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## DAVID CASEY NAMED ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL



David Casey

David Casey of Abilene has been named the principal of the Elementary division of the Merkel Independent School District. Casey will be filling the vacancy left by the resignation of Charlie Helmer.

Mr. Casey graduated from ACU with a Bachelor's Degree in Math Education and pursued his Masters Degree from Middle Tennessee State University. He also holds a Certificate of Administration from ACU.

Mr. Casey taught and

coached at Jim Ned from 1969 to 1974. He then served as superintendent of school at Priddy from 1974 to 1977. Casey has 12 years teaching experience and has served as instructional specialist at the Region 14 Education Service Center.

Mr. Casey and wife, Jacklyn have two daughters, Jackie Carol age 14 and Ronna age 10. The Casey's are residence of Abilene, but plan to move to Merkel in the near future.



New Dentist office in Merkel  
...to benefit area Merkelites.

## DENTIST OFFICE OPENS IN MERKEL

Dr. Larry Irvin D.D.S. and Dr. Don Roberts D.D.S. of Abilene have announced the opening of their Merkel dentist office. The office is located at 501 Edwards. The men have joined together in remodeling

the building into a modern dental office.

Dr. Irvin and Dr. Roberts made the decision to come to Merkel, because of the need for dental facilities in the Merkel area. The men began their dental ca-

reers in 1974. Dr. Irvin commented that the prospects of the dental practice in Merkel were very good and felt like it would benefit the Merkel people.

Dr. Irvin and Dr. Roberts reside in Abi-

lene with their families. Dr. Irvin and wife, Kloyece have a daughter fifteen months old. Dr. Roberts and wife, Beverly also have a daughter eighteen months old.

## United Girls Softball Tourney Termed "Success"

By Ray Pack

The first United Girls Softball Allstar Tournament held in Merkel, Texas was impressive and successful.

The tournament got underway, Monday evening at 6:00 after the opening ceremonies.

The girls played hard, but lost the second ballgame to Sweetwater and Colorado City, Division I and II. But Division IV received the 1st place trophy, and was declared the State Champions and will go on to the Regional Tour-

namment in August 10-11-12.

Although Merkel and Trent (M&T) didn't win 1st in Division II, they did receive a large sportsmanship trophy, and also there were four (4) from M&T that were chosen as Alltournament Allstars. They are: Sandra Taylor, Kim Greer, Mandy Guenther, and Viola Eleby. This is a big honor.

We had good participation and help with this tournament and I would

like to thank Brenda Jackson, who was the tournament director and did a good job. Dorothy Torrance, tournament co-ordinator, John Carter, who was the ballpark supervisor, Henry Guenther, who had charge of the concession stand, Mike Fisher, who was the park supervisors aid. Mr. and Mrs. Elton Freeman and Robert Leo Harris took care and charge of getting the gates. Robert had some that helped him.

They were: Viola Eleby, Cindy Williams, Marsha Tutt, Debbie Jackson, Robert Freeman, and others. Connie Harris had a big part in keeping things smooth. Everyone helped and did a good job. It made the M&T league approximately \$7 or \$800.00 we don't have the final total yet. But we appreciate all the help and all the hard work and all the Merchants buying ads and supporting the United Girls Softball Association.

## Lola Mae Bartlett Dies

Lola Mae Bartlett, 55, died at 3:30 p.m. Friday in West Texas Medical Center following a short illness. Services were held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at the United Methodist Church in Merkel with the Rev. Allen Forbis officiating assisted by Rev. Lynward Harrison, a local retired minister. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Born May 23, 1923 in Merkel, Mrs. Bartlett lived in the area all her life. She married Weldon Holmes in 1953 in Abilene. Mr. Holmes died in 1968. She later married Finus Bartlett on November 23, 1968 in Merkel.

She was a member of the Methodist Church.

Survivors include her husband; two sons, Ronnie Holmes and Randy Holmes, both of Merkel; two step-daughters, Barbara Whisenhunt of Merkel and Freda Jo Dunigan of Morring-sport, La.; three brothers, L. Murrell Riggan and Jimmy Riggan, both of Merkel and Denzil Riggan of Sweetwater; two sisters, Betty Lu Satterwhite and Elsie Swinney, both of Merkel; her mother, Gracie Riggan of Merkel; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

## Noodle Revival Set For Aug. 7-13

The Rev. Ed Nowell and the members of the Noodle Baptist Church invite you to join us in our revival. The Rev. Jessie Root of the Beachhill Baptist Church from San Antonio, Texas will be speaking. Rev. Koot is a graduate of Hardin Simmons University.

