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THE MAIL



By Carl Dingler

After that two inches of rain last Thursday couldn't tell whether it had rained water or mud.

My auto had set out in the hard rain for four hours in front of the paper. When I started to leave about 10:30 p.m. after the rain had passed, the car looked as if it had been the fortress for a mud fight between two warring coed factions.

Know the dust storm preceeding the rain was stout but it must have been still going on somewhat during the rain. So, a lot of the area farmers probably wound up with a layer of Panhandle sand on their land.

Still, the rain was a good one and welcomed by all. Of course, a couple of fires and an all night battle repairing electric lines didn't add to the enjoyment. Taylor Electric linemen were up to past 3 a.m. repairing lines and reports of tin and debris cutting the lines proves how strong the wind was blowing in order to get debris that high off the ground.

The fire department made two calls Thursday, one to a grass fire five miles east on Interstate 20 and another Thursday night when lightening hit an old house being used for a hay barn two miles north of Noodle.

It should be noted that the siren is used for tornado alerts and not for fires. However, it went off on its own last Thursday morning -- and liked to have knocked wife Karen out of the bed.

She works late and was sleeping soundly until then.

Some companies are getting tougher and insisting their employees put in a full day's work. . . even if it takes all

A special week sustaining membership enrollment efort to raise their share of the Chisholm Trail Council budget is being planned by Merkel Scout officials.

They will have a kick-off dinner meeting Monday at p.m. at the Merkel Restaurant when they will discuss the local program, the Council and the use of the funds. Scouting is a worthy cause and this project should be worthy of your attention.

Monday should be a busy time for the civic minded itizen of Merkel.

There is the City Council meeting, the All-Sports Banquet, Cub Scout program on drugs and the special Scout dinner all set for the same night.

City Coordinator J. A. Sadler has expressed the city's appreciation to all those dedicated people who helped with the park improvements; Taylor Electric Cooperative. Bob Hooks, Vaughn Doan, A. C. Ascencio who made and set the equipment and to the service stations who furnished the old auto tires.

And, this from here and there: Never chase a lie; if you let it alone it will soon run itself to death.

There is still a week remaining on the clean-up campaign for Merkel, so get out and help the cause.

Water Superintendent Robert Harris now has a matchng truck. Harris swerved to miss a pet last week and was involved in an accident, It left a huge black streak across the front of the city truck. One of the city employees remarked that now Robert's truck had a matching mustache.

Police Chief Paul Crouse reportedly took a lot of ribbing at the Fire Department banquet Monday night. He recently was called out to I-20 on an ambulance call when a woman was reported having a baby.

He took his wife along, since she is a nurse. He was being kidded about what would happen if he had to make the trip by himself.

He just laughed, "You know," he said, "I have been in law enforcement 23 years and thankfully the situation has never come up."

The recent bad weather reminds me of this joke I rat agross recently.

virliner flew into a violent thunderstorm and soon was waying and bumping around the sky. One nervous lady happened to be sitting next to a clergyman and turned o him for comfort.

'Can't you do something?" she demanded forcefully. "I'm sorry, madam," said the reverend, gently, "I'm in sales, not management."



Don Hart, general manager of Taylor Electric Cooperative addresses stockholders

at 35th. annual meeting in Taylor County Coliseum Friday as Board or Directors listen.

Taylor Electric's 35th meeting

Economic hardship warning issued in Hart's address

Taylor Electric Cooperative manager Don Hart told a huge turnout for the Co-Op's 35th. stockholders meeting Thursday that the Cooperative is continuing to furnish its customers with the lowest possible fuel.

Hart also warned that governmental officials must realize the seriousness of the economic status in agriculture and the hardships it is causing to the nation, now and in to the future.

Hart gave his report to the stockholders at the Board's annual meeting which was held at Taylor County Coli-

seum in Abilene. The morning got off to a late start with festivities being an hour late due to weather conditions and other in-

cidents. However, by the time the barbecue luncheon was completed the meeting was

back on schedule. Backing his statement that Taylor Cooperative is providing the most economical

fuel bills, he pointed out that

the cost of 800 kilowatt hours

All-Sports Banquet Monday night.

Club officials.

All-Sports Banquet Monday

Athletes at Merkel High School will be honored with an

The Merkel Booster Club is sponsoring the event, set

Awards will be presented in all sports, according to Booster

The banquet will be catered by Mack Eplan's and tickets

contact Finley Barnett or go by Barnett's Barber Shop.

for 7:30 p.m. at the Merkel High School Cafeteria.

Co-op customers which rived from his efforts. compares to \$29.24 for Abtlene residents and \$39.12 for people living in Austin.

Taylor Electric Cooperative ranked eighth lowest in the

"Of the 68 electric cooperatives reporting, there were 60 cooperatives whose members were paying more for electricity than Taylor Electric Cooperative's members," he said.

He then pointed out that business and industry do have a way to recoup their higher costs. However, thefarmers, ranchers and "others who produce food and fiber on an individual basis have no way to increase their income from the things they produce.

"It is frightening when we see farmers, the backbone of the economy in this area, being driven out of business. The problem is not lack of efficiency but rather is a matter of his operating costs becoming so high that no

was \$25,34 last month for the margin of profit can be de-

"Fuel, equipment, fertilizer, and yes, even taxes have accelerated at almost unbelievable rates. But at the same time prices for livestock and field crops have remained about the same or have decreased in prices.

"Our urban population and governmental officials must realize the seriousness of the economic status in agriculture. We did not attain the ability to feed and clothe this nation overnight. Shortages can be expected in food and fiber supplies with the 'armer out of business. Then we would be forced to imports. Furthermore, at the present, food is about the only commodity we have with which to balance our deficit of trade."

He then added, "unfortunately, those in places of authority seem to be unconcerned or possibly unable to cope with this most serious condition in our economy."

The Cooperative also took time to honor veteran board member O. S. Moore who was a charter member of the Cooperative, presenting him "ith a plaque for his long

service. Moore also received a 30year pin as did Henry Howard of Merkel; Horace Childress of Merkel; Lonnie Beaird of Merkel and Hollis Mitchell

of Merkel. Replacing the retiring Moore is his son C. W., also of Nolan, winning the Zone election over Johnnie Ussery of Nolan and Richard are now on sale. Those wanting tickets to the banquet may Gesin of Blackwell.

