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DELIVERING MAIL--W. R. (Pinkey) Cypert receives a "damaged" late delivery from his postal friends during his retirement dinner Friday night, Mrs. Mildred Cypert at left and Merkel Postmaster Truett Thompson and wife at right watch as Alvin Wozen-



you address to make good use of a napkin his wife handed him in order to get rid of some happy tear.



TIME OUT -- Pinkey Cypert takes time out from his thank DISPLAYS GIFT -- Cypert holds up the shotgun and looks at the engraving of his name as he thanks his many friends present at the dinner honoring him for his 35 years of service with the Merkel Postal Service. He retired May 21 as a rural route carrier.

# THE MAIL



By Carl Dingler

Postal friends of W. R. Pinky Cypert and his family were honored with a retirement dinner Friday night

at River Oaks Cafeteria. Cypert retired from the Postal Service and his rural route in May but this is the first time all his many iriends in the post office could meet and honor Cypert. Cypert started working as a substitute clerk for the Merkel Post Office in 1941 for 65 cents an hour, At that time there were but four employees and four rural

carriers in Merkel. During that 35 years, Pinky took time from his postal duties to serve in the Army from 1943 until 1946 during World War II and again in 1950 when the Korean War started.

After the Korean War he was assistant postmaster in Merkel until 1961 when he took a rural route.

And, beside him, as she was Friday night, is Mrs. Mildred Cypert, his wife of 38 years. He and the former Mildred Humphrey were married Christmas Day, 1937. Cypert also has served Merkel in many civic, church and masonic capacities during his life.

His many friends Friday night presented him with a present in the form of a "damaged" package, However, what was inside was not damaged. It was a new shotgun with his name engraved upon it.

in an emotional, tear-filled thank you, Cypert told the group "This couldn't happen to me if it hadn't been for you. I have been overwhelmingly blessed to have friends like you."

Between the thank you, he accepted a napkin from wife Mildred, and dabbed the joyfully flowing tears from his eyes. It was a swell surprise for Pinky and one he well

bad and good country roads and fighting floods, snow and heat to deliver the mail. "es, for 35 years he was probably the most popular man wherever he stopped each day to leave a letter or package. He certainly was the most popular fellow again Friday night.

deserves for his many years of traveling up and down

Did you ever notice some people enjoy life and aren't afraid to trust in themselves and in others around them? They usually are the ones who participate in the com-

munity and take an interest in everything about them. Then, there are those who sit back, don't care to vote, don't do much of anything but say "I told you so."

This leads into a story I ran across recently which reminds one so much of life and part of the problem facing each of us today. So said the Georgia farmer sitting, ragged and bare-

foot on the steps of his tumbledown shack. A stranger had stopped for a drink of water and asked,

"How is your cotton coming on?"

'Ain't got none," replied the farmer.
'Did you plant any?" asked the stranger.

"Nope." was the reply, ""fraid o' boll weevils."
"Well," continued the visitor, "how is your corn?"
"Didn't plant none," came the answer, "fraid there wa'nt goin' to be no rain,"

The visitor perservered. "Well, how are your potatoes?"

"Ain't got none: scairt o' potatoe bugs."
"Really, what did you plant?" pressed the stranger.
"Nothin'," was the calm reply. "I just played safe."

First Baptist notes: Revival is set August 8-11; Vacation Bible School is August 2-6; Pastor Kenneth Jones and family are on vacation in Colorado; Senior High Youth Camp is July 19-22; Mrs. Troy Dickerson has been hospitalized and has recently undergone surgery; Ruby Higgins has been hospitalized for treatment.

Food for thought department from Senator William Proxmire, Democrat from Wisconsin: "More than 16 years of service in the United States Senate has convinced me that the most under-represented cause in this country is

that of the taxpayer. "Time after time the Congress appropriates literally billions of dollars with virtually no consideration for the American taxpayer. In hundreds of hours of testimony of bills that create obligations that will burden taxpayers for years to come, it is rare that there are even a few minutes of testimony of the impact of this spending on the man and woman who pays for it through his taxes."

# Housing development for Merkel revealed



RETIRES -- Mary Outlaw, center, is congratulated on her retirement and surprise party by granddaughter Brenda Roberts and daughter Joyce Minnick. Mary is retiring from operation of the Starr Nursing Home after 19 years.

The Merkel City Council heard about a proposed housing addition at its regular meeting Thursday.

Architect Bill Fowler was present to discuss the matter with the City Council on behalf of Mrs. Joyce Kennan of California.

Fowler said the group is making a survey and studying the feasibility of need at this time to develop the property east of the Cemetery.

It is the Craig Humphrey property, a triangle area comprising about 50

Fowler said while the initial plans are to build 5 or 6 houses that when the area is fully developed it will have 75 to 150 homes.

He said plans call for 4 houses per acre with lots of 80 by 120 feet which will include all paved streets and underground utilities. Part of the area also would be used for possible future commercial development. He said the group would like per-

mission to hook on to the Merkel city water and sewer lines, and hopes to develop it to the maximum. He also said the developed area in turn would provide the city with more taxes and revenue.

Mayor Lou David Allen pointed out the property is outside the city limits but that there would be no problem connecting to the city's water.

However, the sewer line would probably have to have a lift station built which is not economically feasible for

Fowler wanted to know if the city had plans to incorporate the area into the city and Mayor Allen pointed out that the area, especially when developed, would certainly be considered for in-

corporation. However, he pointed out that at this time it would not be fair to the city residents to incorporate the area and then have to pay for a lift station and the cost to pipe water and sewer lines to the area.

Mayor Allen said the City Council will work with the developers in any way possible to get the needed housing but that any costs for the utilities and lift station would have to be done by the developers and the cost passed on to the new homeowners.

Fowler also asked about running a gas line through the Cemetery along the present road as a direct means for cutting construction costs.

He was advised to talk to George Starbuck and the Merkel Cemetery Association.

Fowler said he didn't know when the project would start as "it will take time and the completion of our market study," before they can determine whether or not we can proceed.

# City lets water billing contract

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# Tye sixth grade moves

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## Surprise party honors Mary Outlaw

A reception and surprise party was held Sunday for Mary Outlaw at the Starr Nursing Home in Merkel.

Mrs. Outlaw retired July 1 from nursing home management and administration.

She has served the Merkel community 19 years, 18 as owner and operator of the Starr Nursing Home and one year for the owners Holiday Management.

She received several gifts and many friends turned out to share in the cake and refreshments during the reception. On hand were her daughter Joyce Minnich and her granddaughter Brenda Roberts.

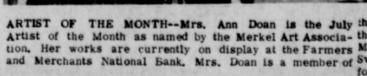
They reported that although Mary had officially retired that she still had been spending "15 hours a day down here." However, Mary said she planned to "go fishing."

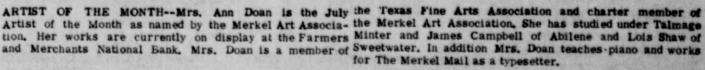
### **Equalization Board meets**

The Board of Equalization will meet Thursday at Merkel

High School. The meeting will start at 2 p.m. in the Teacher Work Room with the School Board of Equalization hearing anyone from Utility companies and Oil and Gas operators concern-

ing their tax evaluations. Thursday's meeting is for these companies only and the Board will meet again July 22 to hear from individuals concerning their tax rate.





# School Board eyes \$1.6 million building program

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# Help sought on Summer Rec funds

The Merkel Chamber of Commerce needs your help! The summer recreation program is in financial dif-

ficulties and the Chamber of Commerce officials are requesting individual and business donations to help meet the \$691 they are in the red on the project.

The program has two weeks to go and Chamber Manager Benny Melton says the program will end losing \$691 and put the Chamber of Commerce in financial difficulty unless this amount is raised,

It is estimated that only 20-30 youngsters have taken advantage of the program each week which includes morning sessions at Merkel High and afternoon sessions at the High School and at the swimming pool at Merkel Restaurant.

Melton told the monthly meeting of directors that the Chamber has \$482.52 in the

salaries to operate with the final two weeks and \$820 already spent on the program to assist with summer recreation for Merkel youngsters, the program will

Chamber Fresident Don Hensley thus said the Chamber would accept donations from any members or individuals to help with the

program. The Chamber also discussed the possibility of art shows, antique shows, a golf tournament and a junior rodeo as fund raising projects for the future and to attract more business for Merkel.

It also was pointed out that \$250 will be needed for Christmas lights, trophies for the girls and candy and that September 11 is Merkel Homecoming and some form of Chamber project will

### Cemetery donations

The following have made donations to the Merkel Cemetery Association.

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adopted rules governing rates

and services of utilities under

sociation were present and

participated in the meeting.

all telephone companies in the

state and all rural electric,

water and sewerage utilities,

concerned three main areas:

rate setting, service

standards, and reporting re-

will be allowed to charge ad-

vertising, contribution and

donation expenditures in the

rate base as long as those

expenditures do not exceed

three-tenths of one percent

of the gross receipts of the

utility for services rendered

to the public. The commis-

sion encouraged fully-

recoverable expenditures of

such funds used for promot-

ing conservation of energy or

measures which can allow a

consumer to effect a savings

erable expenditures which

were encouraged were those

which seek to improve utility

peak load usage and support

of utility trade associations

which directly contribute

toward the professional

standing of their member-

causes and such organiza-

tions as Chambers of Com-

merce will be allowed as a

cost of service so long as the

total sum of all such ex-

penditures does not exceed

the three-tenths of one per-

The utilities were excluded

from charging customers for funds spent for political or

lobbying activities, member-

ship in social, recreational.

or religious organizations or

clubs, or promotion of in-

Utilities, if they choose how-

ever, may spend investor dol-

Although the Texas Rail-

road Commission has juris-

diction over natural gas in

Texas, the PUC is empow-

ered to examine all electric

utilities' contracts for fuel

supplies when the utility

comes before the commission

for a hearing. If any im-

propriety is found, the fuel

supply contract may be dis-

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In setting rates, utilities

quirements.

The rules, which apply to

Utility panel adopts regulations

its jurisdiction. The adoption This will have the effect of insuring that all customers-large and small of the rules marked the end of a thirty-day waiting period alike-will pay the same rate during which time public comment was actively for fuel which the electric solicited. Representatives of utility uses for generation. various utility companies, Fuel consumption will thus be paid for on a per-kilowattplus such groups as the League of Women Voters, the hour basis. Texas Municipal League, and Utilities may continue to the Texas Consumer As-

charge customers according to the actual cost of serving each class of customer, however. The service standards set

forth by the PUC deal with many areas of companycustomer relations. Utilities are required to advise customers of rate changes, deferred payment plans for outstanding bills, and the most economical service available for the individual customer. Deferred payment plans may include a five percent penalty for late payment, but may not include a finance charge.