Tommy Jones will be leading our singing and

Jill Boyd will be playing the piano.

Our revival will be held Monday, August 7th thru Sunday, August 13th at the Noodle Baptist Church, 10 miles North of Merkel just off of Farm Road 126 in the Noodle Community.

Prayer meeting begins at 7:30 and church services will begin at 8:00. We invite everyone to join us.

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## Patty McLeod Named Farm Bureau Queen

The Taylor County Farm Bureau chose Patty McLeod of Merkel as their reigning Senior Queen for the 1978-79 year in the Farm Bureau Queen and Talent Find Contest held last Friday night at the Wylie School Cafeteria. Danette Walker, 13, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Walker of Ovalo was named Jun-

ior Queen, and Nancy Burton, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B.E. Burton Sr. of Clyde, was named talent winner.

Miss McLeod is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry McLeod of Merkel. She will be a senior at Merkel High School. She has been active in school and church activities.



PATTY McLEOD  
... Farm Bureau queen

## Merchants Assoc. To Meet

The Merkel Merchants Association will meet Wednesday night, August 2, at 7 p.m. at

the Big Country Inn. Menu items will be available if desired.

## Tri-City Boys Presented Awards

Awards of the Tri-City Boys League were presented Friday night. The Tigers, sponsored by J.H. Strain and Son, were the winners of the season championship, and twelve boys selected by the five managers named to an honorary all star team.

League President Mrs. John Brady presented the first place trophy to Art Herrera, manager of the Tigers, and his players. Herrera then presented his players with first place trophies. He also recog-

nized Steve Hillhouse for his work as assistant manager and Mark Copeland as the Tigers' Most Valuable Player. The Tigers had a 9-1 season record.

Players named to the 1978 All-Star team were presented League trophies by Mrs. Brady. They were: Randy Martin, Bart Pursley, Willie Marsh, Mike Crouse, Ted Holmes, Mike Brady, Tony Wax, Victor Herrera, Mark Copeland, Rick Howes, Sal Acosta and Dee McLaughlin.

New officers were elected for the 1978-79 season. They are President, Bill Sloan; Vice Presidents, Weldon Beasley, Larry Johnson, Art Herrera and Sec. Treasurer Mrs. Tommy Green.

Mr. and Mrs. Brady expressed thanks to all the team sponsors, managers, and players for their support. They also recognized the others officers who had helped them have a successful season. They were: Weldon Beasley, Bill Sloan, Art Herrera, and JoAnn

Mashburn. Other League teams and their season standings are: 2nd place, Catholic Church Padres, Caston Thomas manager and Walter Harris, assistant; 3rd place, Freeman Oil and Gas Lions, Eldon Freeman manager and Floyd Richardson assistant; 4th place, Hick Auto Supply Cardinals, Gary Hicks manager and Ronnie Holmes assistant; 5th place, First Baptist Church Ambassadors, Freddie Toombs manager and Ricky Minze assistant.

## Little Leaguers Asked To Return Suits

Would all the boys who played on a Little League team please turn your uniforms in to Jimmy Leverich or your team manager. We would like to have all the pants cleaned and

mended, but we can't until they are all turned in.

There will be soft ball this Saturday night for anyone 15 or older. Fee is \$1.00 per person. We will start playing at 8:00.



Merkel Middle School Twirlers who attended twirling camp at Angelo State University are from left to right; Back row, Kim McCasland, Kim Gorgunus, and Denise Pack. Front row is Windi Whisenhunt.



## Orien Higgins Dies

Orien Higgins, 78, of Merkel died at 12:19 a.m. Friday at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene after a brief illness. Services were at 10 a.m. Saturday in Starbuck Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Born June 28, 1900, in Merkel, he had lived here all his life and was a retired stock farmer. He married Elizabeth O'Neal February 6, 1945, in Cross Plains. He operated a dairy on a farm here for 16 years.

