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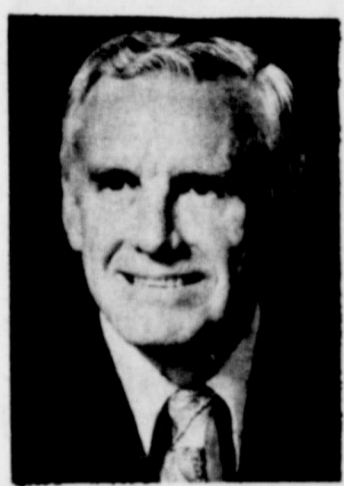
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Twenty Chosen For Badger Hall of Fame



Jack Patterson, athletic director for Baylor University.



Billy Wayne Frazier, '66 graduate, one of the best all-around football players.

Eighteen of the twenty Ex-Badgers chosen to the Merkel Badger Initial Hall of Fame of the Merkel High School have already accepted an invitation to attend the all Sports Banquet sponsored annually by the Merkel Badger Booster Club. The banquet has been scheduled for Saturday April 23, 7:00 p.m., at the Taylor Electric Co-Op Building in Merkel.

All interested Badger fans are invited to attend this greatest of the annual All Sports Banquets where all present players in athletics, girls and boys, and their coaches and their wives will be guests of the Booster Club, as well as the honored guests who will be inducted into the Merkel Badger Hall of Fame. Tickets will be available from Booster Club members shortly.

A committee was selected by the Badger Booster Club to select outstanding ex-participants in football, track, and basketball and who had been out of Merkel High School for 20 years or more. This committee was made up of Dave Gamble, Vincent Barnett, A. L. Moore, Carroll Benson, Chester Collinsworth, Edwin Read, and Herman Carson. Phillip Pursley served as

coordinator of all activities. Pursley stated that two or three qualified candidates will be added each year hereafter.

The Booster Club officers and members are delighted with the selection of candidates named this year and overwhelmed at the response of those chosen to accept the honor. Those chosen for the Hall of Fame 1977 are as follows: Finus "Ox" Cade of Merkel, J. E. "Sot" Boaz of Anson, Robert Higgins of Merkel, Calvin Peterson of Orange, Jimmy Walker of El Paso, Sanford Carr of

Houston, Bill Harris of Midland, Bobby Campbell of Abilene, Robert McLeod of Brenham, and Chester Collinsworth, Jr. of Round Rock.

Also Lester "Hoss" Tittle (deceased), Jack Patterson of Waco, B. J. Melton of Richardson, Billy Wayne Frazier of Roscoe, Leon Floyd of Abilene, James "Breezy" Cox of Lake Jackson, Nowlin "Corky" Cox of Chico, Alvin "Dink" Whisenhunt of Merkel, Jacky Russell of Richardson, and Kermit Rutledge of Merkel.

Miss Merkel Beauty Pageant

Miss Merkel Beauty Pageant will be held Saturday, April 16th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Merkel Auditorium in Cinderella fashion. This annual event is sponsored by Lambda Beta of Beta Sigma Phi. Each girl will be sponsored by a local merchant. If any merchant hasn't been contacted and would like to sponsor a girl, please contact Pat Castille at Castille Hardware-928-5310. The sponsorship is \$5 per girl. We are having good response from our merchants. Many of them are sponsoring more than one girl. Lambda Beta is proud to have such civic-minded merchants.

There will be five divisions: 1. (Preschool (3 years old-5 years old), 2.

Kindergarten-2nd grade, 3. 3rd-5th grade, 4. 6th-8th grade, and 5. 9th-12th grade. The winner of the 9th-12th grade division will be crowned Miss Merkel 1977. She will receive a \$25 savings bond. Deadline for entries is April 8th. For more information call Milly Bright-928-5680. Rehearsal will be Friday, April 15th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Merkel Auditorium. There will be a photographer at the Beauty Pageant, Saturday night to take pictures of the girls. Pictures will be sold for \$5.50, which will include 2, 5" x 7" s and 4 billfold size pictures.

Tickets will be sold at the door (\$1.00 for adults, and \$.50 for children.)

Assembly of God to have surprise gift Sunday

The First Assembly of God located at Rannels and 2nd Street in Merkel, will present each child in attendance (under the age of 12), a surprise gift Easter Sunday.

A 4 1/2 foot bunny will be given away to the member of our Sunday School who

brings the most new visitors.

There will also be a dinner at the church followed by an Easter Egg Hunt.

Remember,--the date is April 10th, Easter Sunday at 9:45 a.m. If you need a ride, call 928-5761.

Teaff, Whisenhunt and Hogan win school board posts

In the School Board election Saturday, Dirk Whisenhunt won the two-year term with 243 votes.

The two three-year posts were filled by Leroy Teaff, with 276 votes, and Kenneth Hogan, with 277

votes.

Others running in the election were Barbara Fowler, 104; Eddie Jones, 97; William H. Adams, 44; and Robert V. Roysden, 23.

Pony League Sunrise Service Meeting April 10th

All boys, age 13 through 17 are urged to attend a Pony League meeting April 12th at 6:30 p.m. at the Pony League ball park. This meeting has been called to complete registration and to meet with the managers before starting the new season.

The First Baptist church would like to invite you to our Sunrise Service on Sunday, April 10. A car caravan will be leaving the church at 5:15 a.m. to drive to the designated place in the mountains. We hope you can make it.

Little League registration April 9th

The Merkel Little League registration will be held Saturday, April 9 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the West Texas Utilities building. All 7 year old boys and 8 year old boys who did not play with the T-Shirt League last year must register. Registration fee is \$2.00. The T-Shirt boys will receive a cap and a T-shirt with the sponsor's name and the team name on it.

Little League boys, ages 9 to 12, who did not play on a Little League team last

year must register by Saturday. Registration fee is \$5.00 and the boy will receive a T-Shirt and a cap. He may keep both of these at the end of the season.

If you are going to be out of town and cannot make this registration please take your slip and registration fee to Castille Hardware, 124 Edwards.

Tryouts for Little League will be April 14 and 15 at 6 p.m. at the Little League field.

Cub Scout Pack 220 participates in Scout-O-Rama

The Cub Scouts from Pack 220 who participated in the yearly Scout-O-Rama were Darrell Shipman, Wayne Johnson, Ray Walters, Chris Horton, Russell Lucas and Mike Myers. The category that was chosen for our booth was "Home made Games." The games the

different dens made plus the Webelos made had great success as there was always a line at our booth waiting their turn. The adults that helped the Cubs and Webelos were Darrell Shipman, Billie Walters and Beverly Johnson.

Hardin-Simmons will honor Class of 1927

Hardin-Simmons University will honor the Class of 1927 when the school holds its annual Founders Day activities Thursday, April 14. In addition the school will receive a marble bust of the former Cowboy Band director, the Late Marion McClure, and will dedicate the Hoyt Ford Lounge in the new Rupert and Pauline Richardson Library.

The 50th anniversary class will be recognized during an assembly at 9:30 a.m. in Behrens Chapel Auditorium. Each of the class members at the assembly will be presented a bronze medallion by Hardin-Simmons President Dr. Elwin L. Skiles. Members of the H-SU Student Foundation will act as escorts for the class members.

John Womble, president of the H-SU Alumni Association, will preside over the assembly, and two members of the 1927 graduating class will be featured on the program. Dr. W. C. Ribble of Albuquerque, New Mexico, will deliver the invocation, and Guy Caldwell of Abilene will bring the class response.

Ann Davis, accompanied by Lynn Baker, will provide musical entertainment. Both are members of the H-SU School of Music.

A marble bust of McClure will be presented to Hardin-Simmons by members of the Cowboy Band Foundation, an organization composed of all former Cowboy Band members.

A processional to the campus Quadrangle will follow the assembly. Ceremonies will be conducted by members of the Student Congress and class officers. Jim Webster, Student Congress president, will preside.

Pat McCurdy, president of the Baptist Student Union, will give a memorial prayer. The Reserve Officers Training Corps Rifle Squad and members of the Cowboy

Band will deliver a salute and taps tribute.

Immediately following the Quadrangle services the Hoyt Ford Lounge, located on the first floor of the Richardson Library, will be dedicated. Dr. James Flamm, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Abilene, will deliver a memorial address.

Dr. Skiles will preside over the unveiling of a portrait of Dr. Ford and a plaque memorializing the lounge. Dr. Ford was a former chairman of the Department of Psychology at H-SU. The lounge was made possible by a memorial fund provided by Dr. Ford's family and friends.