J. D. Sandusky of Merkel, the incumbent, was re-

SPECIAL AWARD--O. S. Moore of Nolan receives a special plaque honoring him on his retirement after 37 years as a member of the Taylor Electric Cooperative, He was a member of the original Steering Committee. Presenting the plaque

is Maurice Brooks of Abilene attorney for the cooperative.

elected to Zone 1, which Upon accepting the award covers Taylor County. He was opposed by Frank Brnovak of Merkel. For Zone 2, incumbent Jack

Morrow of Hawley returned to his director's spot. He was opposed by Jack Ball of Clyde. This zone represents Callahan County and portions of Eastland, Jones and Shackelford counties.

from attorney Maurice Brooks of Abilne, Moore said, "I know Taylor Electric Cooperative is in good hands and the group of fellows now directors will keep the Coop on top.

"I've seen Taylor Electric when we didn't even have a place to meet when we started. Today our electric

that a good example of how the Cooperative is working to keep costs low is the fact that part of the fuel adjustment passed on to the cooperative by "our suppliers was absorbed into the cost of operations. Approximately \$100,000 was not passed on to you. "This means about 86 per

co-op is worth more than \$9 million."

Alton Whiteaker of Hamby

was named chairman, Sonny

and Jack Morrow of Hawley

Fifteen year awards went

to B. J. Gist of Hamby, of-

fice manager of the co-op

and Wayne Adcock, an em-

Alton Whiteaker and Clovis

Kent Satterwhite and Hari

of Merkel received 5-year

nins and it was announced

that Thursday was the last

day Satterwhite would be

working for the Cooperative

as he has taken another job.

He is going to work for

Plamer Pontiac in Merkel.

op was \$2,758,803.95 in 1975

while total expenses were

\$2,368,754.32, leaving

dividend checks at the meet-

ing and a noon barbecue by

Mack Eplan's was served.

board besides the ones elect-

ed Thursday are Tommie

Johnson, Alton Whiteaker, R.

C. Watts Jr., J. Riley Miller,

Clovic McElmurray and Ray

Hart told the stockholders

Other members of the

Members received their

\$390,049.63 profit.

Orsborn.

Total revenues of the co-

McElmurray of Trent re-

ployee from Merkel.

ceived 10-year pins.

secretary.

Later in the board meeting.

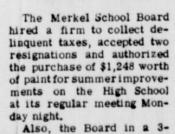
cent of the added fuel cost passed on to the Cooperative was recovered by the fuel charge which appears on your electric bill each month."

He then said, "Four years ago approximately 81 cents of each dollar taken in went to pay expenses, le ving 19 cents going to your Capital Credit accounts. Last year 86 cents of each dollar was used to pay expenses. This includes the large increase in wholesale power. You can see we have had to decrease the operating and maintenance expenses to keep our margins at the level we

presently have." He pointed out that electric cooperatives are united and are attempting to get the state legislators and the governor to do something about the run-

away utility bills. "A number of specific actions designed to give relief have been presented by the cooperatives," he said. "Al-most all of them deal with the current high cost of natural gas, the fuel used to generate electricity in Tex-

No special guest speaker has been announced.



hour plus meeting approved the payment of \$160,657.70 in bills for March.

Darla Mawson and Coach Monte Land submitted written resignations effective at the

end of the school year. They were accepted. The paint will be used for the outside trim and in the classrooms and will be done

during the summer. There was no action taken on filling the vacancy on the School Board.

At the last meeting April the Board authorized Superintendent Mack Fisher to check with the Secretary

of State as to the eligibility of Dink Whisenhunt to be appointed after April 26, when he would officially be eligible to vote.

A written letter was requested by the office in Austin and Monday, a telephone call revealed the person handling the question had not been in the office.

Therefore, no reply has been received and the Board took no action at Monday's meeting.

The firm of McCreary and Huey was hired to collect delinquent taxes which total \$38,617.87 according to Mona Faye Bartlett, School Tax Assessor-Collector.

Bob Huey presented the proposal to the School Board and outlined the procedure his firm follows in collecting real and personal property taxes which are past due. His firm will receive 15 per cent of the collections.

The contract runs for 2 however, all felt that everyyears and the Board voted to start the contract June 1.

Huey pointed out that as a general rule they don't prosecute until a tax payer gets behind three or four years and owes at least \$50. "It just doesn't prove profitable to the school board and to us with all the costs involved," he said, in reference to the guideline.

He said his firm will go back to 1939 in an effort to collect past due taxes.

Mrs. Bartlett pointed out that delinquent statements have been mailed. It is estimated that the School District collects about 94 per cent of the taxes due each year. Thus far this year about 87 per cent already has been collected.

There was some concern by Board members over forcing collection of personal property taxes--which deal primarily with automobiles--

equally. The amount of personal property taxes due was not separated from the total presented by Mrs. Bartlett.

one should pay their share,

It was reported that of the \$482,000 plus estimated taxes that \$455,000 has been collected thus far, leaving \$27,000 outstanding for the current year.

Jerry Gibson made the motion to hire the collection firm and Bobby Toliver seconded the motion, It

In other action the Board tabled a request for \$73 in doctor and hospital bills incurred by Ray Sellers when he was injured in a shop accident.

The Board then went into Executive session with High School principal Travis



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First Grade

Tracy Bicknell, Eddie Biera, Anna DelaCruz, Abby Irvin, Tina Jaramillo, Debbie Pack, Bridget Pallarez, Brit Pursley, Danny Santee, Gayle Shugart, Christy Stokes, Dawn Vanderwerker, Fondale Watson, Sandy Webb and Michelle Woodard.

Mark Aldridge, Mike Ellis, Lance Jones, Kristen Kennedy, David Ray, Tony Roberts, DeAnn Stevens, Marissa Toombs, Fravis Watson, Shane White, Sheila White and Jay Williams.

Second Grade

Cammie Bright, Kevin Coker, Amy Irvin, Lorie Kimbrell, Gayle Landeros, Kelly Riney and Regina Stuckey.

"A-B" Monica Atkinson, Dean Franklin, Chris Horton, Randy Pallarez, Devin Sanford and Lucretia Wade.

Third Grade "A" Jerry Davis, Tim Jacobs and Cody Johnson.

Missy Jones, Darren Pack, Cindy Toney, Cresencia Vasquez, Tamara Watson, Cindy 2-4 p.m. Williams and Parker Wilson.

> Fourth Grade "A"

son, Joan Fariello, Judy Jinkens, Russell Lucas, Billy McKeehan, Kimberly Pack and Cindy Sims.

"A-B" Lori Aldridge, Scott Alves, Jay Gibson, Trayla Gregory, Tommy Hays, Brenda Hohhertz, Brenda Kinder, Guy lotte Toney, Ray Walters and John Ybarra.

> Fifth Grade "A"

Tammye Cloyd and Windi Whisenhunt.

Tina Bicknell, Tonja Bicknell, Rosie Biera, Tim Brady, Angela Dunlap, Eddy Harris, Linda Holmes, Karen Jack-

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Sixth Grade

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Rene Alken, Kristi Alves, Nancy Click, Mary Fariello, Paul Kannell, Maria Moreno, Stacy Seymore, Yvonne Swinney, David Wilkerson, Debbie Williams and Ann Wooten.