Survivors include his wife; three sons, Allen and Dale Ray, both of Merkel, and Danny Glynn of Odell; a daughter, Barbara Green of Dallas; a brother, Robert of Merkel; four sisters, Lois Hudson of San Angelo, Dorothy Allen of Ruidoso, New Mexico, and Rubijo Roe and Jess Harrison, both of Abilene; and a grandchild.

A brother, Ernest, and a sister, Eunice Buzbee, preceded him in death.



J.A. Sadler puts finishing touches on the new sidewalk at City Hall, which replaces the one destroyed in the thunderstorm, July 15.

## Randall Coats Dies

Randall Hollis Coats, 40, of 1417 Briarwood in Abilene, was pronounced dead at 11:30 a.m. Saturday at his home, of natural causes. Services were at 10 a.m. Monday at Starbuck Funeral Home Chapel in Merkel with Earl Butts, a Jehovah's Witness minister from Abilene officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery in Merkel.

Born April 23, 1938, in Merkel, he was raised in Merkel and had attended the Merkel schools. He moved to Abilene in 1950.

Survivors include two daughters, Jeri Lynn McEndree and Randa Ann Coats, both of Lubbock; a brother, Harold of Abilene; three sisters, Oma Hurley and Peggy Black, both of Merkel, and his mother, Vada Martin of Merkel.

He was preceded in death by his father, Leon Coats and a daughter, Joyce Coats.

Pallbearers were: Kenneth Scott, Butch Cratt, Max Kelly, Phil Gragiola, Bobby Wylie, and J.D. Harvey.

## Holloway Reunion Held July 14-16

The maternal relatives of Mrs. Joe Holloway met in the Joe Holloway home for a reunion, July 14, 15, and 16.

Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Marshall from Ness City, Kansas, Earl Slagle and Mrs. Earl Daniels, Lathrop, Missouri, Mr. and Mrs. David Daniels, Pattonsburg, Missouri also Shir and Kerrie Mick, Mr. and Mrs. James E. McKee, Salt Lake City, Utah, Mr. and Mrs. Vic McKee, Ft. Worth, Tex-

as, Mr. and Mrs. W.L. Holloway, San Antonio, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Buerk and Chrissa, Fort Worth, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Daniel, Arlington, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. Travis McKee Houma, Louisiana, Mr. and Mrs. E.L. Moore, Ada, Oklahoma.

They had a taste of the changeable West Texas weather, because of the storm that blew in Saturday afternoon.

## TEACHERS REVIEW

### Bartee Named High School Coach

Garry Bartee will be the High School basketball coach and Freshman football coach this upcoming school year in Merkel. He taught and coached in Hamlin for three years.

Mr. Bartee graduated from Texas Tech in 1974. He has four years teaching experience.

### Jernigan Named Coach Hart

Sam Jernigan has been named as the Middle School coach of the Merkel Independent School District.

### Hart, Coker Resign

Resignations were accepted of Mitzi Hart, who will teach in Sweetwater and Obie Coker, who will enter private business.

### PATTY PROMOTED TO J.V. COACH

Coach Bob Patty was promoted from Coach of Merkel Middle School to the Junior Varsity team in Merkel High School.



The national language closest to English is Dutch.



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Southwestern Group Financial, Inc., a Texas based savings and loan holding company, set second quarter and six month records for total revenues, net income and earnings per share for the period ended June 30, 1978, the Company announced today at its headquarters here.

For the three months ended June 30, 1978 Southwestern Group Financial posted earnings of \$1,996,000 or 39 cents per share, on 5,054,000 shares, an increase of 15 per cent from the year earlier, on revenues of \$23,283,000. In 1977, the Company earned \$1,661,000 or 34 cents per share on 4,891,000 shares on revenues of \$20,470,000.

Southwestern Group Financial, Inc., headquartered in Sugar Land Texas, a Houston suburb, is the holding company for United Savings Association of Texas, which operates more than 40 savings and loan offices in Abilene, Brownsville, Corpus Christi, Fort Worth

Dallas and Houston and for Financial Life Insurance Co. and Total Systems, Inc.

