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## HUD Has a Announced availability of subsidized housing in Merkel

The Department of Housing and Urban Development has announced the availability of subsidized rent for existing housing for low income families in Merkel, under the Section 8 Program. People eligible for housing help are: a single person with an income of \$3700 to \$5900 a year; a family of 2 with an income of \$1200 to \$6700 a year; a family of 3 with an income of \$4700 to \$7600 a year; a family of 4 with an income of \$5300 to \$8400 a year; a family of 5 with an income of \$5700 to \$9000 a year; a family of 6 with an income of \$6100 to \$9500 a year; a family of 7 with an income of \$6500 to \$10,000 a year.

Lower income housing is available through the Housing Assistance Program in the City of Merkel.

This is a new form of

housing assistance program which is intended to provide hundreds of thousands of units in the coming years, and receive multi-million dollar funding. It provides payments to owners (who may be private developers, or groups, non-profit corporations, co-ops, or public housing agencies) on behalf of eligible families who occupy newly constructed, substantially rehabilitated or existing rental housing units.

Section 8 also draws on lessons learned from the current Experimental Housing Allowance Program, in which families are given direct cash grants and allowed to find their own housing. Section 8 tries to let private enterprise work toward solving housing needs. It gives tenants freedom of choice, and makes use of

existing housing stock as well as new and rehabilitated dwellings.

Families are eligible if they are lower-income, having an adjusted income that does not exceed 80 percent of the median income for the area. Adjustments take family size into account. The family pays a rent equal to not less than 15 percent and not more than 25 percent of its gross income, depending upon the number of children, and with deductions allowed such as for medical and child care expenses. Utilities may be included as part of the rent. HUD sets standards for this program by determining the Fair Market Rent for each housing market area by unit size and type. The housing assistance payments by HUD make up the difference between the

amount payable by the family and the rental on the unit.

The allotment of 20 units has been allowed in Merkel and are as follows: four units with no bedrooms; six units with 1 bedroom, six units with 2 bedrooms, and four units with 3 bedrooms.

To find out if you and your family qualify for the Housing Program, fill in the application at the bottom of Page 6 and mail to:

Housing Authority  
City of Merkel  
P. O. Box 417  
Merkel, Texas 79536  
or contact Annette Clark, Howard Carson (Chairman of the Board of Commissioners), or W. H. Button (Vice-chairman of the Board). Other members of the board are: J. W. Hammond, E. A. Conley, and Tommie Cutler.

## Annual Meeting of Taylor Electric Cooperative April 21st

The 1977 Annual Meeting of Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc. will be held at the Taylor County Coliseum on Thursday, April 21st.

Registration and drawing for attendance prizes will begin at 9 a.m. and continue throughout the day. Entertainment from 10:30-11:30 a.m. will be provided by A. Z. Decker and the Hot Timers "Country Western Band." A barbecue lunch will be served at noon, catered by Allen's of Sweetwater. The business session will begin at 1:30 p.m.

Included in the business session will be reports to the membership by the

administration and management. A report of the Nominating Committee and election of three directors will be during the business session. Those nominated in the three zones are: in Zone 1, Taylor County, Ray Orsborn opposed by Loyd Williams; Zone 2, composed of Callahan, portions of Eastland, Jones, Shackelford Counties the Committee nominated Tommie Johnson and Jack Ball; in Zone 3, Coke, Fisher, and Nolan Counties, R. C. Watts, Jr. was nominated opposed by G. D. (Willie) Gomez. Those elected will serve a three year term as director.



## News and Thoughts

By Martha Sue Justice

Tuesday, I was fortunate enough to be invited to the Senior Citizens regular, monthly luncheon. Jill Boyd at the piano and Tommy Jones, vocalist, presented some of the most beautiful religious music I had ever heard. A beautiful birthday cake was on the special table for senior citizens with birthdays in April. The cake was baked and decorated by Esther Carson-which I might add-was a very sweet and generous gesture. Everyone seemed to thoroughly enjoy the program, meal and visiting. Pictures from this monthly event will be in next weeks paper.

The Senior Citizens of Merkel are very fortunate to have such a nice place to meet. I hope the youth of Merkel will someday be as fortunate. The Youth Center on North 1st Street is in great need at this time. The building needs a lot of repair and new games and equipment are needed. The Little League and T-Shirt teams are in need of financial help and also workers. The Tri-City Miss Softball America still needs a helping hand etc. IF ANYONE OUT THERE has a little time or a little extra money—PLEASE HELP these youth organizations. There are too few people in town doing most of the work most of the time—while everyone else sits back and enjoys having their children entertained. THE YOUTH of Merkel deserves more activities and more places of their own to enjoy. WILL YOU PLEASE HELP!