"A-B" Loyce Baker, Michele Brown, Tammie Cunningham, Roberta Duran, Brad Elliott, Larry Hines, Janice Jacobs, Sharryl Luckey, Connie Page, Sirintorn Parsarn and Willie Townsend.

> Seventh Grade "A"

Manuel Biera, Mark Bland, Christi Brady, Judy Castille, Terri Cox, Norma Frazier, Kim Gary, Todd Gregory, Randy Martinez, Bart Pursley and Delisa Loysden.

# Camp Boothe Oaks

It's Open House for Camp Boothe Oaks, Sunday from

Hosts for the annual event are members of the West Texas Girl Scout Camping Services Committee: Angie Allen, Bonnie Ander- Newt Newberry, Chairman, extends a cheery invitation to all parents, girls, and friends interested in seeing the camp, the unit locations, swimming pool, archery range, craft house, infirmary and dining hall.

Members of the Camp Committee are Carl Voss, McGee, Denise Pack, Char- Jr., Alvin and Pauline Wimmer, and Larry Anderson of Snyder; Mrs. Cliffie Graham of Roscoe; Ed Deaton of Roby; Tom Wideman and George Beall of Sweetwater; Mrs. Tom Ivey and Stephanie Ausmus of Big Spring; Mrs. R. T. Burton, Harold Wrobel, and Karen Shepard of Abilene. They will welcome all visitors and conduct site

tee projects to be completed by opening session June 13 include a country storetrading post, a solar oven, color coding of buildings and an outdoor stage.

"A-B"

Cindy Doan, Becky Dunlap,

Walter Elmore, Linda

Graves, Rhonda Hurley, Kelly

Knight, Sherry Laurance,

Alane McGee, kicky Mathew-

son, Ann Melton, Jan Melton.

Louise Sellers, DeeAnn

Smith, James Turner, Billy

Walters and Charlotte Watts.

Eighth Grade

"A"

Sherry Ascencio, Shannon

Bagby, Jeannessa Cypert,

Victor Herrera, Wendy

Hogan, Sharon Isom, Jodie

Jinkens, Chirre Kraatz, Kim

Mashburn, Susan Peachey,

John Townsend, Brad Wade

"A-B"

Josh Amerine, Susan Arn-

wine, David Brooks, Kaye

Lynn Butman, becky Carter,

Brian Fariello, Robert

Fowler, Carmen Lerma, Dale

Martin, Lisa Owen, Karen

Pack, Diana Saldona, Marissa

Sandusky, Samie Shaw, Lisa

Shugart, Lynn Wade and

Becky Watts.

and Dion Wilkerson.

Parents may ask questions, pick up camp folders, and register girls for the session of their choice. 1976 Camp staff present will be Director Sandy Sibilsky, Assistant Director Rhonda Sands, nurse Mrs. John Mc-Avoy, C. I. T. unit leader Mrs. Robert McKinney, and craft counselor Mrs. Bruce Ward.

Camp Boothe Oaks is located southwest of Sweetwater. To get to the camp take San Angelo Exit, Texas Hwy. 70, at Sweetwater. Proceed south on Highway 70 about 5 miles to FM 1809. Go west on FM 1809 about 3 miles to camp on right walking tours. New Commit- at fork in the road.

# Debra Beaird named

The Taylor County Young ship Hall May 7 at 6:30 p.m. Homemakers met last Thurs- Members and their families day night in the home of Mrs. are invited for a covered David Sumners.

Mrs. Ricky Meeks gave an interesting program on cake decorating. Debra Beaird was chosen Little Sister for April.

The Senior Girls Tea was discussed. It will be held May 11 in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Jarrett Williams. The May meeting will be held at the Methodist Fellowdish supper.

New officers elected for the coming year are Mrs. George Martin, president; Mrs. Ricky Meeks, vice-president; Mrs. Jimmy Jacobs, secretary; Mrs. Richard Hill, treasurer; and Mrs. Gordon Stokes, reporter.

Hostesses helping Mrs. Sumners were Mrs. Meeks and Mrs. Steve Buntin.

### Satterwhite joins **Palmer Pontiac**

Kent Satterwhite has been employed by Palmer Pontiac of Merkel as a salesman. Sheila Adair, Lisa Allen, Satterwhite has worked the Kay Amerine, Tammy Davis, past five years for Taylor

> Electric Cooperative. He, wife Betty Lu and daughter Kim live in Merkel. He has been in the area 46 years and was born in Noodle. In the past Kent was active in Little League 14 years and was in the Ford business from 1955 to 1960.

He is presently a member of the City Council, Merkel volunteer Fire Department, director of the Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Methodist Church.



# Riding Club horse show

The Merkel Riding Club will hold its third annual horse show Saturday at the riding arena, starting at 10

There will be 10 halter classes and six performance classes. Five trophies will be presented for each class.

The 5-point system will be used in the high point award, High point horse must show at halter and under one exhibitor.

A jackpot barrel race will climax the show.

Merchants sponsoring trophies include: Farmers and Merchants National Bank, Stallions 1976 through 1972; Western Auto, Western Pleasure; Max Murrell Chevrolet, Barrel Race; Seymore Insurance, Pole Bending; Taylor Telephone, Flag Race; Boney Insurance, reining; Taylor Electric Cooperative, up anything large or small. Grand and Reserve Mare.

Other donations have been received from Merkel Drug, Ben Franklin, Wilson's Food Store, Adcocks Western House, West Texas Utilities, Conley Barber Shop, Toombs Real Estate, Wilkerson's Manufacturing, Crawfords, Palmer Pontiac, Carson's Super Market, Starbuck's, Emma's Clothes Closet, Cypert Tax Service, Castille

### Trent honors students

Trent High School will honor its athletes and honor students at a banquet Thurs-

The banquet will be at ' p.m. at the school cafeteria. Tickets are \$2.85 each and may be purchased at the Trent Bank or at Trent High School.

The awards presentation, however, will be in the gym at 7:45 p.m.

The public is invited to either of both festivities by Mrs. Carolyn Land, who is in charge of the program. She said all athletes and all honor awards will be presented at this program.

Hardware, Hicks Auto, Ann's Flowers, South Grain Elevator, Barnett's Barber Shop. Mansfield Feed, Bragg's, Wilson Jewelry, Glamour Bar and Bill Black pipe.

### Scouts prep sale

Boy Scout Troop 218 will hold their garage sale Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. and Sunday they will have a make us an offer sale from 1 to 7 p.m.

The sale will be at 512 Thornton Street, a block behind the Merkel Motel.