A reception will then follow in Jennings Lounge of Moody Center. A luncheon for members of the Class of 1927, members of the Hoyt Ford family and other invited guests will be held at noon in the Steakery Room of Moody Center. The Singers Ho! singing group will entertain at the luncheon under the direction of Dr. J. G. Martin, head of the Department of Music Education and Church Music.

The assembly, Quadrangle ceremonies, lounge dedication and reception are open to the public.

Founders Day is sponsored by the Hardin-Simmons Alumni Association.

Mason Pot Luck supper April 9th

Saturday evening at 6:30 in the Masonic Hall the Eastern Star will honor the Masons and their families with a pot luck supper.

Following the supper, the Masons will honor several of their members by presenting them membership pins. Plan to be present for this occasion.



News and Thoughts

By Martha Sue Justice

Students from kindergarten through high school had a special treat Wednesday of last week when the special unit of trained dogs and their handlers from Dyess Air Force Base came to Merkel. The unit put on a demonstration at the Badger football field. The handlers and dogs performed under the direction of Sgt. Jerry Parks. The handlers demonstrated the remarkable obedience of the German Shepherds by conducting various marching drills, hand signals, and verbal commands. Decoys were used to show the dogs ability and ableness in catching criminals and protecting their handlers.

This Chuckle comes from Mrs. Leon Harris: A wise man never plants more garden than his wife can hoe.

Stamford, Texas was the scene Saturday for UIL competition. The top Merkel students were: Poetry 1st place-Marlan White, Prose 2nd place-Tommy Jones, Science 1st place-David Booth and Spelling 3rd place-Suzanne Warner. Team points were as follows: 1. Stamford, 141 1/2; 2. Ballinger, 132; 3. Wylie, 104 1/2; 4. Coahoma, 65; 5. Merkel, 55; 6. Colorado City, 20; 7. Winters, 5. Top finishers next will go to Lubbock the weekend of April 22-23 for regional competition.

If the cross you carry--seems at times to be too much of a burden--don't give up,--don't lay it down.---Just shift it to the other shoulder and keep on going.---Your rewards will be many!

Cloris Leachman, actress, now starring in the TV Show "Phyllis," says that--people are what they eat. She said that people who get depressed are simply eating the wrong foods. This is not the first time this has been said. Many people believe that chicken and fish are much better for you than meat.---In fact it has been said that chicken and fish foods will make you happier. In a recent news letter, a report was issued by the staff of the U. S. Senate Select Committee on Nutrition and Human Needs. The study, entitled, "Dietary Goals for the United States," stated, "High levels of fat, saturated fat and cholesterol most often enter our diets in the process of acquisition of protein, particularly through red meat." It suggested that "more of our protein needs be satisfied from fish and poultry and vegetable sources."

An insurance man once told his wife---"Honey, if the brakes ever go out while you are driving and you see that you are going to have a wreck---PLEASE---Try to hit something cheap!"

This past week I just happened to get on the tail end of a conversation between two men talking on the CB on Channel 12. One of them said he had caught a good number of channel catfish, but I didn't hear him say where he caught them. Whoever you are out there---please let us hear from you whenever you go fishing. We would like to take a picture of your catches and if that is not possible,---we would like to hear about--how many and what you caught.

GARDEN NOTES: The following is a list of Herbs, their companions and effects. BASIL-Companion to tomatoes--improves growth and flavor--also repels flies and mosquitoes. BEEBALM-Companion to tomatoes and improves growth and flavor. BORAGE-Companion to tomatoes, squash and strawberries, deters tomato worm and improves growth and flavor. CARAWAY-Plant here and there to loosen soil. CATNIP-Plant in borders to deter flea beetle. CAMOMILE-Companion to cabbages and onions and improves growth and flavor. CHERVIL-Companion to radishes and improves growth and flavor. CHIVES-Companion to carrots and improves growth and flavor. DILL-Companion to cabbage, (do not plant near carrots) and improves growth and health of cabbage. FENNEL-Plant away from gardens. Most plants dislike it! MORE NOTES on Herbs and their companions next week!

Jack Bagby had some great luck this past week at the Haskell Jaycee Invitational Bass Tournament. The tournament took place at Lake Stamford. Jack won a trophy and Heddon Reel after catching the largest bass, weighing 5 lbs. 8 1/2 ozs. He also won \$97.47 for bringing in the second largest string of fish!

We would like to say a special Thank You to the Humble, Texas Post Office workers for their continuing interest in The Merkel Mail.

Don't forget---If you don't read all of the paper, including--classified and all the ads---you might miss a funny piece of gossip---or a big savings on an item you need---or even a savings coupon.

Stith Community to meet

A meeting has been set place at the Stith Community Center. April 11th, at 7:30 p.m. All community members are urged to attend.

Gail Shirey Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. William T. Shirey of 2381 Post Oak Road have announced the engagement of their daughter, Gail Elizabeth, and Paul Thames of Dallas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter P. Thames of Merkel.

A graduate of Cooper High School, the brideelect is a senior at Texas Tech University.

A graduate of Merkel High and Texas Tech, the prospective bridegroom is in his second year at Southwestern Medical School in Dallas.

The wedding is set for June 11 at Brookhollow Christian Church.

Easter Seals campaign report

Homer H. Scott, chairman of the West Texas Easter Seals campaign, expressed concern recently regarding the response to last week's mail-out of almost 50,000 Easter Seals appeal letters to residents of the Big Country.

Scott said, "As of March 30 only \$4,359.50 has been received, which is considerably behind where we were last year at this time." Scott emphasized the fact that the Easter Seals campaign in West Texas is a vital part of the funding program for the West Texas Rehabilitation Center. "I hope that it's just a matter of folks getting busy and letting it slip their minds, and that they will mail in their response envelopes as quickly as possible," Scott added.

The Easter Seals Society of West Texas is comprised of the following counties: Taylor, Runnels, Jones, King, Knox, Nolan, Fisher, Callahan, Shackelford, Haskell, and Stonewall.

The 1977 Easter Seals campaign in the Big Country will help provide rehabilitation and diagnostic services to almost 5,000 handicapped men, women, and children at the West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

School Lunch Menu

THURSDAY	Hot rolls
Chicken fried turkey steaks	Chilled pear halves
WEDNESDAY	Fried chicken
Cream gravy	Cream gravy
Green beans	Whipped potatoes
Candied yams	Green beans
Hot rolls	Hot rolls
Chocolate cake with white frost icing	Jello with fruit
FRIDAY	THURSDAY
No School	Fried fish with tartar sauce
MONDAY	Cole slaw
Holiday	Blackeyed peas with snaps
TUESDAY	Corn meal twists
Barbecue beef	Lemon pudding
Buttered corn and seasoned lima beans	

GI Insurance cash dividends to be paid

Approximately \$180 million in GI insurance cash dividends will be paid to veterans within the next two weeks as part of President Carter's program to help stimulate the national economy.

This was reported recently by Jack Coker, Waco VA Regional Director, who said the President had authorized acceleration of the dividend payments, which will speed early checks to 2.1 million veterans.

The dividends normally would have been paid on policy anniversary dates throughout the remainder of 1977.

The flow of dividends to veterans of both world wars and the Korean Conflict who hold government insurance policies is expected to be completed by April 8 through a coordinated effort by VA and the Department of the Treasury, Coker said.

The first acceleration of GI insurance dividend payments as an aid to the economy was ordered by President Kennedy in 1961. Including the stepped up payments ordered today, the dividend payment process has been accelerated eight times in the last 16 years.

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Texas leads nation in Tornado sightings - Quick action can save lives, property

It was May 26, 1976—the height of the tornado season in Texas.

The National Weather Service had posted tornado warnings for Hill County and the sheriff's office, following standard procedure, alerted deputies out in the country. Sure enough, an ominous black twister appeared in the sky.

With sheriff's deputies tracking the twister by car and radioing in reports to a voluntary weather station, it was determined that the path of the storm would take it near a Presbyterian children's home where 75 youngsters lived.

Calling ahead in the nick of time, deputies warned of the oncoming tornado and the children were evacuated to the safety of a nearby basement before the storm destroyed the north end of the home.

This is just one story out of many incidents that demonstrates how advance warning and preparedness saved lives in Texas last year.

It has been going on ever since the NWS instituted a system of tornado spotting and warning in the 1950's.

Individual's Role
But it is just such preparedness and early warning—through a nationwide system of weather professionals and trained spotters—that have made too many people forget their own role in protecting themselves and their property against storms, says the Texas Insurance Information Center (TIIC) of the Insurance Information Institute.

Catastrophes don't always happen to the "other guy." Every year communities that have never before been struck by a tornado become a disaster area.

