Taylor County's Only Legal 15ċ Weekly Newspaper PUBLISHED WEEKLY THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 1976 VOL.87 NO. 2 **Between** You **Open House To**



Well, in case you haven't noticed, it still hasn't rained. But it is just like summer time. Today I heard that a few mesquite trees (foreigners tell me that they are bushes not trees) have sprouted leaves. Now my dad always told us that that was a sure sign that the winter was over.

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Women are coming a long way in Merkel these days. got a few funny looks when I came over as editor both from the fact that I am under 40 and unmarried and the fact that I am a woman, but now Merkel has a lady judge and two lady elders in the local Presbyterian Church. Though, not a hard core women's libber, I like to see women with intelligence and enough self motivation to be in the public working in their community, church and in any capacity that is beneficial to their fellow citizens.

As is evident from the fact that I am again before this typewriter, I survived the "stuff." I do know several who are down with it, catching it or just getting over it, however. All I can say, is that with perseverance it can be licked. It is suffering with the bad temperment that is roughest.

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John Cain asked me to remind you that there will be open house at Merkel Elementary School Thursday, March 4 at 7:30 p.m. All friends and parents are urged to attend this annual event.

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Lately there has been so much talk of politics what with the primaries, the liquor election, the city election, the county elections and elections coming out of our ears. Some asked me why I did not editorialize about the liquor election in particular in my column.

Primarily my political views are just that, mine. I enjoy discussing them with others and I have very definite views about most issues. I had very definite ones about the liquor election. I voted.

I had much rather say this than all the side taking in the world, read the issues, learn as much as you can about the candidates and vote with an educated opinion and a reason for voting. Most important of all is to cast that vote. It does count and if you don't vote, then don't gripe later. The most important election in the nation will be held in November. You will be bombarded with political conventions, political speeches and political advertisements until you will just want it to be over. The Republicans have a book out on Republican humor. The Democrats will be playing on the Watergate incident. At times I will have to use much self control to keep personal opinion out of these lines. But I will try to keep what I write with the urgency of the vote and without bias. I'll try to leave the humor to Bob Hope and Rich Little.

Be Held John Cain, principal of Merkel Elementary School is scheduled at 7:30 p.m.

tonight, March 4. Parents and friends are urged to attend and see the progress of students in all grades one thru eight.

Merkel has a fine school system and the staff and administration are proud to be able to show the public the work being done by the teachers, students, aids and the entire staff.



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is five years old.

SUE GAUTHE . . .initiated into fraternity

Gauthe Initiated singing.

Paso Street in Merkel. There is always special music and arrangements and

Local Women Ordained

This meeting is being held in accordance with Foundation's Charter and By-Laws and for the purpose of presenting the activities, financial statement, election of Trus s, Officers or other business that might come before the meeting.

Any merchant who has ficers of the foundation: Don made a donation to the Industrial Foundation is a of the organization member and is requested to attend this meeting. Any other merchant or interested person is cordially invited to attend for treasurer. information purposes and community support.

Shannonside Apartments **Ready For Renting**

The \$250,000, 20 unit Shannonside apartment complex has been completed it was announced this week by Annette Clark, manager. The apartments will be available after March 8 for occupancy.

The complex, located on the access road of I-20 and Edwards at 800 N. 7th. Street contains eight one bedroom apartments, eight two bedroom apartments and four three bedroom apartments. All of the units are fully carpeted and fully electric. The kitchens are furnished with refrigerator, stove, dish washer and garbagedisposal. The three bedroom apartments have a full bath and a half bath.

Coin-operated laundry facilities are in the complex and the maintainance of yards and apartments will be furnished.

Shannonside Apartments were built by Roark Construction Company of Euless. Owners are Robert Reynolds and Arthur Stone of Dallas in partnership with Mr. and Mrs. John Shannon of Merkel. The complex was begun in the fall of 1975. For further information contact Annette Clark at 928-5038.

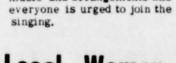
City Fathers Appoint Mother

Janet Deen, 33, has been appointed and approved as city judge by the Mayor and the city council. Mrs. Deen was sworn into office March 1.

The young mother of two. Kerry 7 and Jason 1, will hold court Mondays from 9-10 a.m. and Thursdays from 6-7 p.m. in the judges chambers at city hall.

W. Hensley, president; Don Hart, 1st. vice-president; Mrs. Deen attended Mer-Nolan Palmer, 2nd. vicekel High School and Abilene president; Herman Carson, Beauty College. She worked as a hairdresser for several 3rd. vice-president and Max Murrell, secretaryyears in Merkel and Sweetwater. Trustees currently serving "As fair as I can," was are: Herman Carson, Nolan the answer to how the lady Palmer Don W. Hensley Max judge will handle the law in Murrell Dr. Don Warren, Don Merkel. Her other interests include painting and home-Hart, Mack Fisher, Bill Butmaking. She stated that prejton and Derrell Farmer. udice against a woman judge Currently serving as doesn't bother her and she nominating committee for officers and trustees: Don Hart, feels like if she is fair in Herman Carson and Bill her decisions, any prejudices will soon disappear.