It is such a pleasure to see Weldon McAninch driving around town these days. Weldon, I think now is the time for you and Margaret to take that fishing trip you've been talking about for several years!

I received a pamphlet this past week from the Tarrant County Humane Society, Inc., in Fort Worth titled "Greyhound racing is nasty bloody business from start to finish!" I had no idea the horrible things that go along with dog racing. Here are some of the facts:—A picture in the pamphlet shows a starving Greyhound in a cage with a bowl of water and a white rabbit. This dog has been caged with the rabbit and gone unfed for four days. If he does not kill the rabbit, he will be eliminated as a racer and shot. On the coursing field, a jackrabbit is released into an enclosed field moments before a pack of hungry greyhounds is set free. As the dogs close in, the rabbit bleats in terror as it zigzags and zags to escape. Often a rabbit goes berserk with fear, and kills itself running wildly into the fence. Then it's done, with the dogs tearing the live rabbit among them and snarling over the spoils. In early training, the rabbit's front leg is sometimes broken to give the dogs a better chance. From the coursing field for training, the greyhounds begin track racing. Here the rabbit hangs by its hind legs, tied dangling inches off the ground and moved by a mechanical device around the track to tease the dogs into hot pursuit. At the finish line, the lure slows and the dogs are allowed to catch the rabbit. Often the rabbit is retrieved, and the dying animal is tied on again to bait a fresh string of dogs. Perhaps one out of a hundred rabbits escapes. A conservative estimate is that more than 85,000 rabbits are savagely torn apart a year. Other animals used as lures are kittens, chickens and piglets. Piglets are considered especially good because they squeal a lot. This barbaric sport not only subjects the helpless lure animals to unbelievable terror and savage death but also cruelly exploits a splendid dog for money and frequently destroys it when a dog can no longer earn its keep. It is almost impossible to rehabilitate as a pet an animal trained to chase and kill moving objects. Once the dogs have learned to kill rabbits, they attack and kill any small moving animal, and if another greyhound suffers a bleeding wound, they will attack and destroy it as well. "Animals cannot be made to fight each other," says Texas Law, but rabbits don't fight Greyhounds. They run for their lives. That's the loophole that allows Greyhound breeders in Texas to supply thousands of dogs trained to race to kill. And for numerous tracks through the state to offer gory "Fun" for crowds of men, women and children. It is a nasty business—as cruel and exploitive to the dogs as to the rabbits torn to bits. PLEASE take the time to fill out the coupon at the bottom of the Classified Section to amend the law in Texas on animal cruelty. It will only cost 13 cents for the postage stamp!

Do you suffer from Migraine Headaches? Bill Sutter who lives at 404 Cherry in Merkel said that for the first time in his life he finally found medication that stops these headaches. The name of the medication is ERGOSTAT-2 MG—however, this is a prescription medication—so check with your doctor if you need help.

Congratulations to Imogene Williams and Nita Harris. They have been managing the Big Country Restaurant since April 4th and are really enjoying it. The best of luck to both of you!

GARDEN NOTES:—There are only four more real good planting days listed for the rest of this month—April 19, 20, 24 and 25th. For those of you who are interested in vegetables and their likes and dislikes—cut out the chart on Page 7.

## Miss Merkel Beauty Pageant April 18th

Miss Merkel Beauty Pageant will be held Saturday, April 16th at 7:00 p.m. in the Merkel Auditorium. This annual event is sponsored by Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi. Rehearsal will be held Friday, April 15th at 6:30 p.m. The girls will be presented in Cinderella fashion. Tickets will be sold at the door: \$1.00 for adults and \$.50 for children.

The girls entered in the Preschool division and their sponsors are as follows: Tanya Beasley-Wilson Food Store, Traci Michelle Boyd-Arrow Ford, Amy Callan-Conley's Barber Shop, Angie Carson-Abilene Livestock Auction, Misti Doan-Henderson Grain, Robynn Dudley-Allison Company, Melissa Hallford-Handy Food Store, Betsy Jo Hellums-Merkel Locker Plant, Dawn Henslee-Merkel Riding Club, Alyson Hillman-Lucas and Hays Welding, Kelli Lynn Foster-Germania Farm Mutual, Jennifer Mashburn-The Merkel Mail, Gay Lynn Robertson-Watts and Bishop Dirt Contractors, Amy Welborn-Trent Cafe and Angie Welborn-Home State Bank.

The girls entered in the Kindergarten-Second Grade division and their sponsors are as follows: Tina Cain-Rister's Superette, Shelle Doan-A and A Travel Center, April Duncan-Lemens Butane, Kristy Elliott-Merkel Fina, Lupe Flores-Les White Music Company, Melissa Harris-Merkel Fire Department, Ladies Candice Henslee-Wylie Truck Terminal.