The Scouts still need items donated for the sale. If you have any questions or items please telephone 928-4882 after 5 p.m. and

they will be glad to pick

### Hortons have son

Don and Paula Horton of 302 Marion are the parents of a son, Gary Paul, born Monday at 6:43 p.m. at Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene.

Gary Paul weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cain of Trent and Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Horton of Des Moines, Iowa.

### Little League to meet

All interested parents of Merkel Little League are requested to attend a meeting Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Merkel Restaurant. Order of business will be to make plans for the Little

League season. Also, all former Little League players who still have their uniforms are urged to turn in the suits to their

### former coach. Program set

Cub Scout Pack 220 will sponsor a drug abuse program Monday at 7:30-p.m. at the Community Center. Otis Wylie will be guest

Also, promotions and awards will be presented.



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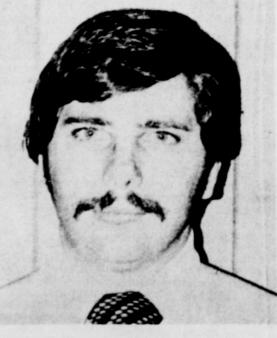
Merkel High School's track team goes to Albany Thursday to compete in the District track and field meet.

Top two finishers in each

competition.

Coach Monte Land reports 11 varsity and 24 junior varsity athletes will compete in

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Action starts at 10 a.m. Thursday with preliminaries and finals due to start at 2 Varsity members entered include Keith Austerman in

shot put and discus; Danny DuBose in the 440 relay, 100yard dash and the mile relay; Ricky Howes in the shot put, discus, 440 relay, 220 dash and mile relay; Craig Hutchings in the 440 relay (sprint relay), 100 and long jump; Wes Jones in the sprint relay, 100 and 220; Thomas Kraatz in the mile; Grant Murrell in the 880; Brad Pursley in the 120 high hurdles, mile relay, high jump and long jump; David Pfiester in the shot put and discus; Doyle Lussell in the 440 dash and mile relay; and Jesse Sparks in the 220 and long jump.

Of the 11, Coach Land said his team has the best possibility in the running of senior Jones in the 100 and 220 dashes, Pursley in the long jump and Kraatz in the

Jones has run a 10.8second 100 and a 24.0 220 while Pursley has a season best of 19-6 although the sophomore leaped 20-2 and scratched a couple of weeks Freshman Kraatz' best

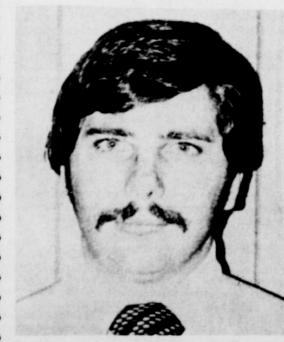
Roscoe and Albany in hot pursuit. Luncheon Sunday

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the District 8-A title with

Land picks Rotan to win

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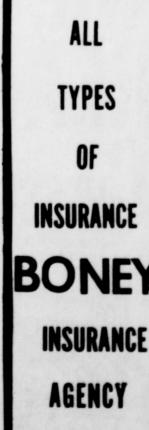
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CITATION

BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: William Richard Leach and his wife, Ann bettes Leach, any and all grandchildren of Lillie C. Baker heretofore born, any and all grandchildren of Lillie C. Baker yet to be born, any and all heirs yet to be born of any and all grandchildren of Lillie C. Baker yet to be born, any and all persons in being and not in being, claiming and to claim any title or interest in the hereinafter described properties or any part thereproperties and any and all unknown and/or unborn owners of any part or portion or interest in the hereinafter described properties claiming any interest therein by, through or under the will of Lillie C. Baker, Deceased.

# **PUBLIC**

NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Project Indentification: Improvements to the Water System of the City of Merkel identified as Phase Number One. This program will consist of the installation of 4000 feet of 6 inch water mains within the dedicated street beginning at the intersection of Sunset and Avondalle Street: thence North within West Street to intersect with an existing water main located at the intersection of North Second and Martin Streets. This project will necessitate the crossing of the railroad and Highway 80 which will be done by foring and casing each section. There will also be four 3-way fire hydrants installed on this water main with all necessary valves and fittings.

Statement Of Intent: The City of Merkel does not intend to file an environmental impact statement regarding

this project. Reason Behind Intent: This project will be done only within dedicated streets and will not effect any residences or land occupied by people. The City of Merkel has determined that this program will be of a positive nature and will not adversely affect any person or the environment. This program also complies with all applicable laws and regulations as set forth in Sec. 58 I (a) (3) of Environmental Review Procedures for Community Development Block Grant Program.

Environmental Review Record: The City of Merkel has made an Environmental Review Record respecting this project. This Environmental Review Record may be examined and copied in the City Hall, Monday through Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. No further environmental review of this project is proposed to be conducted and the City of Merkel intends to request the Department of Housing and Urban Development for release of funds for this project.

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which will was porbated in Cause No. 6036 in the Probate Court of Taylor County, Texas, hereinafter called Defendants. Said properties being situated in Taylor, Jones and Parmer Counties, Texas, and described as follows, to-

First Tract: All of Lots 3, 4, 5 and 6 in Block 44, to the Town of Merkel, Tay-

lor County, Texas. Second Tract: Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of Section Seventeen (17) Township 1 North Range 4 East of Capitol Syndicate Reservation in Parmer County, Texas, con-

taining 160 acres. Third Tract: One Hundred Sixty (160) acres of land out of Capitol League 448, described as the Northeast one quarter (NE 1/4) of Survey or Section Number Six (6), Township Number One (1) North, Range Number Four (4) East of a "Capitol Syndicate Subdivision" in Parmer County, Texas, as shown by Plat of such Subdivision of record in Deed Records of Parmer County, Texas, Volume 5, Page 394.