To Meet at 6:30 p.m. Raymond Morgan is the director for the March singing which will be at 307 El



Victory Singers

The Victory Gospel Singers will hold their regular second Monday night singing March 8 at 6:30 p.m.

of Merkel Industrial Foundation has announced that the Annual Meeting of Merkel Industrial Foundation will be held Thursday, March 11, 1976, 3:30 P.M. at Merkel Restaurant Banquet Room.

SHANNONSIDE APARTMENT COMPLEX

... now available

Don W. Hensley, President

Industrial Foundation

Every local merchant and their representatives are urged to attend as there will be a summary given of some of the accomplishments the Industrial Foundation has attained during the past year and a report of new development pending in our area. Currently serving as of-

Domino Tournament semester. She is also a **Scheduled For March**

There will be a domino tournament sponsored by the Merkel High VICA Club, beginning Friday (7:00 P.M.) March 19, at the Lion Club Center. The tournament is to determine the domino champions of the "Big Country," and to raise money for the VICA Employee-Employer Banquet. Anyone interested in play ng, should choose a partner and sign up at Seymore Insurance. A door prize will be given to some lucky contestant.

The tournament will read donation of \$5 per ad trophies will be arged to first and second place winners. There will be a drawing for a \$20 gift certificate.



of Tye.

Regular double six domino rules will apply and entrants must be 18 years old or older. For further information or sign up contact Seymore Insurance at 102 Edwards.

Cothern Is Distinguished Student At A&M

Douglas C. Cothern of Merkel has earned "Dis-tinguished Student" ranking at Texas A&M University, announced Registrar Robert A. Lacey.

The undergraduate honoris awarded students who have excelled academically. Recipients must earn at least a 3.25 grade point ratio (out of a possible 4.0) during the most recent grading period. "Distinguished Student" ranking is limited to 10 per

cent of TAMU's undergraduate enrollment. Cothern, son of Harold T. Cothern of Merkel, majors in computing science at Texas

A& M. **Steck Named** To Honor Roll At Tarleton

Michael E. Steck, a Tarleton State University student from Merkel, has been named to the "B" Honor Roll and the Distinguished Student List

for the Fall Semester 1975. The "B" Honor Roll consists of those students who carry at least 12 semester hours and have no grade below "B".

A Distinguished Student must post a semester grade point average of at least 3,25 on Tarleton's 4.0 system. Mr. Steck is a Agriculture Education major.

Sue Gauthe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jarrett Pinckley of Route 1, Merkel, has been

Mrs. Hal Shanks and Mrs. initiated into the Phi Theta Bill Teaff were ordained as Kappa national honor fraterelders in the Merkel Presbynity. Members are initiated terian Church in ceremonies only by invitation from the Sunday, February 29. Rev. fraternity after they have ob-Jack McClendon is pastor of tained academic excellence. the church. Sue is a sophomore student

at Hill Junior College in Hillsboro where she will **Deadline** To graduate in May with an associate of Arts degree. Enroll in Adult She has a 3.95 grade point average out of a possible 4.00,

and has been named to the Classes Dean's Honor Roll each Adult vocational classes to

member of the TSEA which is be offered at Trent High an organization for future School by TSTI of Sweetwater teachers. She plans to study will be welding, typing, bookfor a bachelor of arts dekeeping, refrigeration and air gree in education with a conditioning. kindergarten endorsement, a

Only the first twelve apbi-lingual certificate and an plicants in each course will be enrolled. Applications may Sue is married to Van be obtained at Trent School Gauthe, pastor of Central or by calling 862-2411. Dead-Baptist Church in Italy. They line for enrollment is March have one daughter, Jana, who 12. Be among the first to enroll.

Class schedules will be announced at a later date.

Farmers Feel Damage Of Unfair Tax Load

'Farmers, ranchers and Texas Farmers Union has the economies of the rural announced that it is organizcommunities are being ing a statewide panel to damaged by the unfair tax develop tax policy to assure load which is being imposed the equitable distribution of on them by the present system the tax burden in supporting of financing the public public education. According schools. Rural people are to the statewide farm organibeing obligated far beyond zation, the present system of their ability to pay in supsupporting public schools port of their public schools, with property taxes imposes and the sources of wealth that an unfair burden on farmers, should be tapped to support ranchers and the rural compublic education are being left untouched," Texas Farmers Union President Jay

James Named To Dean's List At McMurry

Dennis Ray James was named one of the 200 Mc-Murry College students on the fall Dean's List released by Dr. Allen Cordts, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the college. Dennis had a 3.75 grade

munities.

point average for the fall semester at McMurry College. His parents are Mr. and

Mrs. Robert R. James of Merkel. Dennis graduated in 1973 from Merkel High School. the calling.