### Singing Convention July 30th

Taylor and Jones County singing convention will be at the Trent United Methodist Church, Sunday, July 30th at 2:00. Everyone is invited.

### CORRECTION

We would like to apologize for the misinformation concerning the thunderstorm story run on page one last week. It was not the Irvin girls' mother hurt in the storm.

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losing our loved one  
easier. And for those  
who prayed for us dur-  
ing this time and looked  
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we were at the hospital,  
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# Public Notice

**RESOLUTION AND ORDER CALLING BOND ELECTION THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTIES OF TAYLOR AND JONES MERKEL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the MERKEL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT has determined that an election should be held to ascertain whether said governing body shall be authorized to issue bonds of said District under the provisions of Chapter 20 of the Texas Education Code, including Section 20.04(b)(1) thereof, now, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MERKEL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:**

**SECTION 1:** That an election shall be held on the 16 day of September, 1978, in the MERKEL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT for the purpose of submitting to the resident qualified electors of said District the following proposition:

"SHALL the Board of Trustees of the MERKEL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT of Taylor and Jones Counties, Texas, be authorized and empowered to issue the bonds of said District to the amount of \$1,400,000 for the school building purposes, to wit: the construction and equipment of school buildings in the District (construction of new facilities and improvements, additions, alterations and renovations to existing facilities), and shall there be pledged and levied, assessed and collected annually ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in the District sufficient, without limit as to rate or amount, to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds as the same become due, said bonds to be issued in one or more series or issues, to mature serially or otherwise not more than FORTY (40) years from their date, and to bear interest at such rate or rates as in its discretion the Board of Trustees shall determine?"

**SECTION 2:** That the polling places for this election and the persons hereby appointed to serve as Presiding Judge and Alternate Presiding Judge for each polling place shall be as follows:

**SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION PRECINCT**  
No. 1 (Taylor County Election Precinct No. 24 and that part of Taylor County Election Precincts Nos. 20, 25, 27, 28 and 34 in the School District and all of the School District located in Jones County)

**POLLING PLACE**  
Merkel School Gymnasium Merkel, Texas.

**ELECTION OFFICERS**  
Joe Earl Lassiter Presiding Judge  
All Scott Alternate Presiding Judge

**SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION PRECINCT**  
No. 2 (Taylor County Election Precincts Nos.

21, 22, 37 and 50 in School District)  
**POLLING PLACE**  
Tye Elementary School Cafeteria Tye, Texas

**ELECTION OFFICERS,**  
Henry Floyd Kimmey Presiding Judge  
Allie Mae Kimmey Alternate Presiding Judge

Each Presiding Judge shall appoint not less than two (2) nor more than five (5) qualified clerks to serve and assist in holding said election; provided that if the respective Presiding Judge herein appointed actually serves, the Alternate Presiding Judge of his polling place shall be one of the clerks.

On election day the polls shall be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Blanche Yvonne Hewitt is hereby appointed as the Clerk and Annette Melton and Fannell Boney as the Deputy Clerks for absentee voting for said election and the School Tax Office, 107 Lamar Street, Merkel, Texas 79536, in said District, is hereby designated as the place at which absentee voting shall be conducted for said election. For the period absentee voting is permitted by law, the hours designated for absentee voting shall be from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon and from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on each day except Saturdays, Sundays and official State holidays.

**SECTION 3:** That paper ballots shall be used for said election, which ballots shall be prepared in accordance with the V.A.T.S. Election Code so as to permit the electors to vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" the aforesaid proposition which shall be set forth in substantially the following form:

**"THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,400,000 AND THE LEVYING OF THE TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF"**

The word "FOR" and beneath it the word "AGAINST" shall be made to appear on the left of the proposition. A square shall be printed on the left of each of the words "FOR" and "AGAINST", and each elector shall place an "X" in the square beside the statement indicating the way he wishes to vote.

**SECTION 4:** All resident qualified electors of the District shall be permitted to vote at said election. In addition, this election shall be conducted and held in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Election Code except as modified by the provisions of the Texas Education Code, and as may be required by law, election materials and proceedings for this election shall be printed in both English and Spanish.

