendants Held Reunion

The descendants of the late Luther and Nannie Utley of Trent met for their annual family reunion on August 9th, and 10th, at the Nolan County Coliseum in Sweetwater with approximately 75 persons attending. The eight children of Mr. and Mrs. Utley still living were all present. They are:

Chester Kiser, Billy (Utley) Robinson, Bertha (Utley) Anderson, Ina (Nichols) Brazelton, Clayton Nichols, Mattie (Utley) Blankenship, Jack Utley and Virgil Utley.

Music and singing was furnished by Othel Barnhill, Mitch Browning, H. A. Gossett and Leonard Hopper.

Those attending were:

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Utley and Alan, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Utley and Any from Midland;

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Kiser, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Roberts from Coahoma;

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Kiser, Kriste and Kevin from Odessa;

Mattie Blankenship, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Blankenship, Danny, Randy, and Rena from Anson;

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Robinson from Hamlin;

also, Mr. and Mrs. Benny Utley, Jackie, Ben Jr., and Cathy, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Utley and Mrs. Wesley Utley from Sweetwater;

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Utley, Latrina, Sheila, and Wendel from Mineola;

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Utley from Gainseville;

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Ni-

chols and Donnie Nichols from Big Springs;

Mrs. Lula Bates from Andrews;

draws;

Mrs. Wilma Asbery and Robby from Lynwood, Washington;

also, Mrs. Grace Kiser and Eddie, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Brazelton, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Brazelton, Mr. and Mrs. Mith Browning, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Browning, and Sharla, H. A. Gossett all from Sweetwater;

and, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Hopper and three children from Abilene;

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Allyn, Mr. and Mrs. Odel Freeman, Mr. and Mrs. Othel Barnhill, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Brazelton, Billy, Willie and Teresa, and Mrs. Jeff Anderson all from Trent.

## Miss Bowen To Wed

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Bowen announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Melinda Ann, to Donald Wayne Dye, son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Dye.

The ceremony is planned for August 23 at 6:30 p.m. and is to be held on the back lawn of the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Bowen, grandparents of the bride-elect.

## Sweetwater Executive Receives State Post.

Ed Aiken Jr., president of Sweetwater Savings Association, was named second vice president of the Texas Savings and Loan League at a recent annual meeting. Jack Hightower of Waxahachie was named president and Jack Starnes of El Paso was named first vice president of TS&L, a 290 member organization with combined assets of over 14 billion dollars.

Aiken has been president of Sweetwater Savings Association since 1961. Under his direction, Sweetwater Savings has become the largest and fastest growing financial institution in Nolan County. Now with four offices located in Sweetwater, Hamlin, Roscoe and Rotan, Sweetwater Savings currently has assets in excess of 33 million dollars which includes \$28,400,000 million dollars in deposits.

A Sweetwater native, Aiken is a graduate of Texas Tech. He is a former mayor of



ED AIKEN JR.

Sweetwater, past member of the City Commission, a member of the original Executive Committee of West Central Texas Council of Governments and was named Sweetwater's Outstanding Young Man in 1969.

## Merkel Riding Club News

The results of the Merkel Riding Club's last meeting are as follows:

Western Pleasure (12 and under) 1. Dee Dee Masonheimer, 2. Sherri Williams, 3. Vickie Campbell, 4. Leslie Masonheimer, 5. Ann Melton.

Western Pleasure (13-18) 1. Charles Hatfield, 2. Shellie Stout, 3. Jessie Sparks, 4. Terry Gramburger, 5. Jeff Toombs.

Western Pleasure (19 and over) 1. Karlen Mashburn, 2. L. J. Gray, 3. Benny Melton, 4. Felix Boyd.

Barrels (12 and under) 1. Leslie Masonheimer, 20.53; 2. Vickie Campbell, 21.10; 3. Norma Frazier, 22.64; 4. Sherri Williams, 22.65; 5. E. T. Sparks, 22.78.

Barrels (13-18) 1. Jimmy Davis, 20.53; 2. Charles Hatfield, 21.46; 3. Jeff Toombs, 21.49; 4. Shellie Stout, 22.09; 5. Sherry Frazier, 22.10.

Barrels (19 and over) 1. Karlen Mashburn, 19.20; 2. Jarrett Pinkley, 20.34; 3. Benny Melton, 20.40; 4. Jim Allday, 20.60; 5. Anita Frazier, 21.69.