Jamie Heyen-Ramby Real Estate, Richa Hill-Marie's Beauty Korner, Tina Jaramillo-Luskey's Western Store, Robin Jones-Merkel Auto Parts, Leslie Lovelady-Carriker Food Store, Aretha McKinney-Shannon's Apartments, Charla Mullen-Sonja's Beauty Salon, Pam Neff-Prestige Homes and Properties, Angela Ortega-Jerri's Typewriter Service, Lorena Pack-Bragg's Department Store, Mandy Pack-Merkel Drug, Bridget Pallarez-Worthy Long Studio, Ladonna Roysden-Merkel Lions Club, Leslie Roysden-Amerine Refrigeration, Tracy Semeyn-Shoe Tree, Angela Thomas-Estes House of Fashion, Marissa Toombs-House of Carpets, Bridgett Ann Vaughn-Starr Nursing Home, Fondale Watson-Heather's House of Beauty, Patti Welch-Hohertz Dairy, Judy Williams-Taylor Telephone Co-op, Twila Williams-Caldwell Music Company-grape Street, Michelle Woodard-Kid's Cottage, Ronda Workman-Merkel Lions Club.

The girls entered in the Third Grade-fifth Grade division and their sponsors are as follows: Monica Atkinson-Stanford's Electronics, Jerri Clark-Barnett Barber Shop, Tami Elliott-Merkel Fina, Pam Ely-Pierce Manufacturing, Cheryl Freeman-Freeman Oil and Gas, Brenda Hohertz Hohertz Dairy, Luan Johnson-L and W Snack Bar, Janna King-Cal-Tex Feed Yard, Wanda Lanphear-Wilson's Jewelry, Angie Lovelady-Carriker Food Store.

Debbie McLeod-Hick's Auto Supply, Elizabeth Mitchell-Taylor Electric, Barbara Ann Reed-Riney Texaco Company, Kelly Riney-Abilene Savings and Loan, Kim Speaks-Nina's Luncheonette, Melissa Simpson-Star Hardware, Gayla Sutton-Merkel TV Cable, Karen Taylor-Elmo Moore Trucking, Marsha Tutt-El-Tye-O Trailer Sales, Cresencia Vasquez-Merle Norman Cosmetics, Lucretia Wade-Ann's Flowers, Tamara Watson-Palmer Pontiac and Cindy Williams-Handy Food Store.

The girls entered in the Sixth Grade-Eighth Grade division and their sponsors are as follows: Shelia Adair-Castille Hardware and Gifts, Rene Aiken-West Texas Utilities, Sissy Atkinson-Ben Franklin, Patti Bird-Shetland Hallmark Shop, Shannon Boyd-McGee Backhoe Service, Christi Brady-Carson's Super Market, Michelle Brown-Farm Bureau Insurance, Cindy Hutchings-Merkel Volunteer Fire Department, Gayle Irvin-Starbuck Company, Annette Lanphear-Wilson's Jewelry, Lisa Leddy-Hohertz Dairy, Sharryl Luckey-John

Luckey's Welding, Kim McCasland-9th Street Grocery, Alane McGee-Castille Hardware and Gifts, Tammy Reed-Riney Texaco Company, Delisa Roysden-Raymond Milligan Texaco, Stacy Seymour-Seymour Insurance, Sonia Smith-Cypert's Income Tax Service, Debbie Williams-Higginbotham-Bartlett Lumber Company, Linda Wilson-Bassett Homes and Debra Williams-Planters Gin.

The girls entered in the Ninth-Twelfth Grade division and their sponsors are as follows: Shannon Bagby-Circle A Western House, Suzanne Byrd-Modern Beauty Shop, Debra Cawder-DuBose Texaco, Lisa Hughes-Max Murrell-Chevrolet, Kathryn Irvin-Big Country Inn Restaurant, Salinda Justice-Emma's Clothes Closet, Tammy Martin-Prestige Homes and Properties, Kim Mashburn-Pug and Leo's Restaurant, Patti McLeod-Merkel Chamber of Commerce, Lisa Owen-Syble's Beauty Nook, Annemarie Rankin-Dr. Warren's Clinic, Mary Roeder-Higginbotham and Son Drilling company, Lisa Shugart-F and M National Bank and Traci Watson-Alma's.

## Trent Schools Book Fair begins April 18th

The Trent Schools in Trent will sponsor a student book fair from 4-18 to 4-21. Students will be able to browse and purchase books. The book fair will be open during the hours of 1:00 to 3:30. Books will be on display in the Trent High School.

The book fair committee invites all students, parents and visitors to attend the fair. The fair will encourage student interest in reading and in building home libraries, and will also contribute to a worthwhile project. All profits will be used for publication of the Trent Grilla.