Fourth Tract: All that certain lot, tract or parcel of land situated in Jones County. Texas, and being 80 acres of land off of the South side of. Lot No. 3, C. P. Warren's' Subdivision of Block No. 56 (Ranch Reservation) of Godwins Subdivision of the De-Witt County School Land, and further described by metes and bounds as follows:

Beginning at a stake set for the S. W. corner of Lot No. 3 of C. P. Warren's Subdivision of the said De-Witt County School Land;

Thence N. 15 W. 556 vrs. to a stake and stone mound in W. B. line of said Lot

Thence N. 75 E. 812 vrs. to a stake in E. B. line of said Lot 3; Thence S. 15 degrees 21'

E. 556 vrs. to S. E, corner of said Lot 3; Thence S. 75 W. 814 vrs. to the place of beginning, and being further represented by the map of said Warren's Subdivision of said Block No. 56 on record in the Clerks office of Jones County, Tex-

as, to which reference is hereby made. Fifth Tract: Being 192.21 acres of land off of the N end of a 267.15 acre tract out of the C. P. Warren Subdivision of Block 56 "Ranch Reservation" of the Godwin Subdivision of the DeWitt County School Lands, League 125, 126, 149 and 150, and which is also the S. W. corn-Nos. 1, 2 and 3 as per map of Jones County, Texas, and Baker);

described by metes and Thence N 74 deg. 39 min. bounds as follows: E. B. Line of Subdivision No. 4 of the C. P. Warren Subdivision of Blk. No. 56 of the Godwin Subdivision of the DeWitt County School Lands in League No. 125, and 553 vrs. S. 15 deg. E. from the N. E. corner of said Subdi-

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the W. B. line of an old 40° public road now widened to about 60' from said point an iron pipe brs S. 75 deg. 40' W 10' set for the S. E. corner of an 80 acre tract of land off of the N end of said subdivision No. 4, and for the NE corner of the said

267.15 acre tract; and for the NE corner of this tract; Thence S 75 deg. 40' W with the S. B. line of the said 80 acre tract and with the N BL of the said 267.15 acre tract

at 818.8 vrs to an iron pipe at fence corner post in the WBL of said Subdivision No. 4, for the S. W. corner of the said 80 acre tract and for the NW corner of the said 267.15 acre tract, and for the NW corner of this

tract; Thence S 14 deg. 42' E with the WB lines of Subdivision Nos. 4, 5 and 6 with fence line and with the W. B. line of the said 267.15 acre tract of land at 1319.7 vrs. to an iron pipe for the S. W. corner of this tract, the same being in the W. B. line of said Subdivision No. 6:

Thence N 75 deg. 40' Eacross said subdivision No. 6 at 825.7 vrs to point in the EB line of said Subdivision #6, and in the W. B. line of a 40' public road for the S. E corner of this tract;

Thence N 15 deg. W with the E. B. lines of said Subdivisions Nos. 6, 5 and 4, and with the WB line of the old road, at 1319.7 vrs. to the place of beginning, and containing 192.21 acres of land as described in deed dated September 13, 1941, from Zuria E. Stamps, et al, to Fred A. Baker of record in Vol. 252, Page 57, Deed

Records of Jones County, Sixth Tract: Being 70.94 acres in the South part of Lot No. 6 of the C. P. Warren Subdivision of Block No. 56 of the Godwin Subdivision of the DeWitt County School Lands, Leagues 125, 126, 149 and 150 and the G. A. Kirkland Surveys Nos. 1, 2 and 3 in Jones County, Texas, as per map of said Warren Subdivision of Record in Vol. 14, Page 17 of the Deed Records of Jones County Texas, being a part of a 267.15 acre tract described in Deed from C. P. Warren, et ux, to John W. Lyles, recorded in Vol. 28, Page 414, Deed Records of Jones County, Texas, and described by metes and bounds as follows: Beginning at the S. W. corner of said 267.15

the G. A. Kirkland Surveys er of said Subdivision No. 6; of said Warren Subdivision of Thence N. 15 W. 484 6 vrs. record in Vol. 14, Page 17, with the West line of said of the Deed Records of Jones 267.15 acretract and the West County, Texas, being a part line of said Subdivision No. of a 267.15 acre tract de- 6 to the S. W. corner of a scribed in deed from C. P. tract of 196.21 acres off the Warren, et ux, to John W. North end of the said 267.15 Lyles, recorded in Vol. 28, acre tract (which 196.21 acre Page 414 of the Deed Records tract now belongs to Fred A.

E. 825 vrs. to the East line Beginning at a point in the of said 267.15 acre tract, and the S. E. corner of said 196.21 acre tract in the East

line of said Lot No. 6; Thence S 15 deg. 21 min. E 484.6 vrs. to the S. E. corner of said 267.15 acre tract, which is also the S. E. corner of said Subdivision No. 6; Thence S. 74 deg. 39 min. W with the South line 828 vrs. to the place of beginning, containing 70.94 acres of

Seventh Tract: Being 125.27 acres off the South end of Lot No. 97 of the J. S. and D. W. Godwin Subd. of the DeWitt County School Lands, Leagues 125, 126, 149 and 150 and the G. W. Kirkland Surs. Nos. 1, 2 and 3 in Jones County, Texas, as per plat of said Subd. of

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record in Vol. 12, Pages 218 and 219, Deed Records of Jones County, Texas, described by metes and boands as follows:

Beginning at a stake at the S. W. cor. of said Lot 97; Thence E with the S. line of said Lot 97 to the S. E. cor. of Lot 97 and the S. W. cor. of Lot 98 a stake;

Thence N. with the E. line of Lot 97 and the W. line of Lot 98 to the NE cor. of tract of land conveyed to M. Patton by G. W. Jones and ife, by deed dated Oct. 8, 1903, of record in Deed Records of Jones County, Texas:

Thence in a Westerly direction with the N. line of said tract to the N. W. cor. of the same in the W. line of

Lot 97, a stake; Thence S. with the W. line of Lot 97, to the place of beginning and containing in all 125.27 acres of land.

Save and Except 1/2 of the bonuses, 1/2 of the rentals and 1/2 of the royalties paid under the terms of any oil and gas lease covering all or any part of the lands described in Tracts Nos. 6 and 7 above which interests were reserved by the grantors in the deed from Orval Lyles, et al. to Fred A. Baker dated the 27th, of January, 1948, and recorded in Volume 3209, Page 10 of the Deed Records

of Jones County, Texas. YOU ARE HEREBY COM-MANDED to appear before the Honorable 104th, District 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 3rd. day of May A. D. 1976, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 18 day of March A. D. 1976, th this cause, numbered 12,953-Bon the docket of said court and styled Fred A. Baker, Jr., et al, Plaintiff, vs. William Richard Leach, et al, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as fol-

lows, to-wit: For the Partition of the above described re l'estate into segregated tracis, as follows:

(A) That the Title to and possession of that undivided one-half (1/2) interest therein that is owned by the heirs of Fred A. Baker shall be vested as follows:

Fred A. Baker, Jr. --- 1/2 Linda Kathleen: Leach Hodges -- 1/4th.

William Richard Leach 1/4th

(B) That the title to and possession of that undivided one-half (1/2) interest therein that is owned by the devisees, known and unknown, under the Will of Lillie C. Baker, shall be vested as follows:

Fred A. Baker, Jr .-- All for his lifetime, with the remainder at his death all vesting in the then living grandchildren of Lillie C. Baker, whomever they may then be and who are now

unknown. as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit. If this citation is not served

within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the

mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs. Issued andgiven under m; hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 18th, day of March A. D.