Flags (12 and under) 1. Dee Dee Masonheimer, 10.75; 2. (Tie) Norma Frazier and Ann Melton, 11.21; 3. Leslie Masonheimer, 11.22; 4. Jan Melton, 11.57; 5. Vickie Campbell, 11.76.

Flags (13-18) 1. Patrick Boyd, 10.35; 2. Jimmy Davis, 10.67; 3. Sherry Frazier, 11.21; 4. Jeff Toombs, 11.30; 5. Charles Hatfield, 11.90.

Flags (19 and over) 1. Karlen Mashburn, 10.30; 2. Jim Allday, 10.31; 3. Benny Melton, 10.68; 4. Trudy Smith, 12.46; 5. Jerry Byrd, 15.5.

Poles (12 and under) 1. Leslie Masonheimer, 24.37; 2. Jan Melton, 24.88; 3. Ann Melton, 24.90; 4. Norma Frazier, 27.20; 5. Dee Dee Masonheimer, 27.25.

Poles (13-18) 1. Jeff Toombs, 24.42; 2. Jimmy Davis, 26.51; 3. Jessie Sparks, 28.28; 4. Shellie Stout, 28.61; 5. Charles Hatfield, 30.09.

Poles (19 and over) 1. Jim Allday, 26.33; 2. Benny Melton, 27.00; 3. Trudy Smith, 29.35; 4. Karlen Mashburn, 30.90; 5. Barbara Whisenhunt, 42.00.

Boot Race (5 and under) 1. Kyle Coker, 2. Tiffany Allday, 3. Mike Boyd, 4. Trai Boyd.

Boot Race (6-8) 1. James Allday, 2. Kevin Coker, 3. Mike Dokey, 4. Robby Williams.

Ribbon Roping - 1. David Cockeran-Leslie Masonheimer, 2. Felix Boyd-Mike Dokey, 3. Benny Melton-Jan Melton.

Tie Down-1. David Cockeran, 2. Don Simpson, 3. Lyn Dokey.

Steer Roping-1. David Cockeran-Felix Boyd, 34.60; 2. David Cockeran-Benny Melton, 31.11 plus 5.

The clubs' next business meeting will be an ice cream supper Thursday August 14 at 7:30 in the Taylor Electric Building. All members are urged to attend.

## Riggan Reunion Held August 9-10

The Riggan reunion held Saturday and Sunday August 9 and 10 at Abilene State Park was attended by all the seven children that are living now.

They were:

Mr. and Mrs. Gold Riggan, Lamesa, Texas;

Mr. Grant Riggan, Big Spring, Texas;

Mr. Nathan Riggan, Stanton, Texas;

Mr. Loyd Riggan, Big Spring, Texas;

Mrs. Mary Harris, Houston, Texas;

Mrs. Jessie Conley, Houston, Texas;

Mrs. Leona Conley, Merkel, Texas;

Mrs. Lena V. Harrison, Tempe, Arizona;

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Riggan, Clovia, Jerry, Christy and Nat of Lamesa, Texas;

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Riggan, Leu, Linda, Larry of Midland, Texas;

Mr. and Mrs. Berdon Conley, Houston, Texas;

Audrey Smith, Houston, Texas;

Mr. and Mrs. Dewayne Conley, Houston, Texas;

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Spivey, Karrie, and Wendy of Houston, Texas;

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Bankhead and Jason, Burkburnett, Texas;

Mr. and Mrs. Al Leveritt and Mari Sue of Houston, Texas;

Richard H. Richards, son of Mrs. Marie Richards in Conroe, was presented the American Educators Medal and the American Credo Plaque by the Freedom Foundation 25th. Annual National Awards.

The awards were in recognition of his making a notable patriotic contribution to youth in the highest tradition of our free nation and for a book he compiled on patriotism.

Richard, principal of the Flour Bluff Intermediate School in Flour Bluff, is the brother of Mrs. Maxine Jule of Conroe and Mrs. Sharon Hubbard of Houston.

Richard is the son of the late Robert Henry Richards and nephew of Dr. R. C. Richards both formerly of the Merkel area. He is the grandson of the late Henry F. Richards, an early settler of the Kale community.

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Danny Riggan, Merkel, Texas;

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Riggan, Roby, Texas;

Audy Bird, Merkel, Texas;

Paula Beuley, Sweetwater, Texas;

Mrs. Bonnie Kelly, Abilene, Texas;

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Kelly and Lori, Andy of Abilene, Texas;

Mrs. Bink Smith and granddaughter, Merkel, Texas.