The Trent Annual Staff

is sponsoring this event, with Mrs. Lee Presswood serving as book fair chairman.

The book fair display will include attractive new books from many publishers in all popular price ranges: wonderful books to read or to give as gifts. All reading interests will be represented, including classics, fiction, biographies, adventure stories, science, nature, crafts, mystery and reference books. The committee is working with Educational Reading Service, a professional book fair company, to furnish an individual selection of books for the fair.

## Merkel High School Loses Chance for vocational agriculture expansion

The 70 plus students enrolled in vocational agriculture at Merkel High prove that the department has reached a time for expansion and updating. However, due to limited shop, classroom and storage space, the addition of another vocational agriculture teacher is prohibited. Board members Charles Jacobs, Don Hart and Superintendent Travis Davis met with the regional vocational director recently hoping to expand the vocational agriculture program to include farm mechanics and to

strengthen our present production agriculture program for next year. However, it was learned, that until the district can provide additional space of 4,000 square feet the program will have to remain with only one teacher leading the program.

The Board and administration are currently searching for a method to have a facility ready by the time school begins this next August. But, prospects look dim at this time for such action.

## Jim Shuler named Athletic director and head coach

Jim Shuler has been named as the new athletic director and head basketball coach for Hardin-Simmons University. The announcement was made Monday, April 4, at a press conference on the H-SU campus by the school's president, Dr. Elwin L. Skiles.

For the past five years Shuler has served as the head basketball coach at Texas Lutheran College in

Seguin. He will begin his new duties at Hardin-Simmons immediately.

At Texas Lutheran Shuler had amassed a record of 89 wins and 46 losses since 1972. Previously he had served as head coach at Jefferson High School in San Antonio where he compiled a 104-30 record.

Shuler was named NAIA District IV Coach of the Year for 1976-77.

## Sales Tax Deadline April 30th

State Comptroller Bob Bullock recently urged Texas retail merchants and other sales tax permit holders to put a big red circle around April 30 on their calendars.

That's the deadline for filing quarterly sales tax reports with the State Comptroller's Office.

"Failure to meet that deadline can result in penalties for the sales tax permit holder and a lot of additional work for my office," Bullock said.

Bullock urged sales tax permit holders to contact the nearest Comptroller's Field Office or call his toll-free tax information number, 1-800-252-5555 if they have any question about their returns.

Some 172,000 businesses

file their sales tax reports on a quarterly basis, Bullock said.

## Class of 1952 planning reunion

The graduation class of 1952 of Merkel High School is planning a 25th Anniversary Reunion. We need addresses of some of the class members so if you had a son or daughter, niece or nephew, or friend graduate of '52, we would appreciate it if you get in contact with one of the following: Charles and Dolly Reddin, Route 1, phone 928-5097; Mary Boone, Route 3, Phone 928-4808; Johnne Smith, 1515 Sunset Drive, Phone 928-5883.

## Little League Try-Outs

Tryouts for boys playing in the Merkel Little League, ages 9 to 12, for the first time will be Thursday and Friday, April 14th and 15th. They will be held at 6 p.m. at the league field, next to the Badger Football Stadium on both nights. All boys new to the league must come to tryouts.

## Stith Cemetary work day

There will be a working at the Stith Cemetary Saturday, April 16th beginning at 1 p.m. Everyone who is interested please be there with your hoes and rakes.



J. A. Sadler, Merkel City Coordinator, is special guest speaker for Xi Nu Chi.

### Henrietta Petty Dies

Mrs. W.E. (Henrietta) Petty, 96, of Shady Oaks Nursing Home in Abilene and formerly of Merkel, died at 7 a.m. Saturday, April 9, in Hendrick Memorial Hospital after a short illness.

Services were at 3 p.m. Sunday in First Baptist Church of Merkel. The Rev. Kenneth Jones, officiated. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery in Merkel under the direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born Sept. 18, 1880 in Meridian, Miss., she came to Young County with her parents at the age of 13. She later moved to Dublin. There she married W.E. Petty on Nov. 15, 1889. The couple lived in Bell County before moving in 1903 to a farm about five miles northeast of Merkel. They lived there until Mr. Petty died on Aug. 11, 1954.

Mrs. Petty lived in Merkel until she moved to the nursing home several years ago. She was a long-time Baptist.

Survivors include three sons, William Byers Petty of 866 Leggett and J.C. Petty of 1617 Sandefer, Pete Petty of Merkel, two daughters, Mrs. Lide Frizz Leonard Turner of Cisco; one sister Mae Lively of

Delco, Idaho; 13 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren and 14 great-great-grandchildren.

One son, Orval Petty predeceased her on Aug. 25, 1917.

Pallbearers were Joe Higgins, Bill Hayes, Wright Dishman, Joe McDuff, Jarrett Pinckley and Herman Carson.