He is a sophomore student, majoring in Business Administration.

Elders In Presbyterian

Mrs. Shanks has been a member of the Merkel congregation for three years and is currently church organist. She teaches piano and organ and is employed at Merkel Drug Company.

Mrs. Shanks is the mother of seven children, Chief Petty Officer Leonard Steinborn, James Steinborn, Mrs. Tommy McGarry, Mrs. Chris Martin, Joe Steinborn, Cecilia Steinborn of Merkel and Mrs. Michael King of Merkel. She has twelve grandchildren.

Mrs. Teaff, a homemaker is the mother of two daughters, Mrs. Zane Dalton of Midland and Mrs. Bill Nelson of Wichita Falls. She has two grandsons, She is a 38 year member of the Merkel church.

Mrs. Shanks and Mrs. Teaff are the first women to be ordain-elders in the Merkel Presbyterian church.

Gun Safety

To Be Offered Texas Volunteer Hunter

Safety Classes will be held for four weeks beginning on March 4 at the REA building in Merkel it has been announced.

Instructors for the course which will be at 7 p.m. on Thursday nights will be D. A. and Pam Bishop, J. D. Sanduskey and J. C. Carson, A fee of \$1 will be charged. All interested persons may call 928-5170.

Morgan Files For Re-election Pete Morgan has filed for

re-election as city alderman Naman went on to explain it was announced earlier this that the Farmers Union week.

School Tax Panel is being Morgan expressed his established to "devise thanks to the people of Mersources of income, other than kel who have supported him taxes on property, that should in the past and stated that be drawn upon to support our he considers it a pleasure to public school system. We serve as a councilman. Morgan outlined that the

council has several projects in the works now including better streets as soon as possible.

Lions Met

The Merkel Lions Club met Tuesday for their regular luncheon. The business meeting was conducted by Lion Maso: of Sweetwater doing president, Travis Davis, The committee on the evaluation of the building gave their For more information call report which was accepted,

Hensley stated that a reception and coffee will be held prior to the business meeting and that Mr. Carl Lightner, Community Economic Development Specialist with Small Business Administration will also be in attendance at the recep-Button.

tion and meeting.

Artist-Of-The-Month, **Betty Toombs**





ARTIST-OF-THE-MONTH-Betty Toombs is the Merkel Art Association's artist for March. She is versatile in still life, wild life, western scenes and seascapes. Though she has been painting only a year, Mrs. Toombs' work shows both imagination and talent. She has studied under Jim Campbell, Talmage Minter, Lois Shaw and is currently taking art from Ruth Adams. Mrs. Toombs is also a busy wife and mother of a son, Jeff. She is also taking cake decorating lessons from Cap Prachyl in Abilene.

Offered Suare dancing classes will be given in Merkel beginning March, Classes will be on in Thursday nights with Jack

Naman said.

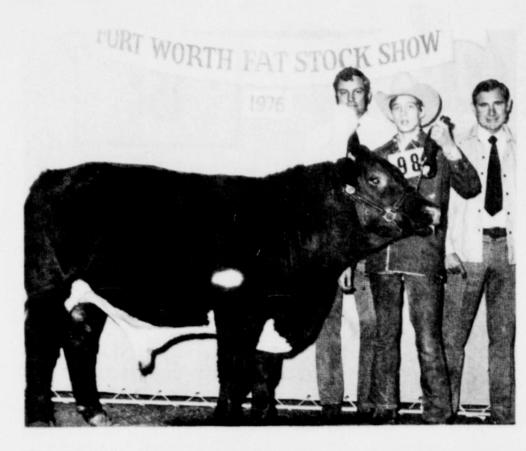
need a system of taxation that

will not tax the rural com-

Square Dancing

Ronny Doan at 928-5717.

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This prize-winning 990-pound American Cross steer, raised by Michell Brown of Merkel, is destined to become succulent hamburger or bar-b-que for the patrons of the Dairy Queen restaurant in Sweetwater. A ribbon-winner at the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show in Fort Worth, the steer was purchased at the Exposition auction by Dairy Queens of West Texas, Inc. DQ officials shown above are Carl Reeves, Sweetwater, division supervisor, at left; and Gene Bland, Clyde, area supervisor. Center is Jay Harmiller, showing the steer for Brown. Of all the steers shown at the Exposition, which attracted youthful breeders of fine beef from throughout the Southwest, only the 150 top prize-winners were sold at auction.