Applicants for new service who can demonstrate a satisfactory credit rating by supplying generally accepted credit references and those persons aged 65 and older who do not have an outstanding balance for the same utility service will not be required to furnish a deposit. If a deposit for utility service is required, the company will refund such deposit automatically and will pay an interest charge of at least six percent unless the deposit is refunded within thirty days after receipt.

Utility bills will be printed in such a manner that the customer can readily understand and compute his own bill. Residential customers will not be charged a late payment penalty, and the

bill, which will no longer

discount for prompt payment. A copy of the applicable rate schedule will be mailed to the customer by the utility upon his request.

### Riney reunion

The descendants of Mr. and Mrs. B. J. kiney met at the Lions Club Building for their annual reunion on Sunday, July 11. The Riney family were early settlers in Taylor

Three of the children of Mr. and Mrs. kiney are living but were unable to attend the reunion. They are Rey Riney and Mrs. May Bush of Merkel and Claude Riney of Arkansas. Two sons passed away in recent months, Harry Riney of Merkel and J. J. Riney of Slaton. Relatives attending were:

Mr. and Mrs. Don M. Murray of San Antonio; Mr. and Mrs. Warren Higgins of Seguin; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Riney of Lamesa; Mrs. Wayne Bradford and Tiffaney of Oklahoma City; Christi and Kelli Hogan of Seymour; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Justice, Scotty, Rusty and Terrilyn of Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Riney of Trent; Mr. and Mrs. Allie Cummings, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Campbell, Delinda and Cory all of Abilene. Also Mr. and Mrs. John

terms "net" bill and "gross" apply to residential bills, will not be used on commercial or industrial bills unless the utility is in fact granting a

County.

Brady, Mike, Christi, Tim and Danny, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Campbell and Vicki, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Richie, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Orsborn, Mr. and Mrs. Irven Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Perry, Mr. and Mrs. June Hogan and Wendy, Mr. and Mrs. David Riney, Kelly and

Prayer service will be at vice at 8 p.m.

Waggnor, pastor of Cottonwood Baptist Church near Cross Plains, Mr. and Mrs.

> Kevin, Eva Denton, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hogan, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Conley and Ricky, Leroy Riney, Mrs. Bink Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Don Riney all of Merkel.

will hold a revival starting

Two visitors attending were Mrs. Curtis Conley and Kim Mashburn.

### First cotton

TAMCOT SP 37, an earlymaturing variety of cotton developed by Dr. Luther Bird, a Texas A & M University scientist, has produced the first bale of the new season. The 498-pound bale was produced by Oscar Mayfield & Sons in Cameron County and was ginned June 22 by the Rio Hondo Co-Op Gin. Dr. Bird, a cotton breeder for the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, developed the variety about five years ago.

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Noodle church sets revival The Noodle Baptist Church John Ayers will be in charge of music. He is director of music at Immanuel Baptist It will continue until Church in Abilene.

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Turkey prices attractive

supply -- including water-

melon, peaches, grapes,

plums, nectarines and straw-

berries, Mrs. Clyatt added.

snap beans, dry yellow

onions, green peppers, corn,

soft-shell squash and

"Honeydew melons are not

so plentiful, but supplies of

cantaloupes are adequate and

prices reasonable," the spe-

look for specials ontunafish,

peanut butter, shortening,

catsup and canned tomatoes.

buys are the less tender cuts,

such as chuck cuts, round

steak, short ribs and rump

er cooking time, but using a

meat tenderizer -- or a

marinade - - assures greater

tenderness, and the flavor

will match or surpass that

of the more tender cuts,"

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'bloom" on the surface. The

lower side is usually yel-

lowish in color--compared to

a white or pale green color

When buying lamb chops

remember that ribs chops are

likely to be more tender

than shoulder chops.

on an immature melon.

Mrs. Clyatt said.

"These cuts require long-

At beef counters, economy

Along grocery store aisles,

tomatoes.

cialist noted.

Also, cabbage, carrots,

currently -- with drumsticks providing "a lot of meat for the money," Mrs. Gwendolyne Clyatt reports.

She recommends turkey for summer meals, starting with rotisserie-roasted turkey, for example, then using leftover turkey for sandwiches, salads and casseroles.

Mrs. Clyatt is a consumer marketing information specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. The Texas A & M University System.

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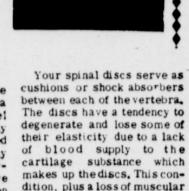
## Doctor Rongers' Column

By EDWARD W. RONGERS CHIROPRACTOR

BACKACHE Would you like to reduce your chances of ever having a backache? Then stay in shape! Most backaches, particularly low backaches, are caused by inactivity. You can usually get through each day suffering from headaches, digestive disorders, upper back tension and others, but when a low backache strikes, especially the type that sends radiating pain down the leg and into the

Most of us today lead a sedentary life, that is, our daily activity rarely involves any form of exercise. Most of us are a little careless about our diet, consequently, most of us are a little too fat also. This lack of exercise in our everyday life sets the stage for low back trouble, However, not all backaches are caused by lack of exercise. Tumors of the abdomen, gall bladder disease, kidney disease and peptic ulcers can cause backaches. Some backaches are psychosomatic in origin. But in most cases, that backache is caused from letting your muscles, tendons and ligaments lose their tone

support. Muscle weakness is really the key to backaches. Poor posture while standing and sitting, carrying extra pounds around the middle, sleeping on a sagging mattress, improper lifting habits and others, can exert stress and strain on those weak back muscles. As your back and spine begin to weaken due to a weakening of the supporting structures, you become susceptible to disc injury.



susceptible to injury. The strain from lifting or stretching, a fall or sudden foot, then you become almost jolt can cause the disc to bulge disabled, at best you move out or even rupture. When about with difficulty and much this happens, the disc presses against the adjacent spinal nerve root causing inflammation of the nerve and pain. This very condition can alter the impulses transmitted in the affected nerve thus causing abnormal function of the particular physiology associated with the nerve's

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transmission. A slipped disc usually occurs in the low back. If the disc presses against the sciatic nerve, it will cause inflammation of the nerve, a condition known as sciatica. Sciatica can result in radiating pain over the hip, down the leg and into the foot. A slipped disc isn't confined to the low back, it can also occur in the neck causing and elasticity which is needed radiating pain down either for good back and spine

The best way to avoid back trouble is to give your back and spine the muscular support that it needs to withstand your bending, stretching and twisting movements. This muscular support can be acquired through specific exercises. Consult your doctor about what spinal exercises you need and the correct way to perform them.

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Jackie Cannon of Merkel telephone number in at this week's Mystery Store, Crawford's before 5 p.m. Saturday.

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At the end of the 10 weeks a special drawing will be held from all those who have entered and The Merkel Mail will award 10 additional

prizes of \$10 gift certificates. A contestant may enter as New 4-H leader Dr. John T. Pelham as-

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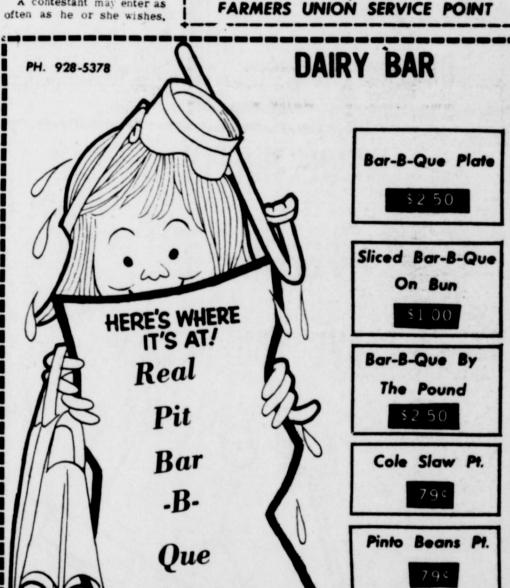
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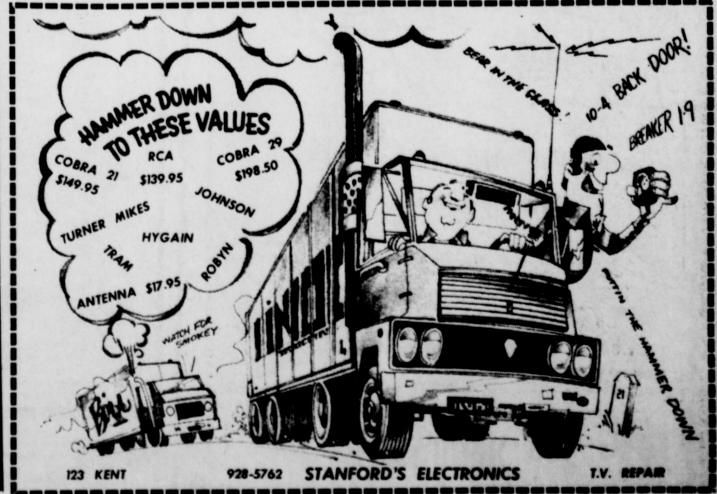
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that nine out of ten persons who have arranged a funeral in recent years were very satisfied with the way funeral directors served them.

That was the underlying onclusion in the survey's findings released recently in Milwaukee, Wisconsin by Central Surveys, Inc., who conducted the opinion study during the last two months on the public's attitudes toward funeral directors.

The survey also found that: 95 per cent felt the funeral director did a good job of explaining the charges for services, facilities and merchandise available.

Most people feel that funeral directors' charges are "in line" rather than

97 per cent said the funeral d rector and his staff were helpful and considerate in all

Most people would call the same funeral director again. Only a very small minority had any unfavorable com-

Respondents also agreed that funeral directors gave an adequate explanation of the services, facilities and merchandise they had available and 94 per cent said the funeral director did not attempt to pressure them into

undesired or unnecessary expenses, services, facilities or merchandise. The survey results sub-

stantiate what funeral directors and funeral director associations, both state and national, have been saying since the Federal Trade Commission started its inquiry into funeral practices, that the vast majority of Americans are well satisfied, both with their funeral directors and the services they offer.