Last year Texas was far and away the leader in tornado incidents in the nation with between 176 and 201 tornadoes sighted. The discrepancy in figures is due to the

system of recording used by two reporting agencies—the National Weather Service (176) and the Department of Public Safety (201). There were, luckily, only two tornado-related deaths in the state in 1976.

Because this state is so susceptible to tornadoes, Texans should be especially aware of tornado safety rules. For this reason, the insurance industry, through TIIC (representing, for example, the Texas Insurance Advisory Association, a long-time leader in catastrophe planning), joins civil defense, weather service officials and interested organizations each year—especially during peak months (April, May, June)—to remind Texans of appropriate safety procedures in the event of a threatening storm.

Know Warnings
Two phrases that should be part of every Texan's vocabulary are "tornado watch" and "tornado warning."

A watch—usually posted for broad areas spanning hundreds of miles—is issued anytime a squall line develops which has the potential of spawning tornadoes. It is not uncommon for a city or town to be included in a watch dozens of times, without ever experiencing a tornado. For this reason, the TIIC says there is a danger of becoming complacent. No matter how often a watch is posted for a community, residents should monitor broadcasts and be generally aware of the potentially threatening weather.

Should a twister be spotted, a "tornado warning" is signaled.

Warnings are issued for much smaller areas and may mean that residents have only a few minutes to take shelter.

If a warning is issued, persons in the affected area should immediately watch for danger and be ready to take cover at a

second's notice.

Stay Low
The key word in taking cover is "low." The lowest floor in any building is safest. Small rooms—such as the bathroom—or a closet in the central part of the structure offer the best protection. If this hideout isn't available, taking cover under heavy furniture such as a tipped-over, upholstered couch is advised.

Neither a mobile home nor buildings with wide, free-span roofs—such as auditoriums—are desirable shelters.

Most deaths associated with a tornado are caused by flying debris and most injuries are to the head or chest. For these reasons, care should be taken to protect the head and chest no matter where shelter is taken.

After the Storm
Immediately after a storm has passed stay put for a few minutes. Make sure there is no leaking gas in the area before striking matches. Remember, too, downed telephone and power lines are a hazard.

Whenever a community begins mopping up after a windstorm or tornado, insurance companies put into force pre-arranged

catastrophe procedures to help a community recover from the disaster.

If warranted, additional claims people are called in to help expedite claims processing. As a general rule, hardship cases get first priority. The individual property owner can help by making temporary repairs to prevent further damage—the cost of which is often covered by the insurance policy—and by notifying the agent or company representative immediately upon discovery and estimation of potential loss.

Beware of unscrupulous, fly-by-night contractors who often follow the storm into town. Deal only with reputable contractors.

The message is an old one but worth repeating, especially this time of the year: proper action before and after a storm can save lives and property.

HELP! HELP!

HELP! Friday, April 1st, the Trent Elementary School launched a project to collect one million bottle tops. The students will need your help in collecting these bottle caps. These can be any kind of bottle tops except the pull rings from cans.

We have accepted a challenge from Mr. Roy Neff, Superintendent of Trent Schools, to have these collected by midnight on the 23rd of May. Mr. Neff and Mr. Bruce Thomas, Principal, will give \$10.00 each for use in the new elementary school if we reach our goal. This will take a great effort from everyone in Trent and the surrounding area.

Anyone interested in this project can be of help by saving bottle caps. We are asking merchants and other interested citizens to pledge 10 cents (or more) per thousand caps collected. If you need someone to collect the caps you have saved, please contact any of the elementary staff at Trent and they will make

arrangements to collect them. We feel that the children will benefit greatly from this experience. So, please chip in and help us in this worthy cause. We appreciate your support.

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OUR HEARTFELT THANKS to all who extended comforting sympathy and help in our recent sorrow. For the beautiful service, floral offerings, and other kindnesses, we are deeply grateful.

Also a special thanks to the rest homes and to Starbuck Funeral Home.

Clarence Horton
Betty and I. V. Garrett
Darlene Hollis
Jerry and Audra Horton

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THE KINDNESS AND SYMPATHY of neighbors and friends in our recent sorrow will always remain with us as a precious memory. Our sincere thanks and gratitude for all those comforting acts.

Mrs. Pat Shipman
Steve and Jay

7-1tp
I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY HEARTFELT THANKS for the prayers, cards, flowers, and all the many nice things done for me during my illness.

Mrs. J. D. Sandusky, Sr.

7-1tp
THANK YOU
A note of thanks from Kenneth Hogan: I would like to express my appreciation to the voters of the Merkel Independent School District for your help and support. I hope to be able to serve you well during my term on the School Board.

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WE WISH TO THANK ALL OUR FRIENDS for their many acts of kindness during the illness and death of our loved one. The flowers, the food, the visits, the many sympathy cards and letters, the phone calls, the memorial gifts, and especially your prayers and love will remain in our hearts.

May God bless you and keep you.

The Family of
Newton S. Daniel

7-1tp
THE RECENT BE-REAVEMENT which has visited our home has brought to us a greater appreciation of our friends. Such kindnesses and neighborly thoughtfulness can never be forgotten.

A special thanks for the cards, food, flowers, contributions and prayers. May God bless you all.
Jewel Criswell
Mr. and Mrs. Cletus Brewer
Mr. and Mrs. Martin Drodona

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List each member of your household and state the age and sex of each.

Name	Age	Sex
_____	_____	_____
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Mobile-home owners need tie down protection from wind year-round, but March 1 through June 30 is the time that more than 70 per cent of all tornadoes strike--with peak occurrence in May, warns Mrs. Jane Berry, housing and home furnishings specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A & M University System.



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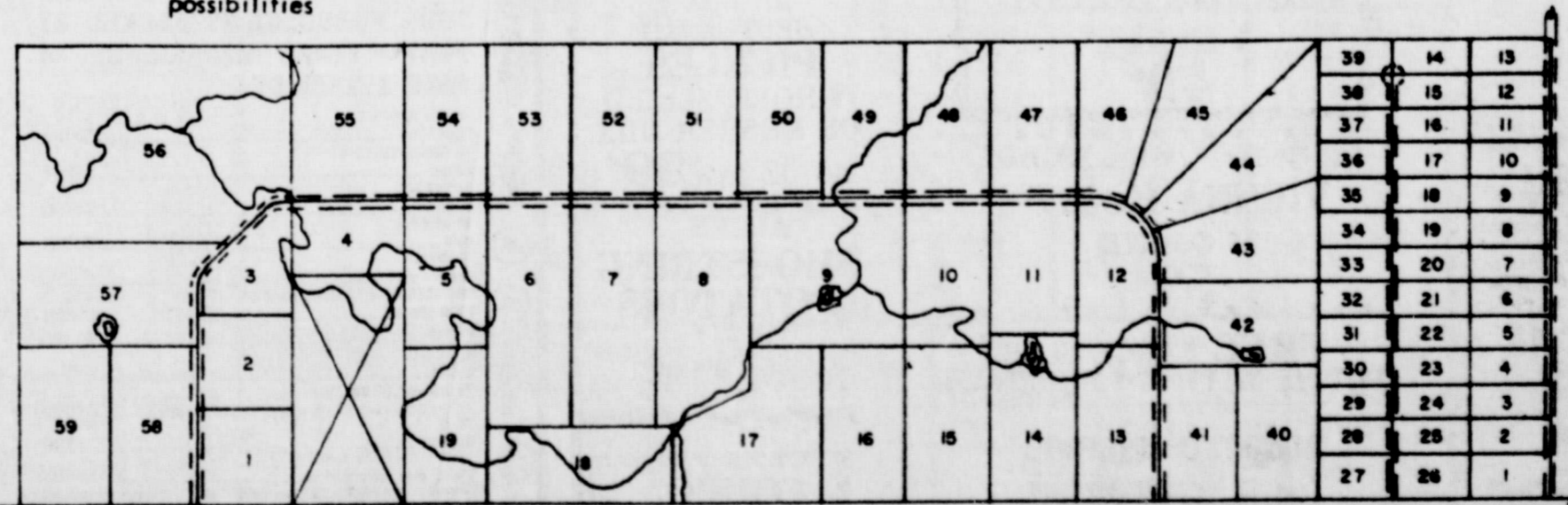
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Texas Oil Field Worker invents convertible sand blaster/collector

Jerry Hill, of Snyder, has developed a modified design that turns a conventional, compressor-operated sand blaster into a vacuum cleaner to retrieve sand quickly, conveniently, and economically. His invention is now being introduced to industry with the help and guidance of the Raymond Lee Organization and is covered by a patent application pending in the U. S. Patent Office.