**SECTION 5:** A substantial copy of this resolution and order shall serve as proper notice of said election, and said notice, including a Spanish transla-

tion thereof, shall be published one time at least ten (10) days prior to the date set for the election in a newspaper of general circulation in the District.

**PASSED AND APPROVED,** this 18th day of July, 1978.

Charles Jacobs  
President, Board of Trustees  
Merkel Independent School District

**ATTEST:**  
James Boyd  
Secretary, Board of Trustees  
Merkel Independent School District  
23-1tc

**RESOLUCION Y DECRETO DECLARANDO UNA ELECCION DE BONOS**

**EL ESTADO DE TEXAS**  
CONDADOS DE TAYLOR Y JONES  
DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE MERKEL

**VISTO QUE,** la Junta Directiva del DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE MERKEL ha determinado que se debe llevar a cabo una eleccion para determinar si dicho cuerpo directivo debera ser autorizado a emitir bonos de dicho Distrito bajo las estipulaciones del Capitulo 20 del Código Educativo de Texas, incluyendo la Sección 20.04(b)(1) de eso; ahora, por consiguiente,

**SE RESUELVE Y SE DECRETA POR LA JUNTA DIRECTIVA DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE MERKEL:**

**SECCION 1:** Que una eleccion tome lugar en el Distrito Escolar Independiente de Merkel el día 16 de septiembre de 1978 con el fin de presentar a todos los residentes con derecho a votar del Distrito la siguiente proposicion:

"Debera la Junta Directiva DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE MERKEL de los condados de Taylor y Jones, en Texas, ser autorizada y otorgada el poder de emitir bonos de dicho Distrito por un total de \$1,400,000 para edificios escolares, o sea: la construcción y el equipamiento de edificios escolares en el Distrito (el construir de nuevos medios y mejoras, adiciones, alteraciones y renovaciones de los medios en existencia), y habra de ser caucionados y gravados, tasados y anualmente cobrados los impuestos según el valor de todas las propiedades imponibles en el Distrito, sin limite en lo que se refiere a la cantidad, para pagar el principal e interés de dichos bonos cuando los mismos vengán, dichos bonos a ser emitidos en una o más series o emisiones a madurar en forma escalonada o de otra manera por un período no mayor de CUARENTA (40) años a partir de la fecha de emision y a devengar interés al porcentaje o porcentajes a ser determinado a voluntad de la

Junta Directiva?"  
**SECCION 2:** Que los lugares para votar para esta eleccion y las personas por este acto nombradas como juez actuante y juez suplente de cada lugar para votar sean los siguientes:  
DISTRITO ESCOLAR RECINTO ELECTORAL

No. 1 (Recinto Número 24 de eleccion del Condado de Taylor y esa parte de los Recintos Números 20, 25, 27, 28, y 34 de eleccion del Condado de Taylor en el Distrito Escolar y todo el Distrito Escolar situado en el Condado de Jones)  
**LUGAR PARA VOTAR**  
El Gimnasio de la Escuela de Merkel Merkel, Texas  
**AUTORIDADES ELECTORALES**  
Joe Earl Lassiter Juez Actuante  
A.D. Scott Juez Actuante Suplente  
DISTRITO ESCOLAR RECINTO ELECTORAL

No. 2 (Recintos Números 21, 22, 37 y 50 de eleccion del Condado de Taylor en el Distrito Escolar)  
**LUGAR PARA VOTAR**  
Cafeteria de la Escuela Primaria de Tye Tye, Texas  
**AUTORIDADES ELECTORALES**  
Henry Floyd Kimmey Juez Actuante  
Allie Mae Kimmey Juez Actuante Suplente

Cada juez actuante nombrará no menos de dos (2) ni más de cinco (5) oficiales calificados para trabajar y ayudar en dicha eleccion; con tal que si el juez actuante particular a quien dentro nombrado desempeña sus funciones, el juez actuante suplente de su lugar para votar será uno de los oficiales.