Local Students Attend Meeting At Tarleton

Representatives of the "FHA--America the Beauti-Merkel Hero and Future ful" is the theme of the 1976 Homemakers of America will meeting which will be held be attending the 1976 Area in the Tarleton State Uni-IV Meeting of the Texas As- versity Auditorium, Stephensociation of FHA, along with approximately 1200 members and advisors from a 35 county Steve Stroope, Minister of

Abilene and Janice Cord, former Miss Texas, entertainment by the TSU Chitlin-Switch Band, directed by Herb Teat, and presentations by ville, March 6. Future Homemakers will Keynote speakers, Mr. highlight the convention.

north central Texas area. Youth, First Baptist Church,

Mitchell, Brown Take Honors At Southwestern Exposition

for their champions which

sold at the several auctions

Area young folks were big winners at the 80th, annual Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show which closed February 8.

Mitchell Brown took 3rd. place junior and summer heifers and Buster Brown took 2nd place summer yearling heifers and 4th. place junior yearling heifers.

Stock Show officials are busy this week verifying judges scores and mailing out premium money to winners. Premiums available in the Junior Livestock Show this year hit a record \$54,900, up some \$7,000 from the previous year, reported W. R. Watt Jr., Stock Show general manager.

"Our youth show this year totaled over 4,000 entries, some 7 per cent ahead of a year ago," Watt said. "We are encouraged by the record number of young people who exhibited their animals. It gives us a brighter outlook for the future of the agricultural and livestock industry."

"We are glad to be able to provide a competitive show window where producers of tomorrow can exhibit against each other, share ideas and theories, and gain knowledge Merkel Scouts Lend A Hand cation," he added.

In addition to premiums for



928-4728

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jones announce the birth of a grandson, Ricky Lewis, born February 11 in Abilene. His mother is Jana Ybarra of

Scouts from Troop 218 went a flag ceremony and it was on a campout last week end brought to an end with church with Troop 285 from Trent, services held by Elton Free-Troop 285 has just been man. formed and it is going to be Scouts from Troop 218 that attended were Kelley Wolf, a good troop. They have an

. . .church service campout style

their prize-winning animals, during the Stock Show. Sale

young people also will be paid figures this year were more

than \$123,000 for steers,

lambs and barrows.

outstanding leader and the Brad Wade, Scott Cain, Terry Scouts seem like they are Owen, Greg Dickinson, really anxious and proud of Michael Tutt, Tim Brady, W. their troop. A. Kinder, Kyle Wolf, and

The Scouts had five different events, compass course, sack race, first aid, knott tieing, and an obstacle course. They also went swimming, fishing and mountain climbing. Scouts from Troop 218

kicked off the camp-out with

my Moses, Danny Freeman, Sgt. Reed Jimmy Tackett, James Mays, Robert Freeman, Gary To Wed Gregory and Scoutmaster Elton Freeman. There were a total of 28 young scouts and MSgt. (ret.) and Mrs. two scouts young at heart. Robert Reed announce the Our gratitude goes to Royce engagement and approaching Smith and Dusty Rhodes for marriage of their son, Sgt. allowing us the camping Paul D. Reed, to Chi-Hwafacilities. Korea, Sheis the daughter of the honorable Mr. LOOK and Mrs. Chi-Hwa of Seoul Korea. WHO'S The wedding is planned for April 20 at the Base Chapel at Osan AFB. The couple will HERE! return to the U.S. in August to make their home at either Mr. and Mrs. Greg Hender-Dvess AFB or Lackland AFB. son of Garden City announce the birth of a daughter, Sgt. Paul D. Reed, son of Heather Chatel. The baby MSgt. (ret.) and Mrs. Robert weighed 6 pounds 9 ounces Reed recently received the and measured 19 1/2 inches. good conduct medal from the Maternal grandparents are U. S. Air Force at Osan AFB Mr. and Mrs. Ted McAninch in Korea where he is curand paternal grandparents rently stationed. Reed will be are Mr. and Mrs. Clayton returning to a stateside base Henderson, in August. 74 PONTIAC GRAND PRIX air and power, am-fm and tape, power seats, power windows, tilt cruise control, rally II wheels. White, white \$4495 vinyl top. Only 73 PONTIAC BONNEVILLE 2 dr. H. T., air, power, rally II wheels, white color, blue \$2495 vinyl top. ONLY..... 73 PONTIAC CATALINA 4 dr. sedan. Air and power, radial tires, 36,000 miles. \$2895 Beautiful blue color. Real nice. Only 74 GMC 3/4 ton, V-8, 4 speed, air and power, beige New \$3495 reconditioned engine 72 CHEVY CAPRICE 2 door hard top. Air and power, radial tires, green color. Green vinyl top. Nice, \$1995[§] only PONTIAC TEMPEST 4 door \$795 edan, air, power, green. color. ONLY..... 72 FORD GRAN TORINO 2 door hardtop, air, power. \$1995 Blue with vinyl top. Nice 73 PONTIAC CATALINA \$2995 6 pass. sta. wagon. Loaded, one owner. Nice 72 GMC 3/4 TON 4 wheel drive, LWB, 350 engine, air, power, \$2995 We Have A Nice Selection Of APPLIANCES & T.V.'S

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Tye Honor Roll

Mr. Cecil Todd, principal of Tye Elementary School has announced the Honor Roll for this grading period.