Mr. Hill spends most of his working time inside huge oil tanks, using 35 to 50 sacks of sand a day. He approximates that almost half of his time is spent removing the sand from tanks after the blasting operation is over. His invention uses a pair of two-way valves—one between the vacuum pump and hose, and the other between the air compressor and the line into the air motor on otherwise conventional equipment. They replace stationary valves. Moving the valves to "vacuum" position and

replacing the blasting nozzle with a collection attachment converts the sand blaster to an efficient vacuum cleaner. The retrieved sand can be reused instead of being discarded after one use, and can be used later in other construction applications, such as building foundations.

According to Raymond Lee, founder president of the Raymond Lee Organization, "Almost everyone has invented something at one time or another, usually in connection with his home, hobby or occupation. We believe there are many ideas which could be of interest to industry if their inventors would come forward." Says Lee, "Our company helps independent inventors throughout the U. S. and Canada with the commercial development and presentation of their ideas to industry."

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Merkel Middle School Wins District

The Merkel Middle School Boy's Track Team came home with a District Championship after the

District Meet April 1st. They also have set several new records throughout the season. At the Abilene

High Meet, the Sprint Relay Team consisting of David Greer, Bart Pursley, Mark Bland, and Donnie Tutt, broke the Middle School Record with a time of 49.5. Then during the preliminaries of the 100 yard dash, at the District Meet, both Donnie Tutt and David Greer ran the distance in 10.8 to break the Middle School Record. Later that day, in the finals, Donny Tutt broke his own record in the event when he ran the 100 in 10.7.

The Merkel Team had a total of 173 points for the District Meet. Their last meet will be the High School District Meet in Colorado City, April 22nd, where they will compete in the freshman division.

DISTRICT MEET: Individual Standings: SPRINT RELAY-David Greer, Bart Pursley, Mark Bland, and Donnie Tutt with the winning time of 49.8.

800 RUN-Paul Vasquez won 1st place with a time of 2:25.3 and Ty Nelson placed 5th.

60 YARD HIGH HURDLES-Bart Pursley won 1st place with a time of 9.2 and Randy Martin placed 4th with a time of 9.8.

100 YARD DASH Preliminary-Donnie Tutt and David Greer ran 10.8 which broke the Middle School record. FINALS-Donnie Tutt won 1st place with a time of 10.7 setting a new record and David Greer placed 4th.

440 YARD DASH-Mark Bland placed 1st, Walter Elmore placed 3rd and James Turner placed 6th. 100 YARD LOW HURDLES-Allan Albright placed 2nd, Owen Franklin

placed 3rd and Terry Owen placed 5th. 220 YARD DASH-Donnie Tutt placed 1st with a time of 26.5, Allan Albright placed 3rd and Gary Tutt placed 5th.

1 MILE RUN-Sal Acosta placed 2nd with a time of 5:47.3, Todd Gregory placed 5th and Dale Rankin placed 6th.

MILE RELAY-Bart Pursley, Walter Elmore, and David Greer and Mark

Bland won 1st place with a time of 4:09.3.

Field Events DISCUS-Mark Bland placed 2nd.

POLE VAULT-Owen Franklin placed 3rd and Randy Martin placed 6th.

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What Would Happen If Disaster Hit?

No one wants a disaster, but there can be some comfort in the fact that private interests and government agencies are preparing in advance.

In 1975, the state legislature revised the Texas Disaster Act and made the Governor—through the Division of Disaster Emergency Services (DDES)—the chief officer for coordinating disaster relief in the state.

DDES's Texas Disaster Plan outlines the duties of both state agencies and local governments, should there be a need. It is designed to support the efforts of local governments and is a supplement to, not a substitute for, relief assistance provided by cities and counties.

The DDES works with a local disaster coordinator in each area. In unincorporated areas, it's the county judge; in incorporated areas, it's the mayor.

If the resources of these local political subdivisions are inadequate to the task—such as would likely

be the case in the event of a major tornado or hurricane—then local officials may request aid from the state to help relieve suffering and alleviate as much hardship as possible.

Evidence of the scale of one of these calamities is found in recent history. The Lubbock tornado of 1970 caused some \$135 million of property damage; Hurricane Celia in 1970 caused some \$450 million of property damage. Losses vary for these storms, but these figures at least suggest the potential, and a need for a Texas Disaster Plan.

Should a disaster be widespread and totally disabling, the Governor can request a presidential declaration as a disaster area—which opens the doors for federal assistance. Should this occur, Civil Defense officials will come into the community and set up a relief center through which aid—local, state, federal and private—will be coordinated.

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Kay Lynn (Bagby) Bright, former Merkelite, helped by writing a letter to the program requesting the name of their Merkel relative in order to solicit some help in proving all the wonderful things about her home town.

As a postal worker in the Humble post office, Kay had taken lots of teasing and joking when the Merkel Mail arrived and about Merkel in general.

On March 31, Kay felt like she had been chosen queen for the day when Merkel became the spot

light of the program. The reading of her letter began the program with other interesting facts about Merkel being discussed during the three hour program.

There was a telephone call to the residence of Mrs. Ed Lewis of Merkel (mother-in-law of one of the D. J.s)

A feature of the program was a cash prize to a random listener for answering the phone with "KILT." If the winner also could tell the "Mystery Word" the prize would be doubled.

What was the mystery word for the day?
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:
I don't believe a woman should be in the pulpit or in politics.

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P. S. I think it means the same in politics as in the pulpit.

Janie Clark initiated into Delta Zeta

Miss Janie Clark, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Junior Clark of Merkel, was recently initiated into Delta Zeta National Social Sorority at West Texas State University. Miss Clark is a sophomore student, non-major.

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Compere Cemetary Assn.

to meet April 16th

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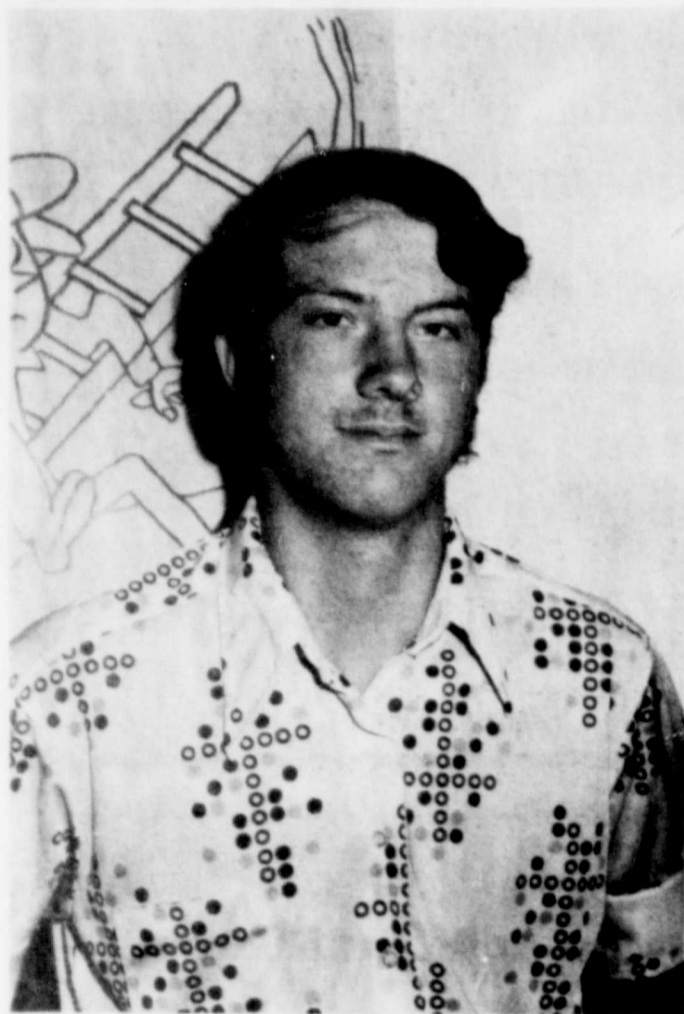
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MOC Students in Action



James Dosser

James Dosser, age 17, is a junior at Merkel High School. He is a member of the Multi-Occupations Co-op training and the VICA Club. James is employed at Skaggs Albertson as a courtesy clerk, which involves a variety of jobs. James said, "I work in the grocery department most

of the time. I fill the milk and egg cases, fill the ad items and load and unload trucks which come in. I also clean the bakery department, stock shelves for the drug department, fill the candy for the lobby and in between all this I also sack groceries." James works from 1 until 7 every weekday under the supervision of Mike Brock.