Most respondents indicated that they selected their funeral director on the basis of the firm's reputation; secondly, because of personal acquaintance; and thirdly, because of convenience. Hardly anybody selected a funeral director because of his prices

or advertising, according to

Officials of the National Funeral Directors Association declared that this bears out their contention that the funeral is not just another commercial transaction as some federal government officials would have you believe, but that it is an experience of real value to the bereaved in which personal service and attention are extremely important.

The survey further reported that most people do not favor increased government regultion of funeral practices. And by the overwhelming margan of 12 to 1, respondents preferred state and local regulation of funeral practices rather than that of the federal government.

In this regard NFDA has maintained that complaints against funeral directors and funeral practices are not widespread and those relatively few that do exist can best be handled at the local and state levels where the consumer has maximum, convenient recourse. The survey report is

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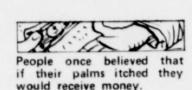
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based on a nation-wide total of 1,005 personal interviews with adults who have made arrangements for a funeral service within the past 10 years. All interviews were conducted by WATS linetelephone from Central Survey's general office in Shenandoah. Iowa under centralized control and supervision. A nation-wide cross section sample of residential telephone numbers was provided by the Marketing Information Center of the Reuben H. Donnelley Corp.

The National Funeral Directors Association stated that it commissioned the survey to find out what we American public really thinks about funeral directors and the services they offer. And the best way to accomplish that was to query those who had arranged funerals in recent years, NFDA asserted,

It is NFDA's belief that funeral practices should reflect the actual needs, wants and desires of the American public, and not what certain govermental officials arbitrarily determine the public should have.



SCOUTS AT CAMP--Scouts from Troop 218 and Troop 285 attended summer camp last week and earned 51 merit badges, 10 skill awards and 11 Scouts advanced in rank. They also won the Camping, Tournament and the Obstacle course award. Friday night Scott Cain, Terry Owen, and Bradion Wade got tapped out during the Order of the Arrow ceremony.

Lower Left: Scott Cain, Kyle Wolf, Willy Townsend, Yerry Owen, Randy Martin and John Townsend, Center Row: Herbert Beaver, Greg Dickinson, W. A. Kinder, James Freeman, Tim Brady, Randy Leverich, and Richard Beaver, Top Row: Elton Freeman Gilbert Beaver, Robert Freeman, Eddie Adams and Calvin Wolf.



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# Tye sixth grade moving to Merkel

After a public discussion and five hours Monday night, the Merkel School Board voted to move the sixth grade at Tye to Merkel Middle School next year.

The move was made to provide more space for incoming students at Tye and to conform to present School District uniformity.

The Board, holding a meeting in the Tye Cafeteria Monday night, greeted six parents at the 7:30 p.m. start. All the parents of the 20 sixth graders involved were contacted by telephone or letter and invited to the meeting to discuss the issue of moving the sixth grade to the Merkel Middle School.

There was some clear opposition to the move by those present. However, when their and feel they are behind. questions were fielded by Superintendent Travis Davis, various school principals and School Board members, the opposition melted.

The Board expressed concern that more parents had not shown up for the meeting to discuss the issue.

the first question asked him after explaining the reason behind moving the sixth There was fe .. expressed that this is just another move

by Merkel to do away with all the grades at Tye. Davis said, "There has The Tye buildings are some of the best buildings we have. It would take \$1-and-a-half million bond issue to provide buildings for such a

average daily attendance be provided." We are checked

intend to do."

school income the District and have to conform to regmay lose a teacher which amounts to \$8,000 to \$10,000 lost revenue. "Moving is needed to save this teacher," he said.

Too, he pointed out that there possibly will be a need for two kindergartens and two first grades this fall and the Tye school is filled to capacity. "This is a way to gain another classroom," he explained.

Also, he explained that in order to have a balanced school district the sixth grade needs to move to Merkel's Middle School where they would get off to the same start as other sixth graders instead of having to come in at the seventh grade level

The Middle School (6th through 8th grades) also allows the students to hegin competition in sports and UIL functions, band and choirs. First question posed was by

Kenneth Griffin. He sought the answer to how many more buses would be required. The Davis attempted to settle answer: none, There are two buses being used now and only one is completely full, Davis said. However, should another bus become necessary it would be used, he said.

Then Polly Taylor wanted to know about the people off Wells Lane and if they were never been any talk like this. to have a bus route. Davis said he would check but that he felt a bus was going through

the area at the present time. The new addition is being expanded due to incoming Air move to Merkel and the voters Force personnel from Dyess simply wouldn't go for it, and others moving into the This is something we never area.

Davis said that anywhere asked. He explained that due to there are children, a bus will

changes which determine on our ous routes by Austin ulations here just as we do in everything else," he said,

Concerning crowding at the Merkel School, it was explained that there are presently three 6th grade teachers with 18 students to the classroom and the addition of 20 would put about 25 to the class which is considered within the required number.

Too, the students will start to rotate classes in the sixth grade to get them used to moving from teacher to teacher as they progress to other grades.

Then came the question of how many classes had been taken away from Tye.

Davis said that before the District was consolidated three years ago, all grades were at Tye (1st through 12th grade) but that the Tve school had contracted for High School students to attend Merkel. Later, they concontracted for 7th and 8th graders. Then they consolidated.

It was pointed out that "The two of us together can have a good school out of this. Uppermost we should keep the students in mind and give them the best education possible."

Asked how the sixth graders felt about making the move, a parent said "They're not for it. They are the big one on the totem pole."

Asked about sixth grade teacher, Mrs. Page, Davis said she is going to school this summer and will teach kindergarten at Tye this fall. "Do we have a say so in the matter?" one parent

"We want to give you a chance, to feel you out. We have not made a decision. We feel we want to talk it over," said Board President Charles Jacobs. "We don't want to slight the people of Tye in any way."

He added, "From the financial standpoint this will be the most economical way to have it."

Davis then said, "Once the break has been made (whether it is this year or in the future) feel it will be the best thing. We feel we must give you the very best for your investment."

He added, "Actually the child is just moving to another step in his life."

Mrs. Sherron Corbin said her daughter was in the seventh grade at Merkel last year and she didn't like it. of course, it was pointed out that she had missed a lot of school due to illness.

Davis: "We want to give each kid a fair shake. By getting an equal start in the sixth grade the students would be starting off on the same level, instead of having to come in at the seventh grade level and being behind in adjustment in Middle School activities.

When asked for more time for further comment from other parents, the Board stated it is pressed for time to make a decision. "We have to make plans and we need to know what to do,"

He added, "If the sixth say we feel we'll benefit from grade is not moved then we this,"

again the question was asked: "You did say it won't keep on until you close this school down completely?" "There is not any way the

ments to handle the student

load."

taxpayers will vote enough education available in all the bonds to build enough school buildings to house all the children in Merkel," Davis said. "We can assure you this has not even been discussed. He said the Tye bus barn

will be renovated for some of the incoming students at Tye coming into Tye.

Because school opens that it was hoping to make a It was 9 p.m. when the decision Monday night.

Nearly all the six parents it was not until the final depresent said they were op- cision of the night at 12:30 posed when they came to the a.m. that the Board voted meeting but said upon leav- to move the sixth grade to ing "Now from what ya'll Merkel.

have to make other arrange-

During the meeting Davis attempted to explain that the District isn't divided into a Tye and Merkel district but that it is one district; and functions as one district, "We are doing everything possible to give the students the best schools."

Davis handles all administrative procedures for all the schools and the same program is conducted at Tye Elementary as at Merkel filementary.

The School board pointed and the big question will be out that they are serving all can the District build fast the people in the District and enough to keep up with those not just the people of Merkel. Those present from Tie

were Kenneth Griffin, Sher-August 23 and the School ron Corbin, Polly Taylor, Board won't meet again until mrs. B. R. Powell, Leneta July 29, it told the group Griffin and Genivevs O'Con.

public discussion ended

### Starr Nursing Home news

ful for the nice rain that play the fiddle. has been falling.

Our Editor has reminded me that there has been no nursing home news lately, Sorry about that but there have been so many things happening, but the patients come first.

We welcome Amzy Dickerson and Charlie Seago into the nursing home. We were sorry Mrs. Seago was unable to care for him at home, but we are glad they were satisfied with his care that was given him in his first stay at the home. We hope that we can get him up in good health again as he was when he was dismissed. Our census is up to 41 our bed capacity is 45.

We are glad to get a good report on Mrs. Clarance (Edna) Horton who is a resident at the nursing home tocated next to West Texas Medical Hospital. She was very serious on admission to

who can see her each day. We would like to express our thanks to Edna Horton's family, Clarence, Betty, Darlene, Jerry Don and Sue for the yellow corn they gave the home. It will serve corn for several weeks when corn is needed. Fresh vegetables are always welcome. V9

Thanks for the white liner. and rags that was given by individuals and churches of Merkel, Trent and other communities. They are needed for diapers and pads to go on the beds. It takes so many for our good doctors don't make the home use catheters which are uncomfortable and causes odors and infections and it really keeps the patient comfortable to be free of the catheters. Anyone having old pillow cases or old sheets they would be ap-

preciated. All were honored by the Ray Pack and his Half Breed Band coming into the home Monday and playing for the residents. The recreation was so full and the hall was full. They did make a lot of old people happy with their country and western music. Of course Bill Holly had to dance for them Uncle Tom Bagby really loved the

Everyone is very thank- fiddleing music as he used to Sorry Mrs. Wilburn untied. her restraint and received a

sprained ankle. We are sorry that she has had so many things happen to her. Abroken hip at home, a fractured knee here and this. But with her little mind she forgets, Sorry Mrs. E. P. (Dilly)

Farmer is still in Hendrick Hospital. She was flown from Houston back to Abilene, We hope that she will improve and get to come home. She is such a nice person and we miss her very much.

Myrl Frazier the Director of Nurses, husband Pat has been very ill and she has been absent. We will be glad when he gets better and she comes back to work.

Brenda, my granddaughter and family and Joyce, my daughter have been vacationing on the coast at Port Isabell for two weeks. Many thanks to the Staff for helpthe hospital but was later moved to be near her doctor who can see har and to the staff for helpthank Mrs. Cox, L. V. N. who is acting as Director of Nurses in the absence of Myrl Frazier. She is doing a wonderful job.

Some have asked who the new administrator is since I retired, Brenda Roberts became the new administrator as of July 1. She is very capable and will do a good job for the Starr Nursing Home.