### Riding Club News

The riding club will sponsor a pot luck supper Thursday, April 14, at the REA building beginning at 7:00. Every one is invited to attend.

The open horse show set for Saturday, April 23, will start at 10:00 a.m. It will be held at the Merkel riding arena.

**SENIOR CITIZENS EVENTS SCHEDULE**

1st Monday of Month Singing  
2nd Tuesday Noon Covered Dish Game Nights  
Every Thursday & 4th Monday  
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### Xi Nu Chi News

Xi Nu Chi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met for their regular meeting on Tuesday, April 5th in the home of Bobby Mansfield.

President Louise DuBose called the meeting to order and committee reports were given. Xi Nu Chi will celebrate their 5th birthday with a Birthday Pot Luck Dinner Thursday, April 14th with all inactive members and new members as guests.

Liz Eager service chairman reported a donation had been made to the Merkel City Library to help repair the building. President Louise DuBose

asked for workers for the Cancer Drive.

Mr. J. A. Sadler, City Secretary for the City of Merkel was guest speaker. Mr. Sadler spoke on the structure of the city government. In explaining, he gave a breakdown on the city tax dollar.

Following the program refreshments were served to the following: Jocille Brady, Elizabeth Eager, Louise DuBose, Connie Harris, Kathy Leverich, Bobby Mansfield, Charlotte Starbuck, Mammie Steck, Connie Ybarrá, Grace McKeel, Kathy and Bob Rogers and Mr. J. A. Sadler.

### Veterans of Barracks 2248 and Auxiliary Meet

The Veterans of Barracks 2248 and Ladies Auxiliary will meet Saturday, April 16, at 12 o'clock at the Taylor Electric Coop Building for their regular meeting. Lunch

### Henry Guenther, New Merkel JP

Taylor County Commissioners appointed Henry Guenther as Justice of the Peace of Precinct 2 Monday morning.

Guenther was appointed after Joe McDuff recommended him to the commissioners. McDuff noted that Guenther's experience in fire protection and law enforcement made him qualified for the job.

Thames resigned the post because of the low salary paid. Taylor County pays its justices of the peace approximately \$8,000 annually.

Henry Guenther has 2 1/2 years of law enforcement experience and holds state certification. He also has 20 years of experience in fire protection, obtaining the rank of chief, two years as a Merkel Police man and experience as a security officer at Abilene Municipal Airport.

Guenther was appointed to the job instead of Marie Cunningham of Merkel, owner of the Dairy Bar. Marie came in second to Thames as a write-in candidate in the general election.

### M. H. S. Students in Twirling Exhibition

Tri-college twirling classes with Mrs. Linda Harris instructor, will perform in Westgate Mall, Abilene, April 16, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

### Merkel 4-H News

The Merkel 4-H Club met Tuesday night, April 5 at the Stith Community Center. In the absence of the president and secretary Mark Bland and Cary Metts carried out these duties, with a dozen boys answering roll call.

They reminded those present that the County Eliminations will be April 21st at H. S. U. for the 4-H'ers who plan to enter a demonstration and hopefully progress to the District competition in San Angelo.

Jerry Miller had an interesting worm display that he shared with the group.

There was one visitor present, Kelly Knight, and he indicated that he would become a member of the group.