Linda Williams

Linda Williams, age 16, is a junior at Merkel High School. Linda is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Williams. Linda works for T. G. & Y. (Westgate Store) in Abilene. She works as a cashier from 5 until 9 under the supervision of Mr. Alexander, Mr. Moss, and Mr. Bogue. Linda is vice-president

of the VICA Club and a member of the Merkel High School annual staff. This is Linda's first year in MOC. Sallie Orr visitors Sallie Orr's niece Medeline Reichardt from San Antonio is visiting in Merkel. Madeline is the daughter of Dr. Adkesson who was a doctor in Merkel many years ago.



Suzanne Warner

Suzanne Warner, age 18, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Warner, Sr. Suzanne works for Dr. John F. Angle, M. D. under the supervision of Kathy Cypert in Abilene. She does general office work, which consists of dealing with patients, filing, answering the phone, etc. and she works from 2 p.m. until 5:30 Monday through Thursday. Suzanne is a senior in Merkel High School, a member of the band, annual staff, National Honor

Society, participated in UIL spelling and musical contests this year, UIL spelling, ready writing, shorthand and musical contests in the past 3 years. She also won 1st place in grade division the past 3 years in the Middle Clear Fork Soil and Water Conservation Essay contest. Suzanne plans to attend McMurry College with a major in business for preparation in becoming a medical secretary. This is Suzanne's first year in MOC.



Rudy Biera

Rudy Biera, age 17, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Juan Biera. Rudy is employed part-time by Palmer Motor Company of Merkel. He works under the supervision of Duane Shugart. His duties are cleaning up cars and general clean up throughout Palmers. Rudy works about 24 hours a

week, working five and a half days. Rudy is a junior at Merkel High School and was born and raised in Merkel. He is a member of the VICA Club and has played football for 2 years. Rudy started working for Palmers in August of last year and plans to take an active part in MOC next year.



Carrie Law

Carrie Law, age 17, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Law. Carrie is employed at El-Tye-O Sales Corporation as a part-time secretary. She is under the supervision of Mildred Rigney.

Carrie, a junior in Merkel High School, started working for El-Tye-O in August of last year. This is Carrie's first year in VICA, however, she plans to take an active part again next year.



Kyle Wilkerson

Kyle Wilkerson, age 16, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wyman Wilkerson. Kyle is employed at the Pizza Inn on East Highway 80 in Abilene. He works about 32 hours every week as a cook. This is Kyle's first year in MOC and he also plans to be active in the same organization next year. The Liberty Bell was rung when the East and West were linked by railroad in 1869.

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A reception Sunday, April 17th at their grandson's home, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wilson at Nolan will honor Mr. and Mrs. Will Butman.

Children and grandchildren of the honorees will host the sixtieth wedding anniversary reception for relatives and friends from 2 until 4 p.m. Sunday. Children are Margaret Newby of Elgin, Mrs. Curtis (Geraldine) Wilson of Sterling City,

and Louene Baird of Bryan. They also have fourteen grandchildren and thirteen great grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Butman, the former Lota Jones of Mulberry Canyon, were married April 15, 1917 in Nolan County. They have lived in Mulberry Canyon and Nolan community since that time. They were ranchers there and are members of the Nolan Methodist Church.

When purchasing a mobile home, look for factory-installed anchoring straps under the skin of the mobile home, advises Mrs. Jane Berry, housing and home furnishings specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A & M University System.

Summer '77 promises a return to the romantic feeling. White eyelet will be popular for use as shawls, skirts, handbags and even for shorts, Margret Ann Vanderpoorten, clothing specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A & M University System, says.

Mr. & Mrs. Will Butman

Care Mother's Day Plan

Mother's Day is traditionally a time for special remembrances of your own mother or any woman dear to you, but at CARE it means helping mothers and their children overseas who are hungry, ill and impoverished. Food to help fight malnutrition. Rural self-help projects to bring water and schools to ehir villages and community health programs. Above all, hope for a brighter future. That's what Mother's Day means to them.

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Contributions may be sent to Mother's Day Plan, CARE, 109 North Akard, No. 917, Dallas, Texas 75201. Give your name and address, the name and address of each woman honored (minimum \$2 per name), and instructions for card handling. If you wish cards mailed directly, state how each is to be signed. Make checks out to CARE, Inc. Order early to assure card de-

liveries in time for Mother's Day, May 8th.

Earthquake

AUSTIN, Texas (Spl.) — Earthquake research will be advanced by University of Texas marine scientists who have devised a seismograph that can be dropped to the bottom of the ocean, record earthquakes and then release itself to float to the surface.

Improvements made in the seismograph now permit it to remain on the ocean bottom for up to two months. About 200 of the seismographs are to be placed in the central Pacific Ocean, an area of high seismic activity where the forces of earthquakes, volcanism and tidal waves are at work.

**Pastors Conference
April 12th**

The annual spring Pastors Conference will be held Tuesday, April 12, at Hardin-Simmons University.

Dr. Curtis Vaughn, professor of New Testament at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, and Dr. William Pinson, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Wichita Falls will speak during the conference.

The conference will be held in Room 208 of Moody Center and will begin at 10:15 a.m. with coffee in Jennings Lounge.

Dr. Vaughn will speak

from 10:45 until 11:30 a.m. and from 1:15 until 2 p.m. His topic will be Biblical Exegesis and Exposition.

Dr. Pinson will speak from 11:30 until 12:15 p.m. and from 2 until 2:45 p.m. His first lecture will be "Changing Times" and the 2 p.m. lecture will be "When the Well Runs Dry."

The conference is sponsored by the Division of Religion at H-SU and is open to all pastors in the area. Dr. Lindell O. Harris is chairman of the division.

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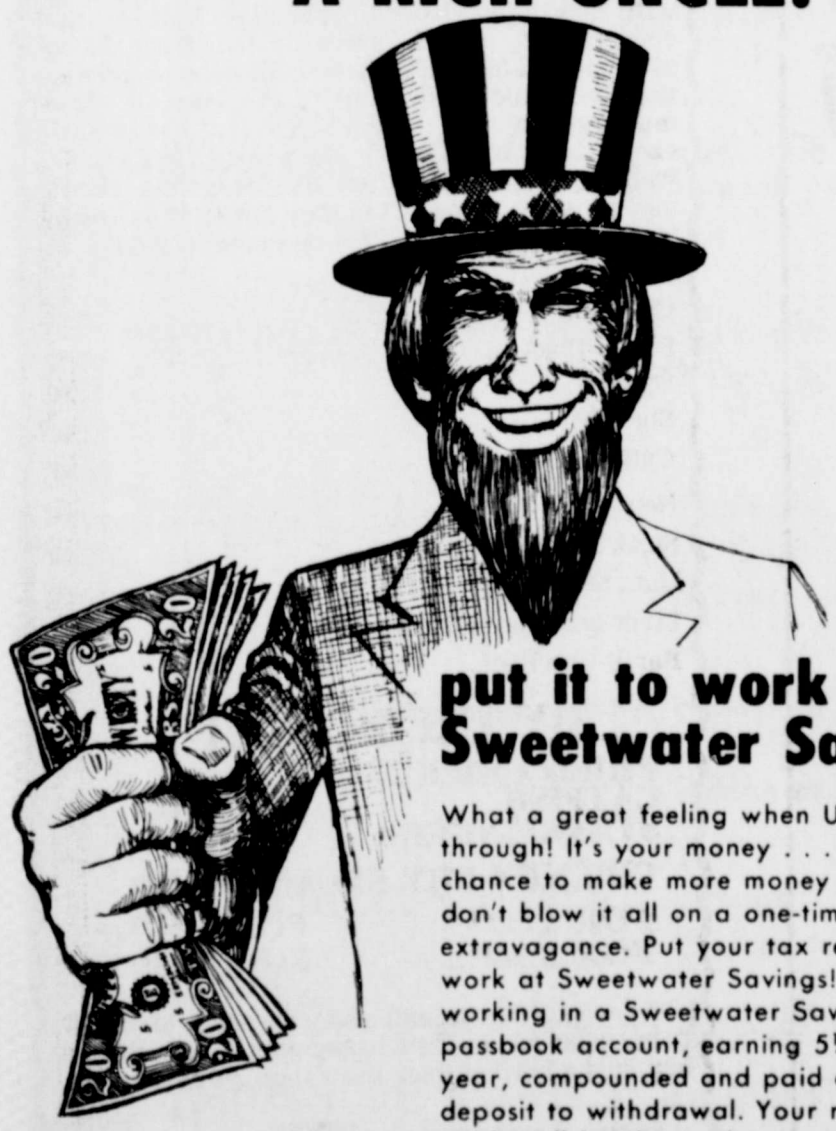
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Funeral Held for Albert Criswell

Albert Criswell, 80, a retired Merkel farmer, died at 11:45 p.m. Wednesday, March 30th at the Hendrick Memorial Hospital following a sudden illness. Services were at 3 p.m. Friday, April 1st in the First Baptist Church.