Thanks to everyone who . odw brought squash and cucumbers and onions for the

Several are taking their vacation. Annie Mae Brenam the kitchen supervisor +s going to school and I know it is hard, but she is very capable. Mary Acuna is taking her vacation at the present time. Others are looking forward to theirs.

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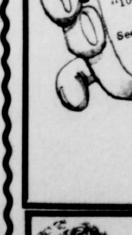
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It is nice to see Mary Vaughn's smiling face when she visits the nursing home

Thanks to Boots Vaughn and Mr. and Mrs. Jack King of Baird for bringing the big fish a 20 pound one down to let the residents see, They also caught a 25 pound one. In fact I appreciated them inviting me to the big fish fry they had at Mary and







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# \$1.6 million put on updating schools, proposal shows

The Merkel School Board received indication Monday might on what it can look forward to in the future in the way of building needs, It isn't too rosy for the pocket book. . Don Hampton of Welch and Hampton, Architects from . Sweetwater presented the Board with proposed renovation and additions to Merkel Independent School District as requested in a June meeting of the Merkel Board,

The Board expressed displeasure with the bottom thre-the proposed cost--and the fact that the initial plans do not adequately meet the needs of the District's future

Thus, they instructed Superintendent Fravis Davis to come up with some recommendations of what the School District needs and what "you want" to be presented in an August meeting.

- With such recommendations the School Board hopes for be able to formulate plans for future building needs.

The Board and Davis agreed the District doesn't need a lot "of frills" at this time: "They would be nice, · but we need classroom space now," Davis said.

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He pointed out that at least 12 classrooms are needed to take care of the student load in all schools at Merkel and Tye for the next 6 to 7 years -depending on a projected 5 per cent annual growth (50 new students per year).

Of course, Davis said the predicted growth could go either way. But now the several planned and currently od new housing additions in the School District indicate the 5 per cent annual growth "or

bas more." The proposed plans would add a new Science and home te reconomics classroom and LRC and Business labs to the High School; two classrooms to to the Middle School; two releassrooms and a kindergarten to the Merkel Eleof mentary School; and two classrooms to the Tye Elementary School.

Davis said the proposed plans for the High School and bas Middle School would be intequate for the next 6 or 7 a Tyears. However five class-- rooms will be needed in both a elementary schools to handle sto the projected student load. "I figure 12 classrooms are needed now," he said, Thus, the proposal is out dated be---- fore it gets past the first

betw. The bottom line of at stiampton's plan would cost the School District \$1,655,729.61. And, it would not include a new gym to replace the proposed removal of the old gym nor needed of improvements to the football

One of the largest expenses principle proposal is \$378,882 for a central heating and air conditioning plant and the addition of doors and electrical devices to meet safety requirements as outlined for public schools by state and juderal authorities, Doors with safety bars for easy opening would cost \$45,500 or \$1,000 to \$1,500 per door. The schools have very few safety - type doors at the present.

As Board Member Don Hart pointed out, the plan ties one thing into another. For instauce carpeting is advised for all buildings at a cost of \$12 per square yard; painting interiors and exteriors; suspending ceilings and insulations where needed; closing windows to provide better replac-



NEW JOBS -- Travis Davis and Lee Presswood go over a personnel form as the two adjust to their new jobs at Merkel High School. Davis has moved up from the principal's office to that of the Superintendent of Merkel Independent School District and Pre swood has moved into the principal's office at Merkel High. Presswood and his family moved to Merkel from Comanche where he has been principal, Both are busy at work each day this summer while all around them workmen are busy preparing the school for the fall

rooms will be needed for 50

additional students each year

for the next five years and

that all the schools are al-

ready overcrowded at the

All agreed Hampton's plans

were great but that they are

more interested in usable

classroom space without "all

The Board also will seek a

fiscal agent to determine the

financing problems involved

more solid recommendations

pals by the August meeting.

practical thing is to draw up

a plan to get us off the hook

at all three campuses as soon

as possible and build the

cheapest thing we need now."

is the time to go to the people

with anything extravagant,"

proposal presented some

He added, "I don't feel this

Hampton in presenting the

Davis did offer: "The most

present time.

the frills."

ing doors with safety features; replacing electrical wiring and making safety additions; and adding nine new classrooms tie in for cost saving operations and ease of maintenance.

The carpet was recommended as being cheaper to maintain than the present form of flooring plus helping to reduce the noise factor.

The new construction would use walls of old buildings which Hampton said would reduce costs. The addition at the High School would be built between the High School and the auditorium with a patio, also covered, to help ease erosion which is hurting the present buildings, Hampton

At the Middle School the two classrooms would be built at the southeast end of the building and at Merkel Elementary at the northwest end.

Board member James Boyd questioned putting so much money into patio areas and the tying on to an old wall.

"It (the proposal) doesn't halfway meet the size or requirement we need and provides very little classrooms for the amount of money we are talking about," Boyd said. "For our immediate needs,

I am not in favor of calling a bond issue," he said.

### drawings and an estimated cost of the project. He said he had gone through the facilities and believes these suggestions are sensible recommendations. "It would upgrade all buildings to a standard of con-

struction of today." He said all the buildings are structurally sound and well

# **Board** member replacement delayed

discussed a possible replacement for Jerry Gibson, board member who resigned at last week's meeting, at its called meeting in Tye Monday

Several names were disnaming someone from Tye to ing assignment. the Board, However, more time to check possible candidates was determined as the best route by the board and the issue was tabled until the July 29 meeting.

Monday's scheduled regular session has been canceled in favor of a July 29 meeting, according to the

In other action, the Board accepted the resignation of Gene Ford, an aide at Tye

The Merkel School Board last year who had been assigned to the first grade at Tye this year. She is moving with her husband to Winters.

In her place Sandra Coke

was hired as a probable first grade teacher at Tye. She is a recent Texas Tech graduate cussed plus the possibility of and this is her first teach-In reviewing the insurance

program for the district it was determined that the Merkel facilities will go from \$8,690 to \$11,437 and insurance at Tye will increase from \$1,287 to \$1,602 for a \$3,200 overall increase in premiums.

The Board voted to split the insurance three ways among Boney Insurance, Seymore Insurance and Cyrus Pee Insurance, all of Merkel.

It is estimated that class- built but feels the only

problem has been the lack of

maintenance in "lots of He also pointed out the lack

kindergarten room of 5,192 of compliance regarding exit square feet at \$96,052 (\$18,50 per square foot) for a total Taking the items building of \$186,137. by building, he explained the More parking area and the

proposal. re-arranging of these plans He estimated it would take were later discussed by the \$55.038 to renovate the high Board with more space needschool which has 12,100 ed for kindergarten and a square teet of space and teacher's work room disanother \$33,400 for the 16,670 cussed. It was felt that at square feet of new construcleast four classrooms and a

tion. At \$20 per square foot.

Renovations for the 4,784 needed for the elementary square feet of existing building. science classroom and of-At Tye Elementary it was fices would cost \$28,962. For pointed out that the building the 16,212 square feet of the s already air conditioned, gymnasium renovations cost Renovation cost was set at would be \$27,500. This would \$37,975 for the 7,500 square include putting a ceiling under foot building with the addithe bleachers and over the tion of 1,800 for two classgirls dressing room (\$4,000). rooms at \$32,400 (\$18 per Renovation for the square foot) for a total of

auditorium would cost \$70.375. \$34,502 for the 8,808 square The cafeteria has 5.406 feet with biggest cost being square feet with renovation \$11,010 for improved lightset at \$100,527. Big item was ing and wiring for stage lightremodeling the kitchen at a ing. cost of \$75,000.

There are 15,194 square Renovation on the 10,064 feet in the Middle School. square foot vocational and Renovation cost is estimated square foot vocational and at \$97,262 and the addition band building was set at of 3,762 square feet pro-\$14,808. viding two classrooms would A separate maintenance cost \$67,068 (\$18 per square foot) for \$164,330.

and central air conditioning building of 2,000 square feet A \$90,085 price was put on was proposed at \$16,000. renovation of the Merkel Ele-Total for the buildings is mentary building with 13,194

\$1,031,579. square feet and the construc-Add to that three tennis tion of two classrooms and a

teacher work room are

### **Immunization** required

Merkel School Superintendent Travis Davis again is reminding parents that they must have up-to-date immunization records for their children if they are to go to school in the district this year.

If a parent has any doubt as to the records Davis requests them to check with the principals of their children's

The State Health Board has been checking the records closely, Davis said and is threatening to not let students go to school until the records are current.

"This is a regulation we don't control," Davis said. "We have to follow the letter of the law which is dictated to us by the state." This includes those from Kindergarten through 12th grade, he said.

## Trent OK's school budget

courts at \$15,000 each, removing the old gym for \$10,000, air conditioning central plant with 300 ton unit for \$378,882; and equipment for Science and classroom School District approved its at \$50,000 and the cost goes to \$1,485,461.

Contingency fees are estimated at \$50,000, profesbond fees at \$20,000 for the appeared to discuss it. grand total of \$1,655,729.61.

Too, the need for new light poles for the football stadium taken on the proposal to set brought other financial questions. It was estimated that to replace the present wornout poles that it would cost \$20,000 each for metal poles (six would be needed) or at matter was postponed until least \$230 each just for the the August 9 meeting. School

The Trent Independent budget for next year at its regular meeting Monday night.

There was a public hearing sional fees at \$100,268,61 and set on the budget but no one

Budget adopted was for The Board agreed the old \$665,790 which is anincrease gym couldn't be torn down over last year due to the conwithout a new one to replace struction set to start later this year.

There also was no action a tax rate. The current property tax rate of \$1,60 per \$100 of assessed value was predicted to be lowered. However, decision on the wooden poles, Fixtures would starts in Trent, August 16.

# Travis gets car, need questioned

Getting Superintendent Travis Davis an automobile proved rather touchy at Monday's School Board meeting and hope to come up with some in Tye.

Davis had proposed an from Davis and the princiexchange - purchase agreement with Max Murrell Chevrolet as a way for the Board to save a possible \$700 a year in automobile expenses for the Merkel School Superintendent.

However, Board Secretary Jacky Reynolds took exception wanting to know where Davis traveled to accumulate 12,000 miles a year and questioning the fact that there might be talk if the Superintendent were seen driving around in a new automobile provided by the Board.

Member Dink Whisenhunt also sought to find out if Davis planned to use the car for his personal business.

The proposal is that the School District will deposit \$4,700 for the new car with Max Murrell Chevrolet who will repurchase the car each year, exchanging it for a new

The District will pay 4 per cent of the \$4,700, or \$188 as interest for the use of the car. Too, Superintendent Davis will have to drive a driver education car four months of the year at \$25 per month until October when the contract would go into effect.