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# Whisenhunt issue remains unresolved for School Board

Dink Whisenhunt didn't ss Monday's School Board

waisenhunt was not present r the swearing in cereonies of the new board nembers at the April 13 neeting and his seat on the oard was declared vacant n a technicality.

When Whisenhunt discovered what had happened. naturally he was upset. So were some of the 277 people who voted him to a 3 year

So, when the Board got round to reading and approvng the minutes of the preous five meetings, Whisenunt had his say Monday night.

Whisenhunt pointed out he ad attended the April 6 meetng for the purpose of being sworn in. However, at that meeting no action was taken the former board on canassing and accepting the vote ount until legal advice could securred on Whisenhunt's ligibility.

At that time it was disvered that Whisenhunt had ailed to register to vote 30 lays prior to the April 3 hool Board election.

He registered March 26. will be an eligible voter April 26. 'I was called at 1 p.m. pril 6 and told to bring my

ter registration slip to the eeting that night, ?? Dink id. "I spent the rest of afternoon in County Tax sessor Burl King's office Abilene calling Austin and

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getting a notorized letter stating that I had registered to vote."

However, he admitted not registering to vote in time but said he voted in the election. "I also was told April 6 that the meeting was for swearing in but there was no

swearing in," he said. The April 6 minutes reflect that the procedure was postponed until after the legal advice of school attorney Bryan Bradbury could be

secured. Before the April 13 meeting, Dink received a letter from School Superintendent Mack Fisher stating that he would be ineligible

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to be sworn in as a member ing," Dink said. of the Merkel School Board. The letter was dated April

In the last paragraph of the letter Fisher invited Dink to meeting which announced attend the board meeting "Tuesday evening, 7:30 o'clock."

"After receiving a letter like that you can see how I felt and you can understand why I didn't attend the Meet-

He also said he did not receive an official notice of the agenda of the April 13

canvassing of the vote and swearing in of candidates. "Had I received such a

present," he stated. He added, "There were 277 voting for me and I do

notice I would have been

### Fisher admitted that there was no official notice mailed

to Whisenhunt, just the in-

vitation in the letter notify-

ing him of the ineligibility.

"According to a legal

opinion based on Article 23.19

of the Texas Education Codes

and on Art. 5.02, and 5.13 (a)

of the Texas Election Codes,

it appears that you would be

ineligible to be sworn in as

a member of the Merkel

"Dink, I hope that this incident will not discourage

you in future participations in

legal opinion as given to me

you can read it in my office.

proved, Dink arose and had

"Why didn't I receive an

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wishes."

his say.

community affairs.

asked. "All I got was this letter here from Mr. Fisher," showing the Board the letter he received.

President Charles Jacobs said he agreed with Whisenhunt and would not have shown up at the meeting either if he had received a similar letter.

Jacobs attempted to point out that the Board's action was nothing more than a technicality and did not intend to reflect on Whisenhunt.

Jacobs said that upon legal advice from Joe Lassiter, who pointed out that the old board in accepting the election results accepted Whisenhunt.

Also, if you care to attend Thus, they turned to a techthe board meeting Tuesday nicality since Whisenhunt evening, 7:30 o'clock, you wasn't present, to protect the would be welcome. Best Board from possible future legal action. Then, Monday night before the minutes could be ap-It was pointed out that had

Whisenhunt been sworn in the Board could have been open for six months to a court battle and everything they did during that time could be nullified.

There is not anybody trying to make any reflections on you," Jacobs told Whisenhunt.

Dink replied, "I didn't know they were going to administer the oath the 13th. I was here

for that purpose the 6th." Board member Jerry Gibson then said, "I think the main thing is you couldn't take the oath because you

were ineligible." "If I had received an agenda April 13 I would have been

here," Dink said again. Other **O****

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meeting. "Other members received an agenda, Dink Whisenhunt did not receive an agenda," Whisenhunt said, maintaining

his composure. He then said he wanted "everyone on the board to

accept my appologies for get-ting in this mess." After another assurance that the Board's action was no reflection on Whisenhunt, Dink sought an answer to "If

I'd been here could I have

been sworn in?" There was no firm answer. Dink then said "There were 277 people voting for me and I have received several calls asking why I was not there."

Instead of naming a replacement for Whisenhunt's seat at the April 13 meeting the board elected to determine if Whisenhunt would be eligible to serve if they wait until after April 26 and vote him in.

not replied to the question

Whisenhunt's term was for three years but the Board can only appoint a replace-

ment for a year, until the next election. The Board is the final

authority on naming a replacement. The minutes were then ap-

proved. Dink was present for the entire three hours of the open



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candy eggs, topped with a

The Band Booster Club neets Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the Band Hall.

The election is planned and the club will discuss the

A bouquet of pink rose buds last year. decorated the table displaying the gifts.

Becki Holloway and Ghronda Tarpley of Houston, Stella Tarpley of Abilene, Jeanie West, Mary Lou Hicks, Ethel Hicks, Daniel West, Krystal West all of Merkel, Daphney Whitley of Dallas, Kathy Holloway, Myrle Holloway, Wanda Stevens, Tonya Maxwell, Starlene Maxwell of Stith. Co-hostess with Mrs. Tarpley was Mrs. Buster

Tarpley of Merkel. The

hostess gift to the bride

being the center piece on the

# Harris elected Hart, president

auxiliary member.

Paula Crouse.

Softball

Thursday

meeting set

Hey girls! It is that time

again. Softball season is al-

most here. Registration will

be Thursday, at 7:30 p.m.

The place is the Fellowship

Hall of the First United Meth-

odist Church. "This is the

only registration we will have

this year, so it is important

that you be there," officials

Registration fee will be

\$6 for the first girl and \$3

for each member of the same

family, thereafter. Please

bring your birth certificates.

meeting at 7:36 p.m. Thurs-

day, just before registration

begins, this is for the parents.

old before September 1, and

do not turn 19 before this date

then you are eligible to play.

Any questions concerning

the program please contact

Mrs. Hugh Baker or Dorothy

Torrence, 928-5637. "We still need coaches,

managers, scorekeepers and

chaperons for some of the

teams. Parents we need your

help, are there any parents

willing to help us? See you April 22 also," President

Dorothy Torrence said.

There will be a general

Girls if you turn 8 years,

Auxiliary of the Merkel Fire Department Monday, officers were elected for the coming

Those elected were President Connie Harris; Vice-President Cathy Crouse; Secretary-Ireasurer: Francis Cannon; Reporter Audra Horton; and Chaplain Paula Crouse.

The ladies are starting a fund to refurbish the 1938 model fire truck the city

It needs painting, chrom-

### Merkel gets April rebate

Merkel has received \$1,033,50 as its share of the city sales tax rebates from State Comptroller Bob Bullock in Austin.