There was discussion of

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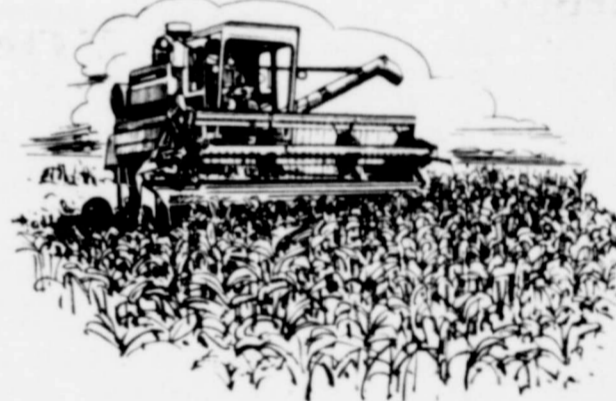
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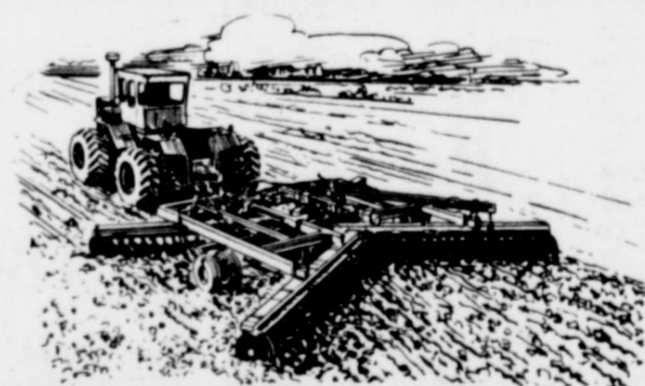
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**FOR SALE**-1973 Pontiac  
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The City Council of  
Merkel, Texas will hold a  
Public Hearing at 7:00  
a.m., April 22, 1977 on the  
proposed city budget for  
the fiscal year, May 1, 1977  
to April 30, 1978.  
All interested persons  
are invited to attend.  
**Lou David Allen  
Mayor  
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**CITATION BY  
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THE STATE OF TEXAS  
TO: Unknown Natural  
Father, Respondent:  
GREETINGS:  
**YOU ARE HEREBY  
COMMANDED** to appear  
and answer before the  
Honorable Domestic Rela-  
tions Court, Taylor  
County, Texas, at the  
Courtroom of said County  
in Abilene, Texas, at or  
before 10 o'clock a.m. of  
the Monday next after the  
expiration of 20 days from  
the date of service of this  
citation, then and there to  
answer the petition of  
David Wayne Boyd and  
Theresa Lynn Burgess  
Boyd, Petitioners, filed in  
said Court on the 22nd day  
of March, 1977, against the  
Unknown Natural Father,  
Respondent, and said suit  
being numbered 12,984-DR  
on the docket of said  
Court, and entitled "In  
The Interest of Joshua  
Rae Burgess, a Child," the  
nature of which suit is a  
request to Terminate and  
Adopt Step-Child. S a i d  
child was born the 21st day  
of August, 1973, in Abilene,  
Taylor County, Texas.  
The Court has authority  
in this suit to enter any  
judgment or decree in the  
child's interest which will  
be binding upon you,  
including the termination  
of the parent-child rela-  
tionship and the appoint-  
ment of a conservator with  
authority to consent to the  
child's adoption.  
If this citation is not  
served within ninety days  
after the date of its  
issuance, it shall be re-  
turned unserved.  
The officer executing  
this writ shall promptly  
serve the same according  
to requirements of law,  
and the mandates hereof,  
and make due return as  
the law directs.

Issued and given under  
my hand and the seal of  
said Court at Abilene,  
Taylor County, Texas, this  
the 29th day of March,  
1977.

(Seal)  
**Irene Crawford Clerk,  
Domestic Rela-  
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**By Sandra Harris,  
Deputy.  
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Bike-a-Thon Prizes now being displayed at Farmers & Merchants National Bank of Merkel. Prizes will be awarded to the youths raising the most money for Cystic Fibrosis.



Robert Slough of the Merkel High School Resource Class sells 1st Gold Brick to Mr. Jim Gidley while Robert Eastus looks on.



Alice Cunningham, wins all-star cast in UIL Contest in Stamford. Honorable Mention were: Connie Brazell, Vickie Reddin, Brad Wade, Vernon Presswood and Rusty Watts.

### Wanda Braune engagement announced

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin E. Braune wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Wanda to Casey B. Yauger. The groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Henry Q. Adams of Bellevue, Nebraska and the late Bob C. Yauger.

University of Texas at Arlington, Texas. The prospective groom is a graduate of Gwinn High School, Gwinn, Michigan. He is employed by Brown and Root Construction Company of Houston, Texas.

The prospective bride is a graduate of Merkel High School and a Junior at the

An outdoor ceremony is planned at the bride's home on June 18th.



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Bobbie Lee Wolfe, President of the 9 1/2 county Chisholm Trail Council, announced that suggestions and ideas for the 1978 Program are requested by April 18. In particular, Wolfe said, "We would like to have ideas from the registered volunteer Scouters, which presently numbers about 1500."

Mrs. Bonnie Sisk of Odessa visited her mother and brother, Mrs. O. J. Reynolds and Bob, Sunday and attended church with them at the Calvary Baptist Church.

The Veterans Administration employs more than 11,500 handicapped persons.

and Troop Leaders. Other events include the Scout Show, Garage Sale, Anniversary Activities, and the Annual Council Banquet. Suggestions concerning District activities are also welcomed. According to President Wolfe, suggestions should be in writing and sent to the Council Service Center, 3233 So. Willis, Abilene, Texas 79605. "Ideas from parents of Scouts and the general public are also welcome," said Wolfe. A Program Calendar for 1978 will be reviewed and adopted by the Council Executive Board at the April 21st meeting in Sweetwater.

### Scout Program Ideas Welcomed

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Badger Mile Relay, best time 3:44, Top L-R Rick Howes and Kelly Wolf. Bottom L-R Brad Pursley and Richard Shultz.