Davis said he has chosen a station wagon this first year. He explained the savings

as compared to paying 16 cents per mile for the probable 12,000 miles traveled in expense money he would collect. This would cost \$1,920 on the prescribed mileage. Thus, deducting possible

interest on the \$4,700 (\$500) and the present estimated cost of \$720 for gasoline (10 miles per gallon at 60 cents per gallon) Davis estimates the savings at \$700 per year or a possible 14 per cent return on the money. "This is a pretty good

savings to the District go- ness and to go to football it as your representative." ing this way," Davis said, games.

Then in answer to Reynolds, Davis explained that the Superintendent is a representative of the School Board and School District and must make trips to Austin several times a year, to Dallas, Corpus Christi, to Abilene and back and forth business in Merkel and to other functions.

He pointed out he and principal Lee Presswood had made two trips to Wichita Falls the last two weeks to become aware of the change in figuring the average daily attendance for next year. When asked if former

Superintendent Mack Fisher had turned in car expense. Davis answered that "Mr. Fisher did not turn it in."

Fisher did use a credit card for his gas and turned in expenses of 16 cents per mile when he traveled on school business out of the district. Reynolds again questioned

the Superintendent stating that he thought the Superintendent was paid a good salary and figured this included paying his own expenses. Davis replied, "You don't

the purchase of the car for

expect a man to do your business out of his own pocket do you?"

Reynolds replied, "I'm afraid we'll be in trouble if people see you driving a new car."

Davis: "All right I'll drive my own car if you pay the mileage."

He explained that the principals have credit cards in the Merkel District and are paid for out of town

"I think you should pay me the same as everyone else," Davis said.

Then when James Boyd put the issue in the form of a motion to buy the car in an effort to save money, Whisenhunt wanted to know if Davis planned to use the car on Sunday and for his personal busi-

Davis: "I could go to Abilene and pick up one piece of school supplies and then conduct several items of personal business. I won't be accountable for the personal miles. This is keeping up with mileage in reverse. Whether it is 15,000 miles or 9,000 miles I intend to drive

drive it don't vote it. I intend to drive it, I don't want to do anything that will look Forget it," Davis added. shady to anybody. I'll buy my own car and put signs all over

it saying it is mine." He then asked the Board for the fifth time to forget the matter and he would buy the car himself and would

charge mileage as necessary. "I was just attempting to save the District some money. It doesn't matter.

The Board then approved the proposed plan to provide a car for Davis, 4 to 1. Members Don Hart, Whisenhunt. Boyd and President Charles Jacobs voted ves and Secretary Reynolds voted, no.

### NEWS FLASH

Lets change our gossip column just this once to a short column of praise. I would like to thank a small group of people with a work schedule that would make the average person tired just trying to figure out how they are going to get everything done. Not only did this group find the time to play and put on a good program for a worthy cause, but they also donated their records and all the proceeds to the same organization. Prior to playing and performing for the Miss Softball America campaign they spent the afternoon putting on a show at the nursing home for the elderly. They asked no thanks or compensation. We would like to thank them at this time and of course I don't even have to say who they are--everyone knows their good fellowship and generosity. We thank you Ray Pack and your group from the bottom of our hearts. Sincerely yours.

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# Gibson Quits School Board, Names changed

Merkel School Board member Jerry Gibson submitted his resignation at the special meeting at Merkel High School July 6.

Gibson resigned to prevent a possible conflict of interest. No action was taken at the July 6 meeting in naming a replacement. After Gibson resigned his wife, Peggy

Gibson, was hired as a secretary to new principal Lee Presswood. In other personnel matters, Dina Kay Cowart was hired as an elementary

teacher. According to new superintendent Travis Davis, the School Board spent most of the 4-hour meeting discussing school insurance and reviewing school

policy in regard to Title IX. The insurance rate issue was discussed and the matter tabled until more information as to costs may be obtained. Merkel insurance firms were asked to submit bids on insurance for

the buildings. The School Board is attempting to update the insurance on the present buildings and to determine the cost involved,

Davis said that under Title IX, the school system has one year to have co-educational facilities in the elementary schools. Since this has presented no problems, it has been com-

However, HEW requires three years for a school district to have coeducational in high school physical education classes.

The Board voted to put off compliance for two remaining years they have, in order to studing the possible scheduling problems.

The Board also voted to review, add, delete and or change the School Board policy to comply with Title IX for teachers and students.

Too, the Board voted to change the names of three facilities. The Merkel Prymary has been changed

to the Merkel Elementary; the Merkel Elementary is now the Merkel Middle School: and the Cafetorium is now the Merkel School Cafeteria. Davis said this is to conform with the

function of each school. The proposed discussion for bids for security fence to enclose transportation area and buildings was tabled until more information may be obtained, Too, the proposed Architect's report

to the Board on present and future

building needs for the school district,

was not held as the architect did not

Under Superintendent's report to the Board Davis reported that summer maintenance and the personnel situation is in excellent condition.

Merkel and Tye elementary buildings are ready for the fall as is the Middle School

"Everyone is concentrating on the High School complex with carpet being put in the Band Room and refinishing of the new gym floor under way," he Davis, in his first School Board as

Superintendent replacing Mack Fisher

who retired June 30, said one person has to be hired but that would be

completed as soon as the individual returns from vacation. Davis said he plans no major, sweeping changes as Superintendent and pointed out he hopes to continue making progress in the system and to seek ways to improve the system and to find better

He praised the staff and maintenance personnel and said he hopes to continue making repairs and adding equipment along each year instead of hitting the School Board with huge requirements at one time.

and more economical ways of doing

"We hope to do a little bit along each year to remain within our budget," he said. He said this would help keep the budget stable with the exception of inflation.

The Board then called for a Special Called meeting July 12 at Tye Elementary School Cafeteria.

# Country Club dining room complete

Members of the Merkel ountry Club have received newsletter from the nanagement outlining progess and goals for the club. It also is announcing the ncreased cost of a membership after August 1.

The newsletter reveals that remodeling of the kitchen and ompletion of the dining room is now complete.

The new management has made \$175,000 in improvements since taking over a year ago, according to the report.

Virgil Robbins is the manager of the Country Club. Among the 17 things listed as completed are a new pro shop, new lounge, new kitchen, remodeled dining room, new entry-way to

placement and repair of 80 per cent of the irrigation system; remodeled bathhouse; landscaping, including a new water hazards; new tees and one new green; new cart paths; carts for rental use; new patio for pool and lounge area; new asphalt parking area; well stocked pro shop; new equipment for maintenance; addition of six new employees; and construction started on additional 9 holes.

The nine projects to be completed in the near future include: beautify entry-way to Country Club; two tennis courts; planting of 500 trees for fairway borders and beautification; complete irrigation where needed; city

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water for club house use; facilities of the Club while 12 additional golf carts; new cart sheds; covered entryway to lounge and dining area; and full 18-hole golf course.

And it was stated that due to heavy expenditures and increased overhead it has been necessary for the Country Club to revise its membership dues and membership structure.

Effective August 1 a full member in tiation fee will go from \$100 to \$150 and monthly dues will increase from \$17

A social member will pay \$30 initiation fee and \$10 monthly. The full membership en-

His experience is to be utilized in the planning of banquets, parties and outtitles a member and his side catering. family to the free use of all

### Pack reunion

The families of Mrs. Hazel Pack of Merkel and Mr. and Mrs. Ray S. Parr, Jr. of Stephenville had a get together at Bean's Park on the

Brazos River near Mineral Wells over the July 4th holidays.

waukee, Wisconsin,

facilities and swimming.

Some of the group started setting up tents the Wednesday before and by Saturday there were 8 tents and a large canopy set up with 53 people present.

There was some form of Are our gas bills higher than recreation for all, including swimming, fishing, playing baseball on a sand barge in the middle of the river, eighty-four and pocket canasta and of course Ray Pack and his Half Breeds entertained a while Saturday night with guitar music and singing and a few antics thrown in.

Several families left Sunday but there were several families who stayed over until Monday. Everyone had a great time even with rain from time to time. Those present were Hazel Pack, Ernest and Jo Pack, Brenda, Karen, Marlene and Cody, Bon and George English and son Dwayne, Roland and Becki Pack and children Chad and Jill, Ray and Heidi Pack and daughters, Denise and Debbie, Duke and Laura Pack and children, Mandy, Lorena and Destry, Larry and Carolyn Pack and son Jason, Dwayne and Kathy Pack and children, Chris and Delaine, Donald and Mary Parr and daughter Lisa all from Merkel. Mr. and Mrs. Ray S. parr, Jr. from Stephenville, Charles and Linda Parr and Sherry from Tyler, Jack and Jeff and Jill, Jerry and Debbie Parr and children Sonva and Shane from Mineral Wells. Friends who were also present were Ronnie and Rosie Holmes from Merkel, Kathy Packs brother, John from Lovington, New Mexico, and Mary Parr's brother and family Joe and Kay Stephens and two sons from Arlington. Hazel Pack accompanied the

### Coins sought

money for old coins. He said he will give \$5 in merchandise certificates to

nickle, dime, quarter or half

dollar to his store.

Ray Parr's home for a short

Crawford's is offering anyone bringing a pre-1960



SUN Water Supply Corporation water plant turned into an and sent spectators scampering until it was brought under

WET CEREMONY -- Monday's ribbon cutting to dedicate the on. The hose lying on the ground began its snake dance especially wet one when the water was ornicially turned control. Among those getting wet shoes and pants was

# New water system dedicated

The SUN Water Supply corporation held a ribbon utting ceremony Monday inder dripping skies at the oump station north of Merkel.

Congressman Omar Burleson addressed the large group and Vincent Barnett cut the ribbon and turned the water on officially dedicating the new water supply system for residents of the Stith, Union and Noodle communities.

When the water was turned on it really sent Congressman Burleson and other officials scampering. The hose started snaking in every direction untilit was snatched and controlled. Thus, the water was officially turned on. Crawford's

However, it has been on at resident's homes for a couple of weeks now.

Don Newhouse, Taylor County supervisor with the Farmers Home Administration was master of ceremonies and recognized all the officers and board of directors of the SUN Water Supply Corporation.

The system has taken five years in completion with \$440,000 in loan and a \$380,000 grant. Monthly water bill will be \$12.50. Water operator hired is E.