The Rev. Kenneth Jones, pastor, officiated. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery, directed by Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born September 23, 1896, in Comanche, Mr. Criswell moved to the Merkel area in 1922. He married Jewel Brewer April 12, 1960, in Big Spring. He retired from farming in 1969 and moved to Merkel in 1972. Mr. Criswell was a member of the First

Baptist Church and the Merkel-Trent Barracks of World War I number 2248.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Mrs. Martin Drobeno of Temple; a stepson, Cletus Brewer of Mesquite; a brother, Elmer Criswell of Plainview; a sister, Mrs. Fred Hurt of San Angelo; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Gerald Derrick, Teddy Byrd, Ted McAninch, John Ybarra, J. P. Click, Troy Sloan, Fred Johnson and Earnest Meeks.

The family requests any memorials be in the form of contributions to the West Texas Rehabilitation Center



Easter tree made by Mrs. Faye Jones, who lives on Kent Street.

Goodman Home Demonstration News

After watching a demonstration given by Mrs. Garland Price on "Conserving Energy with Slow Cookers" everyone at the regular meeting of the Goodman Home Demonstration Club that didn't have a crock pot, wanted to go and buy one just to try out one of her recipes.

Mrs. Price cooked a cake and gave hints on cooking everything from vegetables to cakes. The meeting was held March 25th at the home of Mrs. David Carter. Business included a discussion on a report from the council delegate and making plans to attend the

state meeting at Roby. Recreation, "Do you Know your Texas Flowers?" was brought by Mrs. Price. A prayer was given by Mrs. Dan Butler.

Ladies attending were Mesdames: Carl Carey, Allen Agnew, Dennis Butler, Garland Price, Dan Butler, David Carter and one visitor Mrs. Irl Walker.

The next meeting will be on defensive driving. A time or place hasn't been set yet.

All meetings of this club are open to all, irrespective of race, color, national origin or economic circumstance.

Charles W. Hale Dies

Charles W. Hale, 49, died Sunday, March 20th of heart failure in his home in Halyoke, Massachusetts.

He was born near Anson, Texas and was a member of the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church at Anson. He was a graduate of Hawley High School.

He spent three years in the United States Air Force and was stationed at Weslover Field Air Base at Halyoke, Massachusetts, where he met Claire Patnode. They were married July 24, 1949 in Baird, Texas.

His funeral was held Thursday, March 24th at the Arthur J. Brunelle Funeral Home. The Rev. Jeffery M. Larche officiated and burial was in Halyoke Cemetery.

His survivors include his wife, Claire; three sons, Second Lt. Ronald B. Hale of Alaska and David W. and Stephen B. of Hal-

yoke; and four grandchildren; his parents are Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hale of Merkel; a sister, Sandra Malone of Taylor, Texas.

Mrs. Hale and Sandra and Bobby Malone attended the funeral.

Help for battered Wives

Physical fighting between married couples takes place in all economic and social levels of society. Statistics indicate that wife abuse is more common than rape and figures are increasing. Fort Worth police get 300-400 calls per month from battered women. Other Texas statistics specifically on battered wives are scarce but police reports confirm that family assaults in general are rising.

Although women do assault men, it seems that wife abuse happens more often and usually with more serious consequences, the Texas Medical Association says. Husbands murdered about a third of female homicide victims in California in 1971, FBI statistics show. Only 8 percent of male homicide victims were murdered by wives. The number of reported family disturbance and wife abuse cases are probably only a fraction of the total.

Women often feel trapped in situations where they are abused. Many do not think they have the ability to earn a living so

they stay where it is dangerous but there is an assured income from the husband. Many women may also feel pressure from church and society to stay in marriages and try to make them work. Emotional ties with the husband also can be a big factor.

Escape and counselling are two possibilities women's groups often mention for battered wives. Some stress escape because of their pessimism about progress with uncooperative husbands. They say the physical danger may make staying in the relationship too risky unless the husband wants to change.

Much of the counselling tries to give the women a sense of self-acceptance and independence. Nancy Felice, co-organizer of the Austin Coalition on Battered Women, said many middle-class, middle-age women come to counselling feeling guilty because they are beaten.

Husbands who batter wives seem to have their own set of problems. A poor self-image, jealousy, misplaced anger, a need to dominate and-or a

drinking problem often are mentioned.

One resource for battered wives would be to go to temporary housing. They could stay there until home situations improved or they made a complete break. Currently groups in Dallas, Fort Worth, Austin and Houston are almost the only ones trying to set up housing centers. In the meantime, groups are offering telephone counselling and referral, peer counselling sessions

and short-term housing with group workers.

The need is definitely there but funding seems to be the big problem for everybody, said Doug Denton, who works with the Dallas-based Women's Help and Fort Worth-based Women's Haven. Denton, an assistant professor at UT Arlington, said the Fort Worth group almost has finalized arrangements for a usable house but they still badly need donations and grants.

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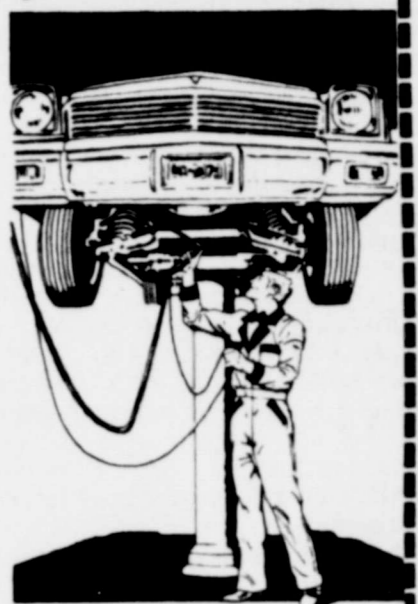
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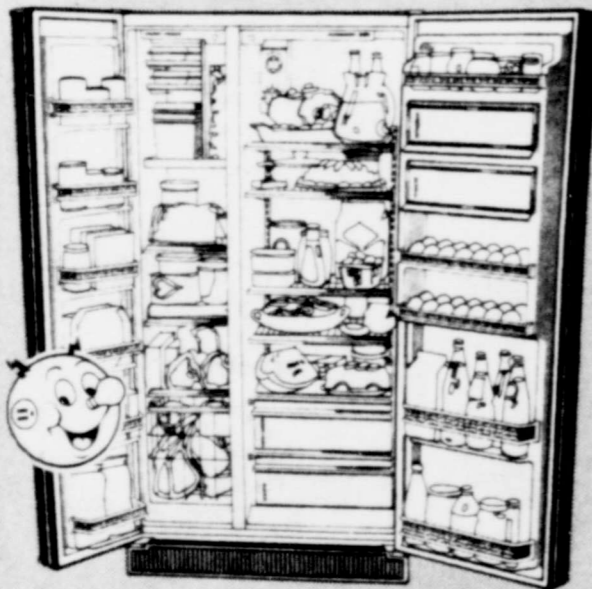
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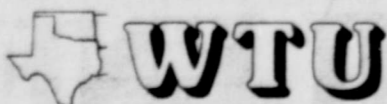
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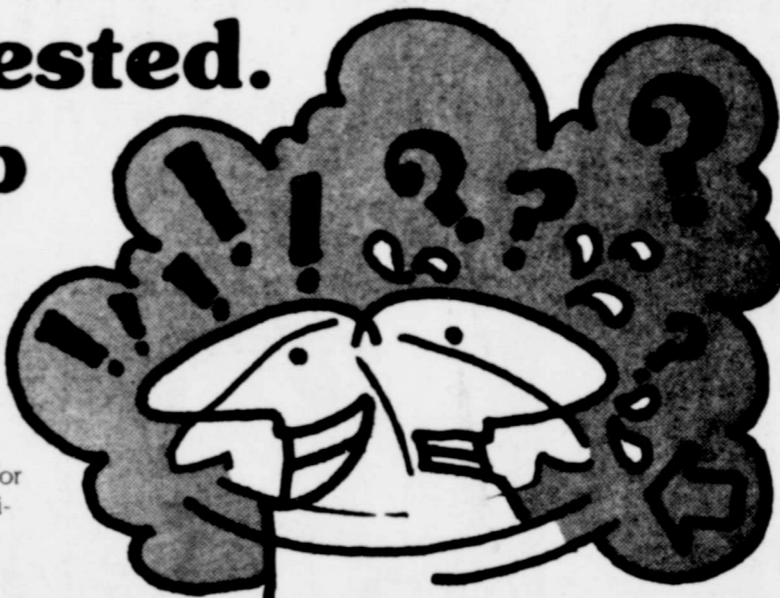