Badger Sprint Relay, best time: 46.6, Top L-R Richard Shultz and Rick Howes. Bottom L-R Robert McClain and Craig Hutching.



Badger Distance Men, Top L-R, Mike Crouse and Jay Boyd. Bottom L-R, Ronnie Whisenhunt and Mike Brady.

## Track Team to Compete

The Merkel Badgers Track Team will compete in the District Meet on April 22 in Colorado City. These young men have worked very hard this

season and expect to do very well in the District Meet. They would very much welcome your support so come out and watch them this week at Colorado City. Do not forget--the District Meet April 22 at Colorado City.

## Trent UIL

TRENT HIGH SCHOOL UIL CONTEST RESULTS  
One-Act Play-3rd place (1st alternate)

Ready Writing-Terri Hamner placed 5th.  
Science - Jacki Reed placed 4th.  
Spelling-Pam Evans placed 2nd.  
Typing-Brenda Griffith placed 6th.

Pam Evans who placed 2nd in spelling and Velma Perkins who placed 3rd in poetry interpretation will participate in Regional Contests to be held in Brownwood, April 22nd. Debbie Jackson is alternate for Regional in

TRENT ELEMENTARY UIL CONTEST RESULTS  
Number Sense-Riley West placed 4th.  
Picture Memory-Christy Kinnard, Brent King and Cody Johnson placed 6th.  
Ready Writing-Leslie Masonheimer placed 1st.  
Spelling - Leslie Masonheimer placed 2nd and Margaret Evans placed 6th.  
Story Telling-Missy Simpson placed 3rd.  
Oral Reading-Dee Dee Masonheimer placed 3rd and Greg Beasley placed 4th.



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## Lee Funeral Held

Wanda Jean Lee, 3, daughter of Lonnie Morgan and Hazel Lee, was dead on arrival at Hendrick Medical Center at 7 a.m. Tuesday, April 5, after a brief illness. Services were at 3 p.m. at Starbuck Chapel.

The Rev. Milton G. Bradley of Abilene officiated. Burial was in Trent Cemetery.

Survivors include her parents; a sister, Odessa Mae Lee; maternal grandmother, Odessa Mae Lee; paternal grandfather, Hugh Morgan of Merkel; and paternal grandmother, Jewel Morgan of Terrell.

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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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Pool Tournament April 23rd, starting at 1:00, 8-Ball and Snooker. Double elimination. Buy back in once. Come in for particulars and entry fee.

On Mother's Day, May 8th, we will have another Sunday buffet. This time we will start on time, 11:30-3:00. There will be approximately 40 feet and 5 barrels of food items to choose from. As usual, it will not be a choice of one item. You may have any or all, as much as you wish. We will have a door prize of a beautiful floral arrangement for the oldest mother accompanied by a child or grandchild. Proof of age will be necessary. The oldest will be chosen first by years, months and days in case of ties. This will be awarded at 3:30 and delivered if the oldest mother has already left.

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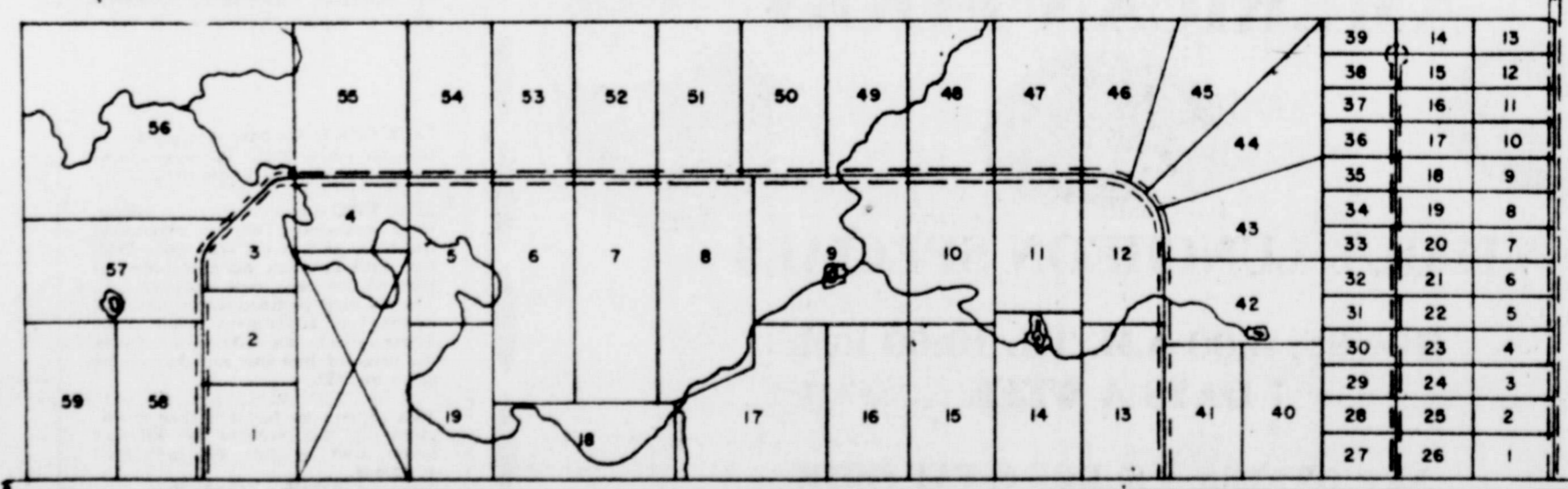