Durante el día de eleccion, los lugares para votar estarán abiertos desde las 7:00 de la mañana hasta las 7:00

de la noche.  
Se nombra por este medio a Blanche Yvonne Hewitt como oficial principal y Annette Melton y Fannell Boney como oficiales menores de los votos absentistas para dicha eleccion, y la Oficina de Impuestos Escolares, 197 Lamar Street, Merkel, Texas 79536, en dicho Distrito se designa por este medio como el lugar para registrar los votos absentistas en dicha eleccion. De acuerdo al período del voto en ausencia permitido por la ley, las horas nombradas para registrar los votos absentistas serán desde las 8:00 de la mañana hasta el mediodía y desde la 1:00 de la tarde hasta las 5:00 de la tarde todos los días con la excepcion de los sábados, domingos y los días de fiesta oficial del Estado.

**SECCION 3:** Que balotas electorales de papel sean usadas en dicha eleccion, las cuales balotas serán preparadas de acuerdo con el Código electoral, V.A.T.S. de manera de permitir a los electores votar "EN PRO" o "EN CONTRA" a tal proposicion que será presentada de la siguiente manera:

"LA EMISION DE BONOS POR UN TOTAL DE \$1,400,000 Y EL GRAVAMEN DE IMPUESTOS EN PAGO DE ESTO"

Las palabras "EN PRO" y bajo ellas las palabras "EN CONTRA" serán puestas a la izquierda de la proposicion. Un cuadrado será dibujado a la izquierda de las palabras "EN PRO" y "EN CONTRA", y cada votador pondrá una "X" en el cuadro al lado de la proposicion indicando como desea votar.

**SECCION 4:** A todos los residentes con derecho a votar del Distrito les será permitido votar en dicha eleccion. Además, esta eleccion será

dirigida y tendrá lugar de acuerdo con las estipulaciones del Código Electoral de Texas fuera de las modificaciones hechas por las estipulaciones en el Código Educativo de Texas; y como pueda ser requerido por la ley, los materiales de la eleccion y los procedimientos para esta eleccion serán impresos en inglés y en español.

**SECCION 5:** Una copia fidedigna de esta resolusion y decreto servirá como aviso adecuado de dicha eleccion y dicho aviso, incluyendo una traduccion al español de esto, será publicado en el periódico de circulación general en el Distrito a lo menos una vez diez (10) días antes de la fecha establecida para la eleccion.

**PASADO Y APROBADO,** este día 18 de julio de 1978.

Charles Jacobs  
Presidente, Junta Directiva  
Distrito Escolar Independiente de Merkel

**ATESTIGUA:**  
James Boyd  
Secretario, Junta Directiva  
Distrito Escolar Independiente de Merkel  
23-1tc

**AVISO DE ELECCION PARA BONOS**  
EL ESTADO DE TEXAS  
CONDADOS DE TAYLOR Y JONES  
DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE MERKEL

A LOS RESIDENTES CON DERECHO A VOTAR DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE MERKEL:  
AVISO de que una eleccion tendrá lugar en EL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE MERKEL: el día 16 de septiembre de 1978 en cumplimiento de una resolusion y decreto debidamente

presentado por la Junta Directiva de dicho Distrito Escolar, el cual se acompaña y se hace parte de este Aviso para todo objeto práctico.

Doy testimonio de mi firma y del sello de dicho Distrito, este día 18 de julio de 1978.  
James Boyd  
Secretario, Junta Directiva  
Distrito Escolar Independiente de Merkel  
23-1tc

I, Blanche Hewitt Tax Assessor-Collector for the Merkel ISD, in accordance with the provisions of Section 20.03 (c) of the Texas Education Code have calculated the maximum tax rate which may be adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Merkel ISD without holding a public hearing as required by Section 20.03 (d) of the Texas Education Code. That rate is as follows:

\$1.53 per \$100 of assessed value.

Blanche Hewitt  
Tax Assessor-Collector  
July 19, 1978  
23-2tc

**CITATION BY PUBLICATION**  
THE STATE OF TEXAS  
TO: Juan Martinez,  
Respondent:  
GREETINGS:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas, at the Courthouse 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 Christian Homes of Abilene, Inc. Petitioner, filed in said

Court on the 14th day of July, 1978, against Juan Martinez, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 1126C on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Interest of Baby Boy Quintanilla, a Child", the nature of which suit is a request to Terminate Parent-Child Relationship. Said child was born the 16 day of June, 1978, in Abilene, Taylor County, Texas.