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The annual kite fly for the Pack was held Sunday, April 3 with only 6 boys participating, but the boys plus all the adults attending had lots of fun. There were 1st, 2nd and 3rd place ribbons for the following categories: 1. most original kite, 2. most colorful kite, 3. smallest kite, 4. largest kite, and 5. highest flying kite. In competing for the last category the boys had 5 minutes to get their kites up. This was the most

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April 6, 7 & 8th

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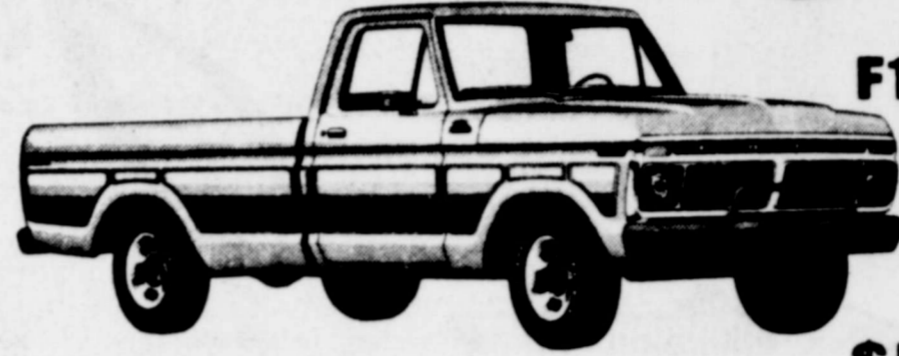
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By Russell McAnally

Retirees Can Avoid Filing

Retirees can avoid making quarterly tax payments by filing a Form W-4P to have Federal income tax withheld on each pension and annuity payment, the Internal Revenue Service said.


By filing a Form W-4P, "Annuitant's Request for Federal Income Tax Withholding," with the agency paying the pension or annuity, the taxpayer will not have to estimate the amount of tax owed nor will he or she have to pay a large sum of money at one time. The only requirement with a W-4P form is that at least \$5 per month be withheld. Then the taxpayer must only file an annual tax return on or before April 15.

If a retiree does not file a W-4P and receives pension payments or other incomes which are subject to tax, he or she must file a declaration of estimated income tax, Form 1040-ES, when the estimated tax is \$100 or more.

Even if some tax money is withheld, a declaration must be filed when the estimated gross income includes more than \$500 on which no tax has been withheld. This, too, only applies when the estimated tax is \$100 or more.

Payment is then made either when the Form 1040-ES is filed or in equal quarterly installments beginning with the filing form, the IRS said.


Taxpayers can obtain further information by checking with a local IRS office.



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Taxpayers who keep records of actual costs

Algae as food rich in protein

AUSTIN, Texas (Sp.) — One answer to the world's critical food shortage may lie in — or float on — the lowly protein-packed algae that form naturally in lakes and ponds.

Using a 40-foot wooden tank, a University of Texas engineer, Dr. Michael Leesley, is devising a man-made system to imitate conditions under which algae grows in nature.

If his work is successful, Dr. Leesley envisions that an algae-growing facility — consisting of 440 troughs, each four miles long — could produce 100,000 tons of algae per year yielding 65,000 tons of protein (enough to feed two million persons).

may claim operating expenses and fixed expenses, such as depreciation and insurance, for business use of their automobile. For deductible nonbusiness uses, only operating expenses may be claimed.

Instead of claiming actual expenses, taxpayers may use an optional mileage allowance method. Taxpayers can deduct 15 cents per mile for the first 15,000 miles and 10 cents per mile for each additional mile when their automobile is used for business purposes. Individuals who use their automobile for charitable, medical or moving expenses are allowed 7 cents per mile under tax guidelines. In all instances parking and toll fees may be claimed in addition to the mileage rate.

These deductions can be made only if the taxpayer was not reimbursed for expenses by his or her employer. If the employer's reimbursement exceeds the employee's actual expenses, the amount of the excess must

be shown as gross income, the IRS said.

For more details concerning business expenses, the free IRS Publication 463, "Travel, Enter-

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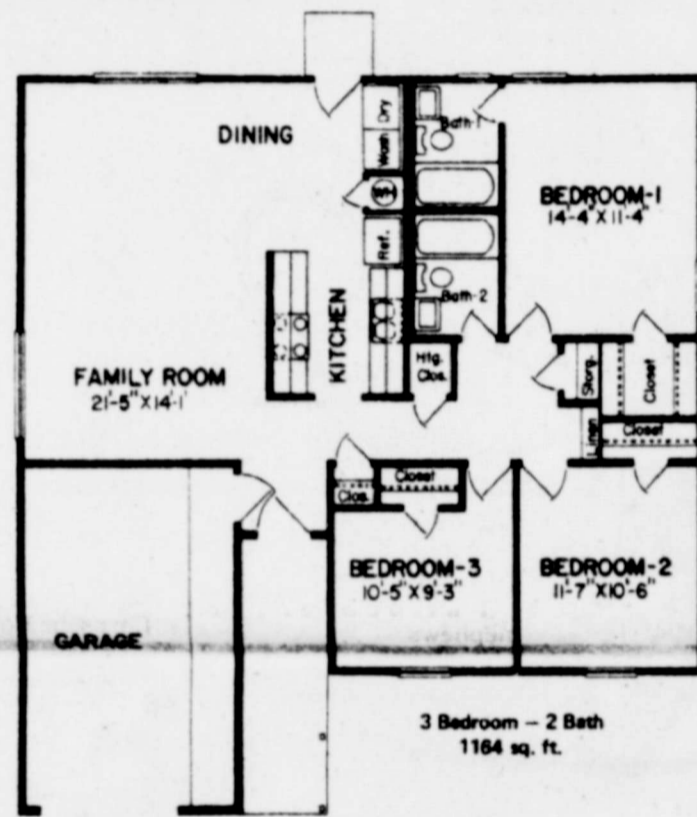
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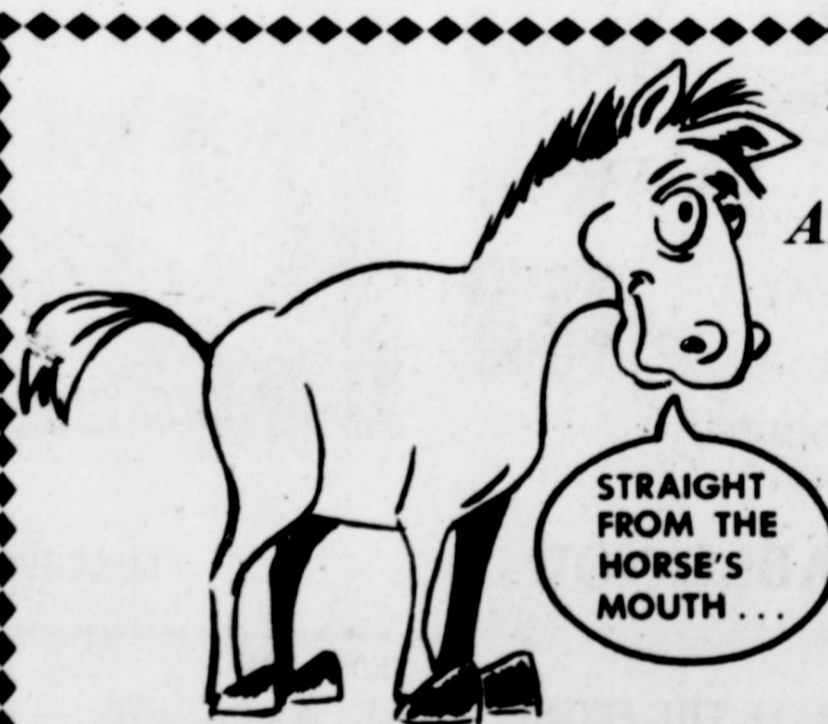
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Mrs. Clarence Horton Dies

Mrs. Clarence Horton, 66, of Merkel, died at 3:30 a.m. Saturday in the West Texas Medical Center after a long illness. Services were at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 3rd in the



MRS. CLARENCE HORTON

Merkel Assembly of God. The Rev. H. S. Earp, Baker Heights Assembly of God, the Rev. Joe Bushnell, pastor of the Assembly of God in Abilene, and the Rev. Frank Estes, Bethel Temple Assembly of God, officiated. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery, directed by Starbuck Funeral Home. Born Edna Leona Skurlock, May 7, 1910, in Bandera County, Mrs. Horton moved to the Merkel area in 1919. She married Clarence E. Horton on December 22, 1926 in Merkel. She worked for the Sadler Clinic in Merkel from 1947 to 1957 and at the Dyess AFB Hospital from 1957 to 1972, when she retired due to ill health.