E. Bristow and Mrs. Tom Fox will be secretary. Barnett received a plaque for his time and personal ex-

penses in getting the water system for the communities. However, the plaque was forgotten and he had to settle for a hand shake Monday morning. Don Hensley, President of

the Farmers and Merchants National Bank praised the effort to get city water to the area and "we are just happy to be a part of it." Don Hart of Taylor Electric Cooperative recalled that five years ago the project was in the talking stage and now it

has become a reality. He also pointed out that it is a project that has taken a lot of work and that the water system will certainly improve the standard of living for the area as evidenced by the already booming building going on in the area on North

Congressman Burleson praised the FHA and its many good, needed projects for the rural areas. "It is one of the greatest agencies we have," he said.

He recalled that when he was growing up the muddy roads, coal oil lamps and poor water. "I for one certainly don't want to go back to those good old days," he said.

He said that the trend away from farms is reversing. People who left the rural areas for the suburban areas of large cities are now discovering they are part of the problem rather than the solution he said.

He was introduced by John Wolf, vice-president of the Corporation who recalled that the group first met in the spring of 1950 at Dr. Williams home to try to organize the water system.

The new system is one of six in Taylor County.

### Sewing demonstration

Roberta Watters, Taylor County Extension Agent, will continue with her Modern Sewing Tips the next two Tuesdays at 2 p.m.

The sewing demonstrations will be at Ben Franklin's in



SPECIAL AWARD--Vincent Barnett receives special recognition for his long service and money and time in helping to get the SUN Water Supply Corporation into operation He was to receive a plaque but got a handshake from vice-president Joe McDuff when the plaque was left at home by mistake.

### AUSTRIAN TORTE ADAPTED FOR EASY LIVING

Aside from wiener schnitzel. Austrian cooking is probably best known for its tortes. Sacher, Viennese, Linzer-these culinary and artistic triumphs are the pride of every Austrian baker.

Torte actually means a flat, round cake. Traditionally, these rich cakes are made with little or no flour, and have 3 or more layers assembled with a variety of luscious fillings. Tortes are usually elaborately decorated.

This Easy Strawberry Torte is as pretty as a classic Austrian cake, yet so simple to prepare. You may use store bought sponge cake layers, or make your own from a favorite recipe. The cakes are split giving you 4 layers which are then alternately filled with strawberry jam and a light custard creme. This pleasing contrast of textures and flavors is typical of Austrian tortes. Royal Custard Flavored Dessert makes the creme filling for this cake a snap to prepare. Simply beat the chilled custard with a whipped topping mix and milk for a light fluffy filling

with a rich custard flavor. Decorate this one with fresh coconut. Serve with a cool refreshing beverage-the whipped custard. perfect ending for a warm weather meal.



### **EASY STRAWBERRY TORTE**

1 package Royal Custard Flavored Dessert 1-3/4 cups milk

2 packages whipped topping mix 2 (8-inch) sponge cake layers, split 1 jar (12 ounce) strawberry jam Fresh strawberries

Flaked coconut, tinted green In a saucepan combine Royal Custard Flavored Dessert A dramatic appearance is and 1 cup milk. Bring to a full boil over a low heat, stiressential for a true torte. ring constantly. Pour into a bowl and chill until firm.

Combine chilled custard, whipped topping mix and tewhole strawberries, while maining 3/4 cup milk. Beat until mixture is smooth and they're in season, and tinted holds peaks. Fill cake layers alternately with whipped custard and strawberry jam. Top cake with remaining

Decorate with strawberries and tinted coconut. Makes one 8-inch cake.



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land, Eric Maddox and Donald

Chaney added three more the

fifth inning.



BIG HAUL--Frank and Jessie Sellers are proudly holding up a 25-pound yellow catfish they caught Wednesday morning on a trotline. The Merkel couple had their trotline on the Clear Fork River and it was the only one they caught. Frank said this is the largest fish he had ever caught, Mrs. Sellers admitted what river they caught the fish but said "We won't tell where. That is our secret." She also admitted fishing is tough work and added "if you don't believe me just look at all these bruises on my legs." The couple put the catfish back in the tank in the back of their pickup and made plans for returning to their fishing. They returned Monday and landed a 36-pounder.

of April 1 were estimated at

144 million bushels, 34

Wheat production during

1975 reached a record 131.1

million bushels. The sorghum

## All-Stars battle Monday

Little League All-Star action gets under way Monday at Merkel's Little League diamond and will continue Tues-

The Merkel All-Stars will meet Hamlin All-Stars at 7:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday's contest features Rotan and Stonewall-Kent, also in a 7:30 p.m.

contest. winners then meet for the champion-

The Merkel team has been busy working daily to mold into a team in preparation for the tournament.

Named to the All-Starteam are Ronnie Williams, Ray Johnson, Greg Beasley, Ricky Biera, Greg Dickinson, W. A. Kinder, Sammy Tumlinson, Mike Hager, Willy Townsend, Richard Beaver, Danny Riggan, Royce Fowler, O.C. McKeehan, Bubba Atkinson and Manuel Biera.

### **Bumper Grain Harvest** Revitalizes State's Feedlots

hit feedlots in Texas and the feed grains - corn and nation in 1973 seems to sorghum - helped the feedlot finally be over, and recovery by resulting in indications are that more cheaper feed. Total stocks grain-fed beef will be (including oats and barley) as showing up in markets across the state.

"The state's feedlot percent above a year ago. owners rang in the new year with red meat production in January 1976 showing a 27 percent increase over production during the same period in 1975," Agriculture Commissioner John C. White

Cattle and calf slaughter accounts for a large part of the 1974 crop. the overall red meat figure, White explained.

**EASY FRESH PEACH COBBLER** 

1/2 cup butter, melted ¼ cup sugar

1/2 tsp. salt 1/2 cup milk

1 cup all-purpose flour 2 tsp. baking powder 2 cups peeled, sliced peaches

1/3 cup sugar

1/2 tsp. cinnamor

Combine butter, 1/4 cup sugar, milk, flour and baking powder in a 2-quart baking dish. Put peaches on top. Combine 1/3 cup sugar and cinnamon. Sprinkle on top of peaches. Bake in preheated 375-degree oven for 40-45 minutes. Best when served

warm, Yield: 4-5 servings.

For additional dairy recipes send a postcard request to Commissioner John C. White, Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711.

Arnold and Hogwood scoring land scored the fourth, Cope-

champions in Tri-City

the Ambassadors, 9-3 to Glothyn scored the third highlight Tri-City baseball and Victor Herrera and Cope-The loss was the first for

the Tri-City champion Ambassadors who have finished the season with a 9-1 record. The Tigers and Wizards were to play Tuesday and the Rebels and Lions are to end

the regular season Thursday

action last week.

The Tye Tigers upended

Tigers upset

Thus, the Ambassadors are the first Tri-City champions of the newly formed league. The Wizards are second in the standings with a 7-3 winloss record while the Tye Tigers are third with a 5-6

The Ambassadors were held to two hits, a single in the second by Jay Boyd and a single in the fourth by Mike Simms.

They scored once the third when Bobby Orinoneze walked and came home and added two more the fourth with Kyle

Wade and Simms scoring. The Tigers got four hits, triples by Darrl Dawson and Donald Hogwood the second, a single by Dawson the fourth and a double by Mack Copeland the fifth.

They produced three runs the second with Dawson scoring Dee Glothyn and Gary

TRI-CITY STANDINGS Ambassadors Wizards Tye Tigers Hicks Rebels Trent Lions

RESULTS Wizards 13, Rebels 11 Ambassadors 16, Lions 7 Wizards forfeit over Tigers Lions 15, Rebels 10 Ambassadors 7, Wizards 2 Tigers 17, Lions 5 Rebels vs. Ambassadors,

rained out Wizards forfeit over Lions Tigers forfeit over Rebels Tigers 9, Ambassadors 3 Wizards vs. Rebels, rained

SCHEDULE TUESDAY -- Tigers vs. Wizards THURSDAY -- Rebels vs. Lions

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# Women prep for tourney

The Merkel Ladies Golf Association are making final plans for the Third Ladies Golf Tournament July 24 at

crop of 374.4 million bushels was the second largest on Merkel Country Club. record, as was the corn crop hole hardicap partnership from 8 to 9 a.m. of 113.3 million bushels. The oat crop, at 195 million play with the field limited bushels, more than doubled Entries have been received

The women met Tuesday night to finalize plans for the one-day tournament which gets under way at 9 a.m. The tourney will be 18 preceded by coffee and donuts

Entry fee will be \$15 pe to the first 32 teams to enter, team and carts \$7 per team. Lunch and awarding of from Abilene, Snyder, prizes will follow the tournament, Crawford's Colorado City, Winters and

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NEW ADDITION -- The Cunningham family was increased by two recently with the adoption of Shavna and Roy, Other members of the family are standing, left to right, Robert, Alice, Tammie and Sue is sitting in front of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Cunningham, owners of the Dairy Bar in Merkel. The

happy family has one problem, however, they have but one puppy. However, Mrs. Cunningham says they make up for it when they go to the farm. Roy is 4 years old and the alwayssmiling Shayna is 6. She said it has taken about 3 months get the paperwork completed and that now they are just "one big happy family."

# Abilene firm gets water billing contract

The Merkel City Council authorized Unitab Company of Abilene to start doing the city's water bills during its regular meeting at City Hall Thursday morning.

Unitab Company submitted a contract offer after City Coordinator J. A. Sadler was authorized to contact them about the cost of doing the city's bills when the Merkel's billing machine broke last month.

Replacement of the billing machine was estimated at \$10-12,000 at a previous meeting. Plus, a maintenance contract would be necessary at an additional cost of at

least \$50 per month. Due to the idea of a large loan plus interest the City Council elected to consider the automated dataprocessing service as a more economical way of handling the 970 monthly billings.

The contract will be for a year, starting August 1 and will cost the city 17 cents per bill or \$164.30 per month. Sadler said it will cost the city another 13 cents each

cents for envelopes to get the adding machines and Unitab. bills to customers for a total cost of 33 cents per bill. Unitab will do only the billing and return the bills to Merkel for checking and

mailing, Sadler said. Too, it will cost \$650 to up the accounts for the computer firm. However, Sadler pointed out the City will get the programmed tapes at the end of the year if they decided not to renew the contract,

Mayor Lou David Allen said the Unitab offer "beats \$10,000 for a Burroughs adding machine, I think." National Cash Register also submitted an offer but be-

elected to go with the computer company. Councilman Kent Satterwhite said, "I hate to see anything leave here (Merkel) but under the circumstances

we have no choice." of going down in price. "They maximum and setup cost was employees.