First Grade "A" - Kathy Corbin, Sandra Kotrlik, Tonya Mercer, Christina Patterson, Angela Tyler, Steven Keith, Dusty Moore and Shane Reagan. "A-B" - Tracy Jordan,

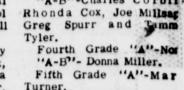
Teresa Allen, Marie Terral, Eugene Panza, Eric Lewis and Kimberly Taylor. Second Grade "A"-Mike Keith, Keith Watson and Kathy

Mercer. "A-B"-Mary Lou Barnes. Third Grade "A"-Bill Adamss and Lisa Cantu.

Senior Citizens

The Merkel Senior Citizens met Monday evening, March for their singing night. Their regular luncheon will be held Tuesday, March § at the regular time. Leonard Payne, pastor or

Tye Baptist Church will be the singer and speaker as the luncheon and all members and interested persons are



"A-B"-Willie Perry, Ken neth Corbin, La Teresa Wich enhagen and Karla Terra Sixth Grade "A"-Als Glick and Edward Herrers "A-B"-Bill Wilhelm, Ro Lee Isom, Ruby Perry an Allen Roper.

"A-B"-Charles Corbir.

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

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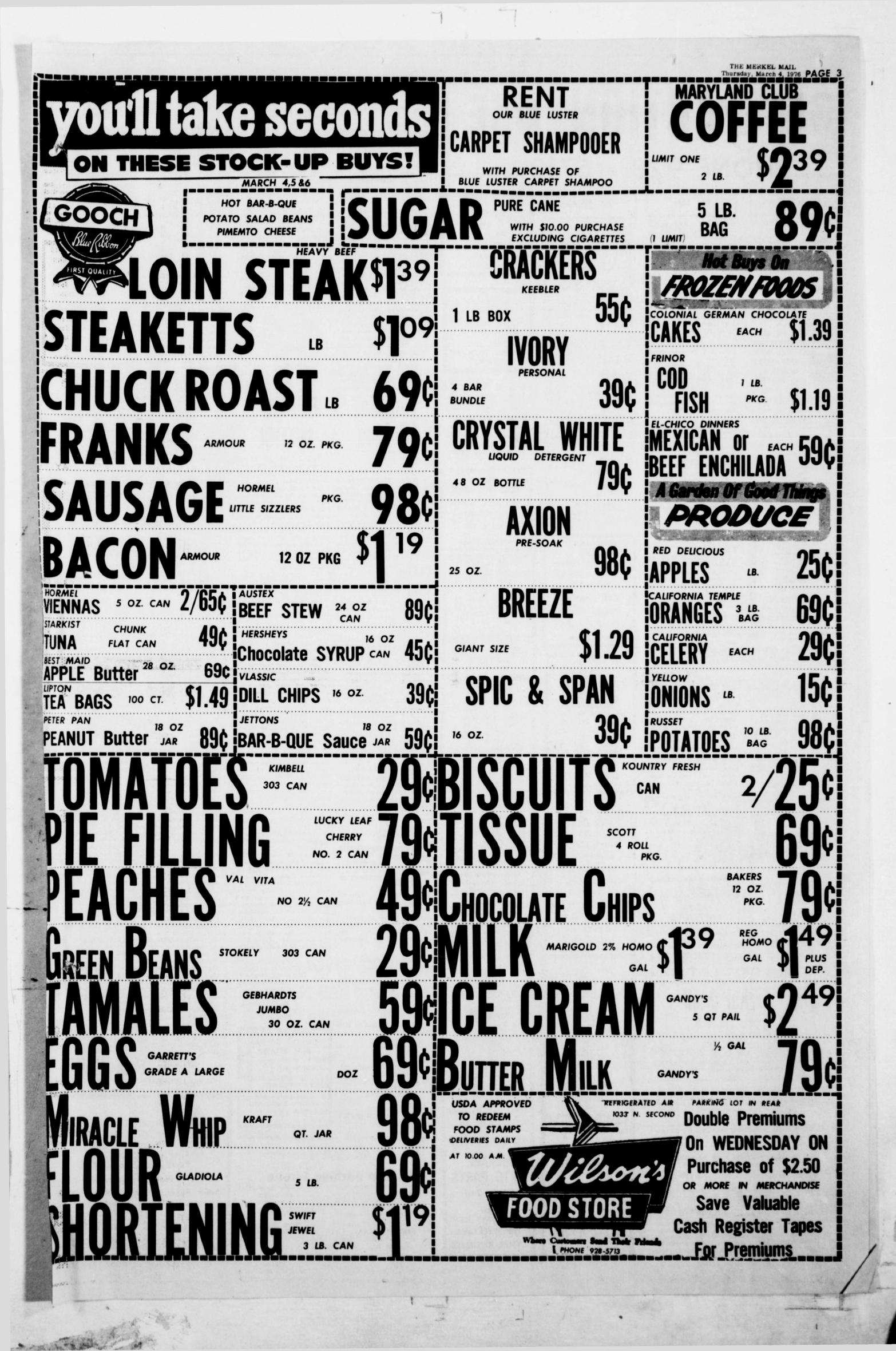