This is payment for the April rebate. Bullock mailed checks

totaling \$11.9 million to 516 cities and he said "Both city and state sales tax collections are growing far faster than inflation alone."

Bullock said he has remitted \$87.4 million to municipalities collecting a penny sales tax so far this bouquet of pink spring year, compared to \$80.4 million during the same period

He attributed the increase to increasing spending and Guests attending were improved collection pro-

### Head Start

grant OK'd Congressman Omar Burleson announces the approval of a Head Start grant to the Community Action Program, Inc. at Abilene, for Taylor County. The grant is in the amount of \$192,930 and will provide funding for an 8month Head Start Program for 200 children.

## Cain host **Fortnightly** this is completed it will be

used for parades and display. If you wish to donate to John Cain were hostesses for this project contact Waymon members of the Fortnightly Adcock or any fireman or Study Club, April 13 at the Big Country Inn.

Members present were: After delicious refresh-Mrs. Waymon Adcock, Mrs. ments, Mrs. Ray Wilson, Paul Crouse, Mrs. Jack Marpresident presided over the tin, Mrs. Jackie Cannon, Mrs. business session. She read a Robert Harris, Mrs. Jerry note of thanks from Mrs. Horton, Cathy Crouse, and John Berry the Mesquite District President. The thirtyeight clubs in the district gave her diamond ear clips

as a gift of appreciation. Mrs. Andy Shouse and Mrs. Carl Hughes were asked to give a report on the Mesquite District meeting held at Snyder March 16th, and 17th. They attended the meeting on the 17th.

Mrs. Wilson then introduced the program on "Texas and the Bicentennial." Mrs. David Gamble gave a most interesting resume of "What's Been Going On in Texas for a Year." Newspaper clippings told of how cities and towns all over Texas were planning to celebrate July 4, 1976. The Buycentennial was also brought out as well as the Bicenten-

The members answering roll call were Mesdames Don Hart, John Cain, Bryan Dunagin, Charles Knight, Mack Fisher, S. C. Dixon, Comer Haynes, Buster Horton, Andy Shouse, Charles Eager, Johnny Hammond, David Gamble, Ray Wilson and Carl Hughes.

### **Employers**

### to be honored

The Vocational Industrial Club of America at Merkel High School will honor employers at a banquet Tuesday night.

The banquet at 7 p.m. in the High School Cafeteria will feature the employers of students this year.



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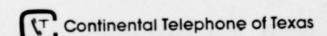
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# happy hour after five





# Miss Merkel beauty pageant Saturday

be vying for top honors at the Miss Merkel Beauty Pageant Saturday night at the Merkel High School Audi-

torium. The pageant is sponsored by Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi and begins at 7 p.m. Admission is \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children under 12.

Entries will be accepted Minyon Seymore, 928-5505, Betty Coker, 928-5494 or Milly Bright, 928-5680, until Thursday.

Divisions for the pageant are: 3 years old-kindergarten; first-fourth, primary; fifth-sixth, elemen-

high; and ninth-twelfth, high school.

tary; seventh-eighth, junior tact Betty Allday, 928-5628. Rehearsal for entries in the five groups will be Fri-Any merchant wanting to day at 6 p.m. in the High sponsor a girl should con- School auditorium.

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TO THE HOHORABLE COMMISSIONER'S COURT OF TAYLOR COUNTY, TEXAS. THIS IS THE QUARTERLY REPORT OF MONEYS RECEIVED AND DISBURSED FOR THE QUARTER ENDING MARCH 31, 1976.

FUNDS	PALANCE LAST QT'R.	THIS QT'R.	PAID OUT THIS QT'R.	BALANCE THIS QT'R.	
Precinct 1.	\$ 92.596.57	60,883.75	28,201.74	\$125,278.58	-
Precinct 2.	90,539.07	61,569.16	26,547.49	125,560.74	
Precinct 3.	72,324.41	61,022.81	25.857.10	107,490.12	
Precinct 4.	112,538.94	61,201.14	34,415.32	139,324.76	
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Permanent					
School.	5,694.77	61.83	61.83	5,694.77	
Courthouse &					
Jail Skg.	235,077.69	69,542.31	213,700.50	90,919.50	
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The requirement of Art. # 401 PC. have been complied with and a statement has been filed as required.

She explained the purpose of the Chapter and announced the beauty pageant is set for the High School auditorium Saturday at 7 p.m.

She was introduced by Max Mhrrell.

Mrs. Hohhertz said Lambda Beta was founded in Mprkel in 1950 and since that time they have worked with Little League teams, the Rehab Center, visiting rest homes, sponsoring state projects and that there are presently 18 active members in the Merkel group.

The pageant will have a Fantasyland theme, she said and will "even have a real pink tree on stage Saturday night."

The contest will include five age groups and she thanked the merchants for making the annual money raising project possible through their active support. Mrs. Hohhertz and her husband operate a dairy west Merkel.

Murrell then took up the est of the alloted time on the program, explaining how government intervention has

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He gave various examples of how government hampers private enterprise. For instance he pointed out that in 1974 General Motors spent \$1.3 billion to comply with federal regulations which was much more than it cost the federal government to operate for the first 75 years

of its existence. He pointed out that on this 200th. anniversary it is time to start limiting government intervention and controls of private enterprise. Murrell also pointed out that with the

continued intervention of government in auto manufacturing, the cost of cars will soar so high an individual will no longer be able to afford one.

In other business the proposed pancake supper for April 30 was postponed until this fall after chairman Mike Couch resigned.

The light bulb, mop and broom sale is set for May

Committee Chairman Fred Starbuck reported on the feasibility of promoting a new civic center for Merkel.

He reported on a survey his committee conducted.

They contacted 23 organizations and received 12 replies, representing 264 members and one club with 16 members who voted said no to all four questions on the survey.

The survey said a committee has been formed by the Lions Club to try to determine whether or not it is feasible to try to promote a Civic Center building in Merkel that will belong to the Community.

Question No. 1: Does your organization feel that there is a need? The vote was 11-1

No. 2: If a center is built, would your organization have Tiner in memory of Ike Turna need for it's facilities?

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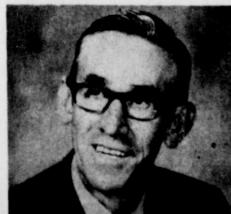
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76 times. No. 3: Would your organithe construction financially, by holding periodic money raising events? Voting was 8-3 yes.

asked how many times

a month the facilities would

be used and the total was

No. 4: Would your organization be willing to support it financially after construc-

fee, based upon each time you use it? Yes votes were 10 to 1.