We are writing this letter

in regard to the recent Mer-

kel Policeman who was fired.

We, the residents of Mer-

kel believe Cliff Collins was

one of the finest patrolmen

we have ever seen. Mr. Col-

lins is a very devoted man

to his work. Heanswers every

call immediately and is very

concerned to keep order in

We feel that the Merkel

Police could and would do a

more effective job with this

man back on our police force.

is understaffed I urge the

City Counsel to consider to

reinstate Cliff Collins to our

Mr. and Mrs. R. S.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Pack

The Community Resource

Development (CRD) program

of the Texas Agricultural Ex-

tension Service can now give

faster, more efficient ser-

vice through direct links with

computers in Washington,

D. C. The service is known

as the Federal Assistance

Program Retrieval System

(FAPRS) and is designed to

provide information to local

community leaders regarding

availability of federal rural

development grant and loan

programs. Access to the ser-

vice in Texas is through

Extension personnel, points

out the CRD program leader

for the Extension Service.

Computer link

Since our Merkel Police

this City of Merkel.

Merkel Police.

Sincerely,

Holcomb

Jernigan

Mr. and Mrs. R.

Dear Sir.

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Rehire Policeman

Dear Editor.

electronic equipment, when The monthly 17-cent siderably."

bid the city received in of collections and cor-\$800 initial cost for setting October last year of rections; compute and print \$11,046.12 and now for the billings for water, sewer and same machine the price range garbage; print past-due is \$9,233.

fore it was read, the Council tables, checking out the com- because of varying rates.

all reports and forms. Too, Sadler stated that it will not exceed \$800 based and is not considered feasable appears the bookkeeping on regular hourly rates for to continue this method with machines are in the process each function. This is the the limited number of city

People here in Merkel do a

lot of talking about what hap-

pened to the peace officer

that got fired; I am talking

about Cliff Collins, They want

to know why he got fired.

Are these people concerned

citizens or do they just want

something to gossip about?

I am sure the officer would

like to know too since he had

no oppor unity for a hearing.

Buying a six-pack of beer is

not a reason for firing some-

one especially in his off duty

time. What is he guilty of ...

have vehicles that they use.

The tax payers pay for the

gas. How much longer do we

pay for gas on those vehicles

when it is for personal use?

ordinator drive the Police

Chief car when he isn't a

eace officer? Is it legal for

him to be an officer and a

city co-ordinator/manager?

It would appear that the per-

son who is to better our town

is trying to take it over. And

it appears the Counsel has

made no move to stop the

city co-ordinator/manager.

Merkel afraid to attend the

Council meetings? If so, Why?

In these days of freedom of

speech, why do our towns-

people hide behind closed

When do we see the bet-

terment of government? How

much longer do the people

sit back and watch the city

government go down the

I am tired! I hope other

doors?

drain?

people are too!

Are the good citizens of

Why does the city co-

Many of the city employees

exercising freedom?

for stamps and at least 3 are like any of these other estimated at \$650 to \$700 by.-

they first came out they were processing fee will include: especially high, Now, they Pickup from meter books have gone down con- current readings; record all starts, stops and adress. He gave an example of a changes; record all receipts notices for all delinquent ac-The contract offer, signed counts prior to disconnecby Jack Williams, president tion; and print management of Unitab Company said the reports of water consumpinitial setup fee is to cover tion, current account status the costs of loading the and current reading of meter. master files to the computer. Sadler said the new system The master file would include will allow the city to have each meter connection name more up to date records on and address, account number, water consumption and on last meter reading, present money paid and owed. Howbalance, type of service for ever, revaluation of present water, sewer and garbage, charges will have to be conloading the master rate ducted for garbage pickup

plete programs and designing The billing had to be done by hand last month when the It is estimated this charge billing machine broke down

While the fee is 17 dents each, there is a minimum monthly cost of \$125, should the number of accounts drop

that low. The processing time requires three working days. Total estimated cost for the year using 970 connections is \$1,978.80 plus the .

initial \$650 to \$300 fee. In other action the City Council named Robert Harris an assistant Fire Marshall in order that the city may send a Fire Marshall to a one-week school at Texas

A & M. Fire Marshall Way mon Adcock cannot attend the school and it takes two firemen and a Fire Marshall attending to get full credit and help the city to get a lower insurance

rate. The Council also approved the payment of registration expenses to attend the school which includes meals and lodging.

There was one bid to provide the City with workmens compensation insurance as required, starting this month. Boney Insurance was the only one submitting a bid--\$3,887 -- which was accepted by the City Council. It may be

The Council also approved members of the equalization board who will meet later this month. Named to the board are Don Dudley, Alf Walla, Bill Tate, Annette Clark. Betty Tittle and Connie Mack Seymore.

A police department discussion was on the agenda in order that it could be brought up should anyone desire to. None did.

So, the talk turned to the July 4 weekend when Sadler pointed out he assisted with patrolling during the daytime and that everything was extremely quite.

The City has hired a parttime policeman--Leroy Williams -- but is still looking for a fulltime patrolman to replace the one fired

recently. Sadler was officially sworn in as a peace officer by the Mayor, which authorizes him to assist with police duty when

the need warrants. There was some discussion of the situation of debris and litter in the lot next to Ben Franklin, especially Texas, the Coastal Bend and during the holiday weekend. Lower Rio Grande Valley Sadler said he took \$5 out of report that the growing season this year was too cool and wet, resulting in shorter the lot.

Mayor Allen admitted there-Some fields in the Valley isn't much the city can do to have been hit with disease stop the littering of beerwhile others suffered severe cans and debris on the lot hail damage: however, fields since it is private property. in that area are in the final Turning to the accounts, the

Council approved payment of In East Texas, excessive \$13,697.75 for June. Among individual items, rainfall has damaged some of the crop, while in North

Texas, some hail damage was cost to Trans-Tex for pipe. He pointed out that for alreported following a nost the same price he has

been buying 1,600 feet of 2-But despite adverse nch pipe, Trans-Tex proweather, watermelon vided 1,000 feet of 2-inch supplies should be adequate, sipe, 1,000 feet of 1-inch. pipe and 1,000 feet of 3/4inch pipe.

"We got 2,000 more feet of pipe and got it for \$54 less's than we were paying for only 1,000 feet," Sadler told the

Council. Too, shipping charges were. paid by Trans-Tex when the City ordered more than \$300

Worth of nine.
The City's bank balance shows \$51,099.73 plus \$20,000 in certificate of de-

posits at the end of June. This is a \$22,072.04 im-

provement over the City's financial condition of June,

## Letters to the editor

Attend meetings to be informed

Two weeks ago Mr. Heady wrote to you in disgust over the firing of one of our policemen. He said the officer didn't have any chance to defend himself. The law clearly states in Article 6252-17 Section 2. Subsection g of Veron's Texas Civil Statutes that a council can hold a closed meeting when discussing personnel problems, unless the officer or employee requests a public hearing. But the final decision can only be made in an open meeting. It's apparent that either the officer didn't want a public hearing, or wasn't given the chance to request a public hearing. I don't know the reason there wasn't

have showed up?

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want doesn't matter. Ap- they put them in office to parently the people don't think begin with. they're very important be-If these people would come to council meeting and let their opinions be known, things like enough to let it be known to run the way we want? the proper officials, not just

among each other.

and the only two possible rea- all know where to find me." sons for there not being a I am sure also that he knows public hearing. Yet I can't where to find them, especially help but wonder had there twice a month. It is the been a public hearing, how citizen's job as stockholders much of the public would in a million dollar corporation to let the council know Mr. Heady said that evi- what they want and the kind dently respect of the citizens, of city government they exmanners and what the people pect to receive. After all,

I don't imagine that we are cause they won't speak up. any less busy than each council member. They have full-time jobs and families, too. If they can give a couple this might not happen. It hours a month to run the doesn't matter what the city, couldn't we give a couple people want if they don't care hours a month to see that it's

I know it's inconvenient and sometimes impossible to

the mayor have to get up an hour earlier, too. If enough people had voiced their opinion it might have been possible to move the meetings to a later time in the evening. But that also would have eliminated most excuses for not coming to the meet-

I want to say right now, that I'm not "blasting" Mr. Heady or anyone else, I am just using this as an example of what I have been saying for months. Mr. Heady said "This is the first time in over 50 years of my life that I have ever wanted to become involved in city politics." That is the very reason the city politics are

the way they are. Ten people attended the discussed. At the next meeting the time was changed to 7 a.m.

I know this eliminates most of the men, especially if they work in Abilene. But I know it can't eliminate them all. And I know I'm not the only wife and mother in the city of Merkel that doesn't work at a secular job.

The meeting this morning, July 8th, had an item on the agenda marked "Police Department Discussion," yet no one showed up. The Chief of Police was there for comment if anything was to be discussed. I presume no one showed up because they didn't know about it.

For the public's informa-

tion, the law requires the agenda to be posted 72 hours prior to the council meeting, so the public can know what will be considered at the meeting. All you have to do is go by and read the agenda which would only take about 5 minutes. The law also requires that the agenda has to be posted in a place readily accessible to the general public at all times. (Subsection a of Section 3, Article 6252-17 V. T. C. S. as ammended in 1975.) I think it's quite obvious that a billboard inside a building that is only open from 8-5, Monday thru Friday is not readily accessible to the general public at all times. Simply placing the agenda on the inside of the large window on the door so it could be read from the outside of the building 24 hours a day would make it readily accessible to the public, as it should be.

Even if the public didn't attend each meeting, they would know what would be discussed and could make a point to be there if any item was of special interest to them. I know every person can't attend every meeting. But some is much better than none. And the regular attendance of people that can come is even better. If you've never been involved, don't let that stop you either. It's much better to be late getting started than to never start. I truly hope Mr. Heady and the people he's talked to will do more than "want" to get involved, but will get

involved. I'd also like to take this time to thank you, Mr. Dingler, for the way you have run the paper; printing the facts as they stand, and for printing the letters from the readers, even if the items written about aren't too

popular. The Abilene paper has a quote on it which I feel you have fulfilled to the utmost, It is a quote from Byron saying "Without or with offense to friends or foes we sketch your world exactly as it goes." Thank you, again excellent in most areas. for a job well done,

### Dalien Roysden Highway work under way

Highway construction contracts let in June by the State Highway and Public Transportation Commission include work in Taylor County. The work will be supervised by District Engineer Roger G. Welsch.