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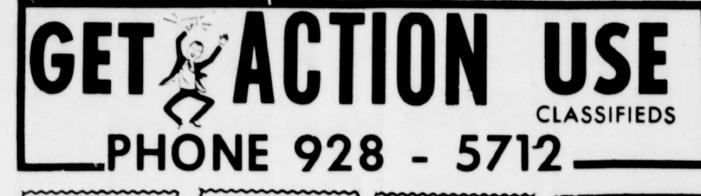
Ph. 928-471



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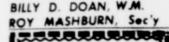


Y'ALL COME NOW!



2nd Saturday and 4th Thursday of each month

at 7:30 p.m. Mstors welcome. Members urged to attend.





HELP? Call the Merkel OUTREACH PROGRAM. 928-5859 or 928-5017.

LAND FOR SALE? CALL Collect-Bill Largent, Farm & Ranch Mgr. At Frances McClure Inc., Realtors. 3157 South 27th .-Abilene. 698-3211, Night

For Sale FOR SALE-G E Refrigerator good shape \$75.00 an all steel kitchen cabinet-

in

Texas

not one bit of wood, \$100. One mile N. on 126, Marshall Wharton. 2-1tp FOR SALE-Full-blood Pekingese Puppies,

928-4954 - After 4 p.m. 2-1tc 75 CHEV. 1/2 ton Pickup-350 Engine, Std. shift-Heavy Duty, Radio, Heater, and

Air, LIKE NEW. Price reduced, 928-4984. 2-ltn FOR SALE-3/4 Limousin bulls, 1/2 Chianina bullswill sell or lease. 50 to pick from. Call E. J. Bishop or Darrell Compton, 754-

4324 or 754-4515. Winters, 50-8tc FOR SALE-AirConditioners. One-2 speed and one-3

speed. Call 928-5717. 2-1tp FOR SALE-14 X 65 Mobil Home, 2 bedroom, 1 bath, \$900 equity and take up payments of \$113. 928-5078 or come by 601 1/2 Kent.

LARGE TILLER on Ford tractor for yards and gardens. Call 928-5204.

FOR SALE - 4 Bedroom home 1 1/2 bath with small acreage 4 miles south of Merkel, Elsie Roland 1-3tp

Wanted

BABYSITTING WANTED Private home - constant care and meal at noon furnished. Come by 403 Lamar for more information. One block east of Edwards Street. 1-2tp

WE MOW LAWNS - 928-4876. 2-4tp CUSTODIAL CARE, Good food for one or two elderly ladies in private home. Can give references. Call 673-

4762 in Abilene. 2-1tc BABYSITTING WANTED in my home under school age. Will keep babies, Will keep week end and might keep

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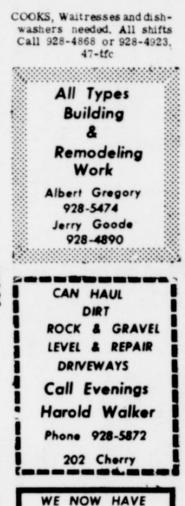
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PUBLIC NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas-Greetings: You are hereby commanded

to cause to be published one time in a newspaper printed in Taylor County, Texas, the accompanying citation, of which the herein below following is a true copy.

CITATION

BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: Gerald Wayne Vernado Respondent, (s) Greeting: YOU ARE HEREBY COM-MANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County, Texas at the Courthouse in said County, in Abilene Texas, at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the Monday next after the expiration of twenty days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of the Juanita Bradshaw and Jacob Bradshaw, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 30 day of December. 1975, against Gerald Wayne Varnado Respondent (s), and said suit being numbered 11,389-DR on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In the Interest of Rosa Chris-



Yo, Lou David Allen, en el oficina de mayor de la ciudad de Merkel, Texas orden un eleccion en este ciudad en el dia 3 de Abril, 1976 por eleccion de tres concejales de la ciudad. Este eleccion llevara acavo en la escuela de Merkel High gym en la ciudad de Merkel, Texas en este colocacion prencipiado alas 7 en la maña asta 7 de la tarde.