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Pole Beans	Corn, summer savory	Onions, beets, kohlrabi, sunflower
Bush Beans	Potatoes, cucumbers, corn, strawberries, celery, summer savory	Onions
Beets	Onions, kohlrabi	Pole Beans
Cabbage Family (Cabbage, cauliflower, kale, kohlrabi, broccoli Brussels sprouts)	Dill, Camomile, sage, peppermint, rosemary, beets, onions, Aromatic plants, potatoes, celery	Strawberries, tomatoes, pole beans
Carrots	Peas, leaf lettuce, chives, onions, leek, rosemary, sage, tomatoes	Dill
Celery	Leek, tomatoes, bush beans, cauliflower, cabbage	
Chives	Carrots	Peas, beans
Corn	Potatoes, peas, beans, cucumbers, pumpkin, squash	
Cucumbers	Beans, corn, peas, radishes, sunflowers	Potatoes, aromatic herbs
Tomato	Chives, onion, parsley, asparagus, marigold, nasturtium, carrot	Kohlrabi, potato, fennel, cabbage
Eggplant	Beans	
Peas	Carrots, turnips, radishes, cucumber, corn, beans, most vegetables and herbs	Onions, garlic, gladiolus, potato
Squash	Nasturtium, corn	
Onion, Inc. Garlic	Beets, strawberries, tomato, lettuce, summer savory, camomile	Peas, beans
Leek	Onions, celery, carrots	
Lettuce	Carrots and radishes (lettuce, carrots and radishes make a strong team grown together), strawberries, cucumbers	
Radish	Peas, nasturtium, lettuce, cucumbers	
Parsley	Tomato, asparagus	
Potato	Beans, corn, cabbage, horseradish (should be planted at corners of patch), marigold, eggplant (as a lure for Colorado potato beetle)	Pumpkin, squash, cucumbers, sunflower, tomato, raspberry
Pumpkin	Corn	Potato
Soybeans	Grows with anything, helps everything	
Strawberries	Bush beans, spinach, borage, lettuce (as a border)	Cabbage
Spinach	Strawberries	
Sunflower	Cucumbers	Potato
Turnip	Peas	



**Mrs. William Annis Friend, Jr.**

**Hester and Friend exchange vows**

Miss Nanette Loree Hester became the bride of William Annis Friend, Jr. in an afternoon wedding at two o'clock Monday, April 4, in the Big Lake Church of Christ. Keith Marshall, minister of the church officiated. The couple stood under an archway of greenery with a basket of gladiolus on each side.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. William R. Hester and Mrs. Bill A. Friend, Sr.

Organist was Mrs. Doc Sublett of Barnhart, and soloist Mrs. Tommy Sloan of Knox City, an aunt of the bride, sang "The Twelfth of Never."

The bride's wedding gown was designed in cascading ruffles of scalloped acetate nylon. A Chantilly lace head-dress swept to a Cathedral train. Her slim bishop sleeves were of Chantilly lace, and beaded Chantilly scalloped the Sabrina neckline. Her bouquet was of yellow carnations with a gardenia and baby's breath in the center, carried on a white Bible.

The bride was attended by Miss Cydney Lynch as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Misses Linda Presnell, Michelle Woodfin and Denise Siegenthaler. Flower girl was Yvonne Hester, sister of the bride; and ring bearer was Eric Hester, brother of the bride.

Serving the bridegroom as best man was Bob Stout of San Angelo. Groomsmen were Bill Ferguson and Keith Boone, both of Big Lake, and Andy Glasscock of Midland. Ushers were Tommy

Sloan of Knox City, uncle of the bride; and Ray Hester, brother of the bride.

A reception following the ceremony was held in the church.

The bride is a senior in Reagan County High School. The bridegroom is a 1972 graduate of RCHS and attended Sul Ross State University. He is employed by Cardinal Chemical Company.

After a wedding trip to the Big Bend the couple will be at home in Big Lake.

A rehearsal dinner was hosted by the bridegroom's mother in the Reagan County Community Center Sunday evening.

Out of town guests included Mrs. Loree Ham-



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