A contract was awarded to H. Strain & Sons. Inc. of Tye. Low bid was \$328,890.97.

The project, which will require an estimated 240 working days, is for safety im-

provements on Interstate Highway 20 from the Nolan County line to the west urban limits of Abilene, a distance of 15.4 miles.



Paris, France is named from the ancient Celtic tribe, the Parisii, whose capital was known to the Romans as

### Lenore A. Versin Texas Watermelon Crop Plagued by Bad Weather

AUSTIN-Having survived less than ideal growing conditions, the state's watermelon crop is now being harvested.

"Harvest began in South Texas, and then moved to the Coastal Bend and the Lower Rio Grande Valley, It is now underway in Central Texas and Winter Garden fields," Agriculture Commissioner John C. White reported.

Tonnage is expected to be somewhat lower than usual, although planted acreage in the state is the same as the last two years, at 55,000 acres. White said.

Quality is reported Most growers in South

late-June storm.

Commissioner White said.

### **4-H Congress**

stages of harvest.

4-H youth from throughout the state who will be participating in the Texas 4-H Congress July 27-30 in Austin will have an opportunity to get involved in the law-making process. The youth will actually take part in the process of presenting a bill before the Texas Legislature, points out a state 4-H and youth leader for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. The Congress will be headquartered at the Stephen F. Austin Hotel.

### It's not the councils job to come to council meetings at one, and I'm not trying to come to us and ask us what seven o'clock in the morning, council meeting on June 7 imply that any injustice was to do. Mr. Heady said "You but the council members and when the city's budget was done. I merely stated the law ER CLEARANCE ALL LADIES SHORTS & ALL STRAW HATS HALTER TOPS 20% OFF 1/2 PRICE SPECIAL GROUP SUMMER **BLOUSES** 1/2 PRICE ALL MENS & BOYS SHORT SLEEVE WESTERN SHIRTS 1/2 PRICE SPECIAL GROUP LADIES KNIT WESTERN PANTS VALUES TO \$24.95 SALE \$8.95 LUSKEY'S "Texas' Leading Western Stores"

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### Watts, Moore exchange vows

changed Saturday July 10 by Rita Ann Watts and Shawn Joel Moore at Tye Baptist Church in a candle light deremony performed by Rev. Leonard Payne.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Watts of Merkel. Thebridegroomis the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Moore of Tye.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. The ceremony was performed under an archway of greenery sprinkled with apricot and dellow roses, topped by staggered candles. The archway was flanked by candelabras of lighted candles. The unity candle stationed in the center. The bride wore a formal

train length gown of white erlay of net and brocade e. The bodice, sleeves an hem of gown sprinkled with seed pearls. Her train length veil was held with a cap of white tare and seed pearls.

The bride carried a white Bible topped with a cascade of white poms, daisys, babys breath, apricot roses with white streamers.

Kay Holland, the bride's

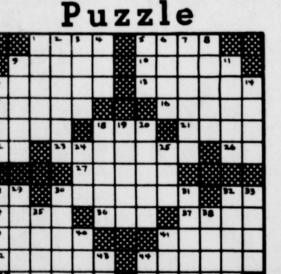
wore a floor length yellow crepe dress trimmed with varrigated lace and ribbons, a matching picture hat, with matching net and ribbons. She carried a yellow rose, babys breath with yellow and apricot streamers. Bridesmaids were Tonya Moore sister of the bridegroom, Kandace Claridy of Hillsboro, and Karen Clark of Leakey. They wore matching floor length apricot crepe dresses trimmed with verrigated lace and ribbons, with matching picture hats. They carried matching apricot sweetheart roses, babys breath with apricot and yellow stream-

The flower girl was Cristi Moore of Tye in matching apricot attire. She carried a white basket of white daisys and rose petals.

Bryan Robertson nephew of the bride, attired in a black tuxedo, apricot shirt, was

ring bearer. Debbie Phillips and Paula King lighted candles wearing matching apricot and yellow floor length gowns, following thru with apricot

and yellow hairpieces.



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15. Those against 6. Books of Moses 17. Cuban coin

18. Mineral spring 21:Step 22. Printer's measure

23: Prominent 26. Tantalum: 27, Pungently 28. Jewish

month 30. Small beards Pound: abbr. 36. Norse war

god 37: Russian fuler 39. Spare 41. Investiga-

tion 42 Mexican 44. Made less

46. Blacksmith's

capable 24. Exclamation 25. Strong

28. Greek 29. Pugilist 30. Whirl 31. Tried hard

32. Mark with a name 33. Brought up 35. Dried grain stalk 38. Not hollow

40. Mimics 41. Corn meal cake 43. Suffix: highest

12. Narrow strip 14. African tree 18. Ermine 19. Little pie

### **Jewell Deaton rites held**

Funeral services for Inez Jewell Deaton, 72, of Abi-lene were held Tuesday at Elliott - Hamil Chapel of

She died Sunday at Hendrick Memorial Hospital.

The Rev. L. L. Trott officiated, assisted by Dr. Joe Temple, Burial was in Elmwood Memorial Park.

Born July 12, 1903, in Blair, she married O. L. Mayfield in Merkel in 1938. After his death, she married O. D. Deaton May 9, 1940, in Clarendon, Arkansas. She moved to Abilene from Alabama in 1958.

She was a former recipient of the chiropractic woman of the year award of the women's auxiliary of the District 7 Texas State Chiropractic Association. She was a longtime Sunday school teacher at First Baptist Church, where she was a member and was active in the Women's

### Darby engaged

Beverly Darby, daughter of Mrs. W. R. Darby of Trent, has announced her engagement and approaching marriage to Robert J. Stennis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Stennis of Amarillo. The couple plan a

September 4 wedding. She is taking medical technology training in Amarillo at the present time and he is a bank examiner in Austin.

David Kraatz of Tye at-

Groomsmen attired in

black tuxedoes with match-

ing apricot shirts were, David

Sparks of Tye, Maury Moore

the bridegroom's brother and

Michael Steck of Stephenville.

David McFall of Abilene, Ray

King and David King attired in black tuxedoes with apricot

and yellow shirts seated

"Always" accompanied by

Michael Steck on the piano.

"The Wedding Prayer"ac-

companied by Nancy Moore on

the organ, Karla Moore was

in charge of the guest book.

by the bride's parents using

the brides chosen colors of

apricot and yellow in the fel-

lowship hall of the church.

were Karla Moore and Linda

Montgomery of dillsboro.

Assisting the grooms table

Assisting in serving were

Mrs. Elmo Moore, Gayla Toliver, Mrs. Pam King, Mrs. David McFall, Mrs.

Paul Moore, Mrs. Johnny Teaff, Mrs. Bill Morgan, Mrs. Jack Boone, Mrs. Orlin Smith, Suzette Smith,

Laura Smith and Patty Sosebee. Doug and Todd Adams presided over the rice bag Following a wedding trip through South Texas the couple will be at home in

Both the bride and bridegroom are graduates of Merkel High School. The bridegroom is employed by Wes-Tex Drilling Company in Abilene. The bridegrooms parents hosted the rehearsal dinner at Wyatts Cafeteria, **Pam Dorton** 

plans wedding Mr. and Mrs. Lester F. Dorton of Victoria announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Pam, to Wayne

Stewart, son of Mrs. Evelyn

A July 30 wedding is

The bride-elect has com-

pleted two years at Victoria

College and is formerly of

The prospective groom is a

sophomore at Abilene

Russell reunion

held July 10-11 at Sweetwater

lake at the Leo Harris "Hide-

away". Seven Russell child-ren were present along with 52 kinfolks and friends

Darwin Warlick of Fort Worth

was awarded the golf trophy.

Ralph Russell of Bossier

City, Louisiana who was presented a beautiful appaloosa

trophy. Jimmy Gordon Russell of Neosho, Missouri

was master of ceremonies.

of Sweetwater.

The noon meal was served from Allen's Fried Chicken

The reunion is always held the 2nd weekend in July.

Mrs. John Warlick of Abilene became ill and had to be taken to Hendrick hospital Saturday evening. She is

Christian University.

planned at 6:30 p.m. in First

United Methodist Church.

Merkel.

The reception was hosted

Pam Prather sang

Rev. Leonard Payne sang

Alton Hallmark of Moran,

tired in tuxedo of accrue

jacket, black pants and yellow

shirt was best man.

Survivors include her husband; two daughters, Peggy Vinson of Abilene and Martha

Chrane of Dallas; a stepdaughter, Carolyn Burton of Thomasville, Missouri; her mother, Mrs. Will Walker of Abilene; a sister, LaDeene Roberts of Abilene; three brothers, Carl Walker of El Paso, O. B. Walker of Abilene and Harold Walker of Merkel; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

onstration Club spent a day in Abilene on July 8. Eight members enjoyed lunch, movies, shopping and sightseeing. Those attending were Mmes: Ab Hunter, Clyde Chancey, Hazel Spurgin, Don adair, Clayton Dillard, Clarence Allen, Hugh Taylor and Clyde Mimms.

Regular club meetings will be resumed in September. The meetings are open to all who wish to attend.

### Thompson dies

Mrs. Ollie Fox's brother, Ernest Thompson died recently at Pacific City, Oregon.

Five brothers and two sisters survive. One brother lives in Dickens, Texas, four live in California and a sister. Mrs. Ola Lane lives in Mountainair, New Mexico.

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### Final rites held for Sallie Justice

Funeral services were held Sunday at Merkel Church of Christ for Sallie Justice, 91, of Merkel who died Friday at Bur-Mont Nursing Center in Abilene after a lengthy

Dr. Keith Justice of Abilene Christian University officiated, assisted by Larry Gill, associate minister of Merkel Church of Christ Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Born December 22, 1884. in Nacogdoches County, she Compre News married Oscar Justice December 20, 1903, in Nacog-doches County. She was the oldest of 10 children. She and her husband moved to Merkel in 1924. He died in 1968. She was a member of Merkel Church of Christ.

Survivors include two sons, V. R. Justice of Merkel and C. L. Justice of Arlington; two daughters, Mrs. Hugh

Kelly of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Mrs. Clifford Rhoden of Abilene; a brother, E. H. Smith of Kilgore; two sisters, Mrs. Herbert Finsterwald of

tbrewner of Shamrock; 11 grandchildren; 19 greatgrandchildren; and a greatgreat-grandchild.

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