Walter Earl Whisenbunt, president; Della Henslee, secretary; Nan Campbell, reporter; Benny Melton, arena director; Barbara Whisen-

tine Varnado and Patrick Wayne Varnado a Child and/or Children," the nature of which suit is a request to appear.

Said Rosa Christine Varnado, female was born the 15 day of July, 1968, in Abilene, Taylor County, Texas. Said Patrick Wayne Varnado, male was born the 21 day of June 1971 in Abilene, Taylor County, Texas. The Court has authority in

this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the Child's interest which will be binding upon you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this the 10th. day of February, 1976.

(SEAL) Attest: Irene Crawford District Clerk Domestic Relations Court in Taylor County, Texas.

By Faye Lyons Deputy 52-4tc

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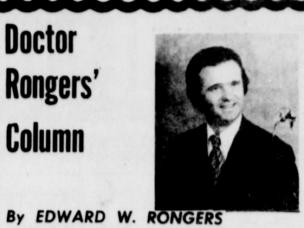
You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for four consecutive weeks, the first publication to be at least twentyeight days before the return printed in Taylor County, red blood cells than will Texas, the accompanying citation, of which the herein below following is a true

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: 'Donald Ray Jenkins,

Defendant, Greeting:

copy.

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



are designed to carry oxygen

to all the cells in your body

but when carbon monoxide

any physical exertion.

Nicotine is a poison found

in tobacco. One effect of nico-

tine in the body is that it

constricts or narrows down

the size of blood vessels thus

reducing the quantity of blood

flow. We already know that

carbon monoxide reduces the

amount of oxygen in the blood;

and now we find out that nico-

tine reduces the amount of

blood supply. These are the

changes that carbon monoxide

and nicotine cause in the

bodies of people who smoke

and these are also the exact

changes that occur in the body

of an unborn child whose

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more of their babies die with-

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is present, it prevents the Many people ask, "How red blood cells from picklong does it take for ciging up enough oxygen. Perarettes to harm you?" The haps you can now understand answer is about three seconds why a smoker gets out of or less! breath more quickly than a The very instant you innon-smoker when performing

hale cigarette smoke it goes to work on your heart, your lungs, your whole body. It starts your heart pounding an extra 15 to 25 beats per minute and raises your blood pressure by 10 to 20 points. It corrodes the delicate membranes of your lips and inside your mouth. In your lungs, it chokes the airways and rots the air sacs, leaving a residue of cancer-causing chemicals. It deposits these and other dangerous poisons in your stomach, kidneys and bladder. All of this happens with each and every cigarette that you smoke.

The cigarette smoke that you inhale contains at least 60 percent gas. There are about 20 irritating vapors that make up this gas and the most lethal of all is carbon monoxide. Carbon monoxide in cigarette smoke is present in a concentration that is at least 600 times the safe level that is found in industrial

plants. In your blood stream, carbon monoxide will comday thereof, in a newspaper bine more readily with your



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tact with your body's tissues. it causes the cells that make up this tissue to become ab-

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Riding **Club News**

The Merkel Riding Club held their monthly meeting Saturday, February 14, at the Taylor Electric Building. Fred Crenshaw, president, called the meeting to order and new officers for 1976 were elected. They are as follows:



Service vs. A. T. Halbert ulcers, respiratory infec dba Lynn Drilling Company, tions, trench mouth and A brief statement of the periodontal diseases of \$ Some smokers that ar made aware of the fact that as is more fully shown Pe- tobacco can kill you, wi tition on file in this cause, justify their continued smok If this citation is not served ing by cutting down on th within ninety days after the number of cigarettes, smok

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Mr. Davis, principal of Merkel High School, has announced the Honor Roll for the 2nd. Quarter. "A"-Kandi Ascencio, Debbie Beaird, David Booth,

Audy Byrd, Pam Crenshaw, Karolyn Davis, Cindy Elliott, Carla Fari ello, Jackie Harris, Lesa Hart, Cathy Holloway, Kelly Magee, David King, Retha Mattingly, Kristi Nease, Gay Pfiester, Debbie Phillips, Becky Rister, Doug Roysden, Cindy Smith, Netta Stephan, Suzanne Warner, Linda Williams and Marlon White.