Starbuck then recommended the Lions Club turn zation be willing to support the findings over to the Merkel Chamber of Commerce. It also was recommended

that should a Civic Center be built the Lions Club property be sold and that the Lions Club use the new facili-

Merkel students will be competing at the regional University Interscholastic League meet in Lubbock Sat-

Four Merkel High students will be competing for one of the top places to qualify for state meets. Events start at 8 a.m. at

the Texas Tech campus and continue all day. Suzzane Warner will compete in shorthand at 10:30

rule at 11:30 a.m.; Tommy Jones in prose reading at 8:30 a.m.; and Rhonda White in journalism at 10:30 a.m.

First three finishers advance to the state meet except in journalism whereonly the top two advance. State competition is May 6-7.

The Merkel students will be competing against eight other district winners from Class A schools.

and Cathy Rich and Felix and

Nancy Boyd in memory of

Mrs. Sallie Gant in mem-

Miss Mabel McRee in

Mrs. Andy Shouse and Mr.

and Mrs. Robert Shouse in

Daddy, Ben Rich

ory of Ike Turner

### Cemetery donations

The following have made donations to the Merkel Cemetery Association.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Cypert in memory of Laura Carter Mrs. John Mansfield in

memory of Laura Carter Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilson in memory of Laura Carter Mrs. Morris B. Smith in memory of Morris B. Smith

Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Sadler in memory of Laura Carter Mrs. Geo. Woodrum in memory of O. B. Woodrum Mr. and Mrs. Pat Cypert in memory of Ike Turner

Fred A. Baker, Jr. in memory of Carvel Clark

Mr. and Mrs. Houston

Cricket Sloan, Evelyn Mar-

A. D. Hill Mabel C. Dunn

tin a Mr. and Mrs. Clovis McEi uriy in memory of Laura Carter Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Stallo

Edwin Renfro in memory of Ike Turner

Maggie Renfro in memory of Ike Turner Blackburn Family in mem-

ory Mrs. E. M. Blackburn Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Buchanan in memory of Ike Turner J. H. Doan

Carey and Shellie Rich, Beckie and Benjamin Rich and Michael and Traci Boyd in memory of Po Po

Virgie Campbell in memory of Doris Russell Redwine Elsie McDonald Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Thomas in memory of Ike

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Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Gardner in memory of Ike Turner Mrs. Wynona Scroggins in memory of Mrs. Glenn

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Higgins Mrs. Grover Gant

### Merkel man indicted for CB theft

Lonnald L. Arnecke, 21, of Merkel has been indicted for car burglary.

He was one of 12 felony indictments returned Friday by a 104th. District Court grand jury in Abilene. Arnecke was indicted for

car burglary involving the theft of a CB radio from a car belonging to Nora Ware of Merkel.

## Don and Sharon Rich, Earl

Easter Bunny visits

The third time is charmed. For the young people of the Merkel Fire Department this is especially true. After two attempts to have an Easter egg hunt had to be canceled because of rain and threatening clouds, the

youngsters got their way Monday. boys and girls who turned

A pot luck supper was

After supper, entertain-

Although the Easter Rabbit was a day late it didn't seem to make any difference to the out to hunt.

hosted by the department and its auxiliary. There was a large variety of foods furnished by all present.

ment was furnished by Waymon Adcock. He had made a tape recording of an hours conversation on the C. B. There were shouts of laughter from all present as they recognized themselves and all the other talkers.

present for the supper were: Mr. and Mrs. Ben Cox and Todd; George Starbuck and Johnny; Paul Crouse and family; Robert Harris and family; Jerry Horton and sons; Jack Martin and Donald; Billy Lucas and family; Jack Chancey.

Also Henry Brady; Fred Starbuck; Ray King, Ikey Garrett, Mrs. Genevice King, Bob Reynolds; Mrs. Gertrude Reynolds; and Bart Whisenhunt.

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# Absentee balloting

Absentee balloting is under way in Taylor County and will continue through April 27 for the May 1 Democratic and Republican primaries.

Voting may be conducted at the Taylor County courthouse in Abilene during courthouse office hours, d:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

There is no place to get absentee ballots in Merkel. However, the ballots may be requested by mail and the ballots must be returned to the Taylor County Clerk's office by 1 p.m. on election day, May 1, in order to be counted.

The Republican ballots for absentee voters are smaller than those for the Democratic Primary.

There are 11 separate GOP ballots, compared to 56 separate Democratic Party ballots.

Only difference in the GOP ballots is the precinct chairman's race. There are 48 separate ballots for Democratic chairman's races.

Republicans will mark only one ballot, while Democrats will mark at least two and as

### Letter To The Editor

Dear Mr. Editor: This is "a who done it" letter! Last evening some

guardian angel kept their lower lights burning for me, during the storm, as I was Grayhound football team. coming home from the hospital.

I think I was just leaving Abilene proper, when I was recognized by someone and they stayed, a snort distance, in front of me, all the way, until I pulled into my drive-

I don't know how I would have made it, without their

It was a frightening experience, I hope I am never in such a situation as this again. Believe me!

I called Mrs. John Dixon, a neighbor of ours who has a car that looked like my friends car. Mr. Dixon assured me, he was at home, Queen Contest hidden in a closet!

Please come forward and thank you properly. God bless

A warm welcome to our new Editor and family, look- Riding Club arena. ing forward to meeting you. May 1 at 5 p.m.

many as four, depending on the precinct in which they

Sunday is THAT DAY again. It will be the day everyone will spend getting used to

not getting anywhere on time. That is, unless you are one of those people who are well organized and happen to remember that here it is the last Sunday in April and time to SPRING AHEAD an hour. Yep, it's time to change the

clocks an hour and jump forward to the Daylight Savings Time schedule. Actually, the time change starts at 2 a.m. Sunday but

by changing the clock Saturday night before going to bed you will be on schedule Sunday.

For example if you go to bed at 10 p.m., move the clocks in your home to 11 p.m. and you will be in good

### Purser receives grid award

Don Purser of Merkel will be among 14 athletes at Eastern New Mexico University who received recognition at the Student Affairs and Associated Student Government Awards Party in Portales, New Mexico last

Wednesday. Purser received honorable mention All-American honors as a safety on the

### Stith HD news

The Stith Home Demonstration Club met in the community building April 14. The meeting was called to

order by Mrs. Mae jones. Roll call was answered with 'When was the last time I had my cooker tested." Recreation was given by Daisy Mashburn. Program was on food preservation and needle work.

Attending were Mae Jones, Louise Hudson, Vada Hudson, Daisy Mashburn, Margaret Dickerson, Mary Walker and Dolly Reddin.

reset May 1

The Merkel Riding Club postponed its annual Queen Mrs. Earl Hughes Contest last week because of

The event is rescheduled

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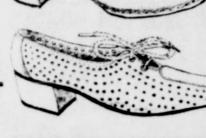
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