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Mr. Phillip Pursley, M. O. C.

Mr. Chester Collinsworth, Vocational Agriculture;

Mr. Alf Walla, Shop;

Mr. Bob Eastus, Special Education;

Mrs. Ann Booth, Assistant Librarian,

Primary and junior high--Mrs. Sharon Alves, Kindergarten;

Mrs. Ann Booth, Assistant Librarian,

Primary and junior high--Mrs. Sharon Alves, Kindergarten;

Mrs. Lillie Braune, 3rd, Grade;

Mrs. Anita Cain, Teacher's Aide;

Mrs. Pam Carson, 5th, Grade;

Mrs. Betty Coker, Teacher's Aide;

Mrs. Naomi Holloway, 1st, Grade;

Mrs. Jacque Howell, Speech Therapist;

Mrs. Cathy Malone, 4th, Grade;

Mrs. Sara Peel, 1st, Grade;

Mrs. Jeanette Pursley, 5th, Grade;

Mrs. Barbara Sandusky, 2nd, Grade;

Mrs. Jane Wade, 2nd, Grade;

Mrs. Darlene Watson, Plan A;

Mrs. Judy Wilson, 3rd, Grade;

Mrs. Cathy Albus, Rem. Read, 6,7 and 8;

Mr. Earl Bratcher, 6th, Soc. St. and Math;

Mrs. Milly Bright, Plan A;

Mrs. Judy Butler, 7 and 8 English;

Mr. John Cain, Principal;

Mr. Robert Crawford, 7

hist., P. E. Coach;

Mr. Ken Elliott, 7 and 8 Math, Sc.;

Mrs. JoAnn Gardner, Teacher's Aide;

Mrs. Mitzi Hart, 6 Sc. Read, P. E.;

Mrs. Robbie Hicks, 7 and 8 Math, Ath.;

Mr. George Martin, 8 Soc. St. Coach;

Mrs. Terri Martin, Secretary;

Miss Anita Paymer, 7 and 8 Science;

Mrs. Joan Reed, Teacher's Aide;

Mrs. Katherine Stuckey, 6 Eng. Music, AR.;

Mrs. Judy Dudley, Librarian;

Mr. Oliver Rister, Jr. High Custodian;

Mr. Pete Swinney, Primary Custodian.

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Mrs. Paula Dean

Mrs. Billie Evans

Mrs. Birdie Paige

Mrs. Judy Coco

Mrs. Norman Winter

Mrs. Samlue Key

Mrs. Teresa Treadway

Special Education--

Leon Walker, Director;

Mrs. Jane Murrell, Educational - diagnostician;

Mrs. Darlene Watson, Resource teacher;

Bob Eastus, Resource;

Mrs. Billie Bright, Resource;

Mrs. Phyllis Van Winkle, Resource;

Mrs. Jack Howell, Speech therapist;

Mrs. Betty Coker, Aide;

Mrs. JoAnn Gardner, Aide;

Mrs. Phyllis Millikin, Aide.

## Jones Horse Show Slated August 16

An open horse show will be held in conjunction with the Jones County Fair on Saturday August 16, starting at 9:00 a.m. in Anson, Texas. A complete line of halter and performance classes will be held in both the open and youth shows. Two age groups in the youth show are 12 and under and 13 to 18. Trophies will be awarded through 5th, place in every class. High point trophies will be awarded in each age group and the

open show. Performance classes will include western pleasure, reining, barrel race, pole bending, and flag race in the youth show only. All money will be jackpoted in the open performance classes with a \$2.00 office charge. All horses must show at halter to be eligible for the high point trophies.

Advance entries may be sent to John Deatherage, Rt. 1, Box 62, Anson, Texas 79501.

## Breakfast Hosted For Sunday School Class

Mrs. Earl Baze and Mrs. Albert Criswell hosted a breakfast for the T. E. L. Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church. They have served as president and vice president of the class for the past year. They gave the breakfast in appreciation and love for the class.

They have done a wonderful job in leading the class. We appreciate and love them

also.

Those present were: Lucy Ford, Ruby Jinkens, Callie Newsom, Laura Orr, Mrs. Maxwell, Goldia Malone, Tulla Cox, Essie Warren, Minnie Carey, Fannie Keith, Annie Walker, Ora Griggs, Jewel Dunagin, Parlee Gibson, the teacher, Blanche Teaff; and secretary, Bessie Clack.

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