"A-B"-Dale Alcorn, Patsy Biera, John Bie ra, Cindy Boone, Ben Castille, Marsha Clyburn, Clesta Cochran, Victoria Collier, Randy Cox, Freda Crenshaw, Terry Criner, Cathy Crouse, Becky Deason, Mike Davis, Darryl Dawson, Garth Doan, Gina Farmer, Sherry Frazier, Teresa Griffith, Billy Harris, Mike Henry, Rhonda Howes, Kathryn Irvin, Dana James, David Kraatz, Mike Magee, Alan Mawson, Patsy Martin, Dede Metts, Kathryn Murrell, Mary Palmer, Annette Parmelly, David Pfiester, Rhonda Pfiester, Roger Reed, Carla Rister, Suzy Rister, Jeanette Robinson, Danna Russell, Grant Sandusky, Suzette Santee, Kim Satterwhite, Richard Schultz, Carla Shelton, Keith Shields, Patti Shotwell, Sheila Sloan, Tommy Sloan, Janice South, Gayle Teaff, Gwen Teaff, Patty Toney, Janet Wade, Tim Watson, Traci Watson, Rhonda White, Kyle Wilkerson, Kelly Wolf and Debra Ybarra.

Mr. Davis, principal of Merkel High School has announced the Honor Roll for this grading period.

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Mr. and Mrs. Stan Hicks of Buffalo Gap announce the birth of a son, Bradley Deen, born February 13 at Hendrick Hospital. The baby weighed 7 pounds 5 1/2 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Mack McIntyre of Buffalo Gap and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Hicks of Trent. Great grandparents are Mrs. Ethel Hicks of Merkel and Marvin Freeman of Trent. Great great grandmother is

Mrs. C. L. Smith, Sr. of Rohy.

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CONTEST WINNERS-Winners in the recent photo contest in Merkel are 1st., Michelle Michum, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Michum; 2nd., Kristofor Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harris. Pictured are all contestants (Left to right, beginning with top row)-Manie Swinney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Swinney; Nathan Rogers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Rogers; Renli Reynolds, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacky Reynolds; Mandy Gregory and Lynn Gregory, children of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gregory; Jason Sellers, son of Mrs. Mary Jo Sellers; Sean Leamon, son of Mr. children of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Butman. and Mrs. Stanley Leamon; Michelle Downs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Downs; Michelle Michum, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Michum; Melissa Harris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harris; Brandi Watts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Watts; Alline Harris, daughter of Mrs. Faye Harris; Matt Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Randy Smith; David Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Thomas; Shayla Carter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Carter; Jason Mashburn and Jennifer Mashburn, children of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Mashburn; Justin Foster and Kelli Foster, children of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Foster; Teresa Lucas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Lucas; Amy Callan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Cellan; Amanda Bunch, daughter of Mr. and MENS Mrs. Darel Bunch, Christopher Shugart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Shugart; Austin Hill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hill; Alisha Hobbs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hobbs: Shelly Seymone, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Seymore; MENS Sha Rea Scott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronny Scott; Stephen DRESS Santee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Santee; Kimberly Bowen, daughter of Mrs. Renee Bowen; Sherna Holmes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Holmes; Brent Butman, son of Mrs. SAFETY Jan Butman, Sr.; Angela Cannon, daughter of Mr. and TOE Mrs. Jackie Cannon; Stephen Schultz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Schultz; Scott Cannon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Cannon; Jason Nalley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nalley; TRACK Margaret Wilde, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Wilde;



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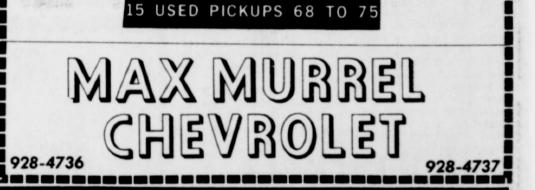
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HD News

was held with Mrs. Garland Price reading a council re-

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preciated,

Registration for the Cub oining the Cub Scouts or Webelos are asked to conSquare Dance Lessons At Tye

Square dance lessons for beginners and refresher courses for dancers will be given starting Tuesday evenings at 7:30 at the Wagon Wheel in Tye.

Randal Phillips will be the caller and there will be a fee of \$1.25 per person.





are John Cain and Cindy Elliott. John is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Cain Sr. He is

a junior student at Merkel High School. Currently John

News

The TEL class of Mer-

Farmers and Merchants National Bank where she works

Associate Store in Merkel

where he cuts and lays carpet,

uncrates and moves furni-

ture, makes deliveries and

works in the service depart-

ment. He has recently been

in charge of Merkel Home

Furnishing Center in the ab-

sence of the regular manager.

Services Held For Iva Perry by the Rev. James Williams Services for Mrs. Ray (Iv:

Marie McCartney) Perry, 66

of Route 1, Merkel, who dies

at 8 a.m. Friday in Wes

Texas Medical Center after:

lengthy illness, was at 2:30

p.m. Sunday in Stith Baptis

The Rev. Ausie Watson

pastor of Stith Baptis

Church, officiated, assisted

Church.

pastor of Prairie Viev Baptist Church in Ansor Burial was in Rose Hil Cemetery in Merkel. Survivors include her

husband, Ray Perry, og daughter, Rae Deen Bach hofer of Graham and two granddaughters, Sue and Joann Bachhofer.