Mrs. Horton was also active in the local LVN Association, having served on the Board of Directors for three years and as president for three years. She also served one year as a member of the Licensed Vocational Nurses Association's State Teller's Committee, two years on the State Board of Directors, and as second vice president for two years. During her tenure as president Abilene was host to the State Convention in 1964. She was a member of the Assembly of God.

Survivors include her husband; a son, Jerry Don Horton of Merkel; two daughters, Mrs. I. V. (Betty) Garrett of 673 Shelton and Darlene Hollis of 2663 Minter Lane; two sisters, Mrs. Gordon Alexander of Paris and Mrs. R. J. (Ruby) Dye of Merkel; one brother, Alvin Skurlock of Lovington, New Mexico; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Pallbearers were nephews.

Tony Dechant speaks to Farmers Union in Merkel

The nation's farmers will have to look to Congress to put an end to the efforts of the White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to shortchange agriculture on its needed programs, Tony T. Dechant, national president of the Farmers Union, said in Merkel Friday, April 1st.

Dechant, who is also president of the International Federation of Agricultural Producers (IFAP) and which includes 45 countries and represents 35 million farm producers, spoke during the annual barbecue of the Taylor County Farmers Union in the Merkel School cafeteria to an overflow crowd.

"We are being nickel-and-dimed on farm crop support loan rates, the school milk program, and now on major water projects and the small watershed programs," Dechant said. The president said he's fed up with "this application of zero-based budgeting to agriculture for billions and billions of appropriations while other purposes are going through without this kind of screening."

"Our programs have already been amply justified in Congress, year by year," Dechant said. The Denver, Colorado, wheat farmer said OMB has launched a screening of "Dye Reports for duty"

Marine Corporal Theibert J. Dye, grandson of Robert J. Dye of Merkel, has reported for duty with 2D Marine Division Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

He joined the Marine Corps in February, 1974.

the nations 1,200 small watershed projects which may result in halting of some of them on environmental or economic grounds.

"At a time when we are having stresses on our water resources, due to the continued drought," Dechant said, "it seems irresponsible to be phasing out funding for water resource management activities."

Some 77 such watershed projects are in Texas.

Dechant scorned the Carter administration policies as a "timid, unimaginative continuation of the shortsighted, unfair, and discredited policies of Earl Butz." Dechant said that he and the NFU board will meet Tuesday, April 5th with Carter and "tell him how unhappy farmers are with his program."

Dechant said the cotton loan rate is raised some while the target price is reduced noting, "wheat and feed grain loan levels

are far below any honest cost of production."

Dechant said in Germany the floor on wheat is \$4.42 a bushel while in the U. S. it's presently \$2.25.

Elaborating, Dechant said, "Price ourselves out of the world market? We are the world market. The U. S. sets the floor. Dechant criticized the "so called largest farm organization" (Farm Bureau) for being against international commodity agreements.

Dechant said he would make it where there couldn't be any beef imports or cheese imports until "our cattlemen are receiving 100 per cent of parity," while slamming his fist to the podium with the energy of a tent revival preacher which brought one of six applause interruptions among two standing ovations he received during his talks.

Dechant expressed fears about USDA recommendations that "acreage allotments which no longer reflect existing production patterns on individual farms be eliminated... if it means that the concept of acreage allotments will be

wiped out entirely, this could be unfortunate." The Farmers Union official said Texas farmers have 190,000 feed grain, 115,000 cotton, 60,000 wheat, 11,000 peanut and 2,000 rice allotments. "There is no way to run a commodity stabilization program without some form of structure," Dechant said. "So it would be devastating to do away with historical bases on the crops you grow in this area."

The Taylor County Farmers Union annual barbecue was very successful with 275-300 people in attendance.

The Taylor County Farmers Union extends a special thank you to all the ones who helped with the annual barbecue to make it successful.

CONSERVING ENERGY
Tips From Whirlpool Home Economists

Energy conscious homemakers are looking for ways to conserve energy, both for themselves and the nation. Here are a few suggestions that can help you trim your energy tab and still let you enjoy the convenience of your automatic dryer.

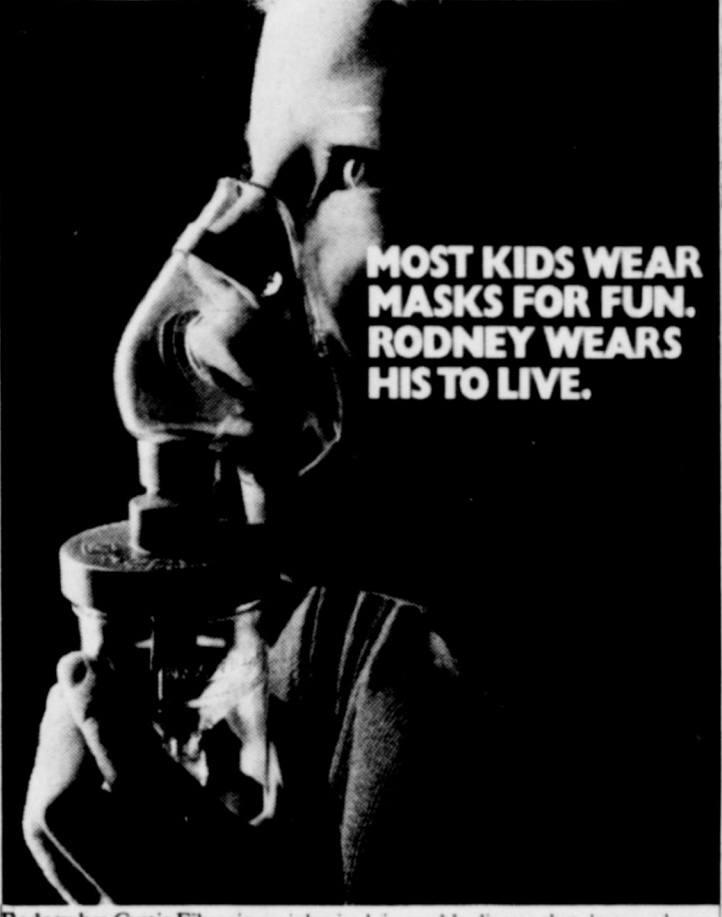
- Dry full loads but do not overload your dryer. Clothes that can tumble freely will dry faster.
- Dry your clothes in consecutive loads. This cuts down on the energy consumption required to heat up the unit.
- Avoid overdrying - remove clothes as soon as the dryer turns off.
- Sort clothes into loads of light or heavy fabrics for fastest drying.
- Automatic dryers make washdays a lot easier. Following these tips can make it easier to save energy, too.

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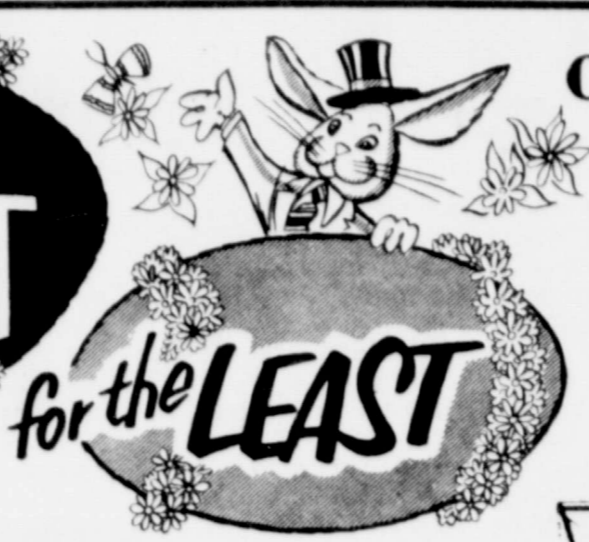
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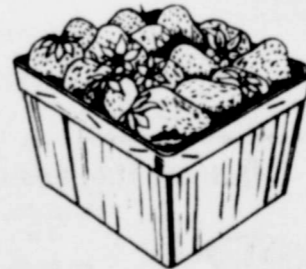
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