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

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this 14th day of July, 1978.  
Irene Crawford Clerk,  
326th District Court,  
Taylor County, Texas.  
By Faye Lyons, Deputy.  
23-1tc

**NOTICE**  
The Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing, August 7, 1978, 105 Scott Street, Tye Community Center, at 7:30 p.m. Interested citizens will have an opportunity to discuss zoning in the city of Tye.

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Jerry Dickerson  
...receives AT&T Long Lines National Sales Award.

## Jerry Dickerson Receives Sales Award

Jerry Dickerson, a member of the Midwestern Area sales force was among 15 Long Lines sales people honored for their achievements during the past year at the three day national sales award conference held recently in Westminster and New York City.

Tulsa Account Representative II Jerry Dickerson was among those cited for increasing billed revenue, meeting difficult installation dead-

lines and developing innovative solutions to customer problems, for the AT&T Company.

While an account representative I last year in Des Moines, Dickerson's efforts with three firms earned \$750,000 in annual Bell System revenues. Dickerson completed the sale of the Dataspeed 40-4 system to Impact Services, Pioneer Hi-Bred International's electronic data processing firm; showed

how to eliminate an operational bottleneck by using a mix of foreign exchange services and Wide Area Telecommunications Service (WATS), and sold Green International Inc., a construction firm with projects in five states on the benefits of using Dataspeed equipment at all five sites.

Summing up the accomplishments of Dickerson, Edwards says "it's this kind of commitment that makes it possible for us to consistently meet our revenue objectives. His individual efforts demonstrate why he is among the top performers in the Company."

Dickerson grew up in Trent, finishing Trent High School in 1962. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Odell Dickerson of Trent. He married Patricia Petty, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Petty of Abilene in 1969. They have 3 children.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF BOND ELECTION COUNTIES OF TAYLOR AND JONES MERKEL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

TO THE RESIDENT QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE MERKEL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:

TAKE NOTICE that an election will be held in the MERKEL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT on the 16 day of September, 1978, in

obedience to a resolution and order duly entered by the Board of Trustees of said School District, which is attached hereto and made a part of this Notice of all intents and purposes.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID DISTRICT, this the 18th day of July, 1978.

James Boyd  
Secretary, Board of Trustees  
Merkel Independent School District  
23-11c

## Cemetery Donations

The Merkel Cemetery donations are as follows:

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Mrs. Paul West in memory of Chester Collinsworth  
Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilson in memory of Chester Collinsworth  
Mr. and Mrs. W.D. Gamble in memory of Chester Collinsworth  
Mrs. Doyle Gray in memory of Beatrice Reeder  
W.E. Hale  
Sam Redwine

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Riney and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Riney in memory of Oriem Higgins  
Sallie Gant in memory of Sallie Angus and Georgia Smiley  
Vannie Hamblet  
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## How To Avoid Shipping Fever IN Cattel Explained

Shipping fever afflicts young cattle on thousands of farms and ranches every year. Veterinarians have studied this complex respiratory disease for many years but do not have all the answers even today. In general, a combination of three conditions lead to the development of shipping fever. These are stress plus viral and bacterial infections.

"The livestock owner can control the stress factor," explained Dr. David Smokler, a bovine practitioner in Lancaster. "Work the cattle only in the early morning hours on hot days. I think the 'best' cowboy is one who works the cattle the easiest; that is without a lot of shouting and running the cattle with his horse."

"Weaning is a very upsetting time to the calf," he continued. "Weaning comes much

easier if you'll 'creep feed' some grain the last few weeks and give them the best quality grass hay available. Getting the calves settled down from the weaning process prior to moving them long distances may help prevent shipping fever."

To avoid shipping fever in purchased animals, Dr. Smokler suggests buying calves from a neighbor who handles his animals gently. Do not purchase calves where large numbers of animals from many farms are penned together.

Calves which develop shipping fever usually stand away from other calves, their stomachs look empty and their nose may be dry and crusty or have mucus dripping out. Usually, rapid breathing and a slight cough are present with shipping fever.

Good nursing, clean water, the best hay and

no excitement are good medicine for the calf with shipping fever. Follow your veterinarian's instructions carefully, regarding animal care and antibiotic medication. The chute for treating calves should be no more than 28 inches wide and three or four calf-lengths long so treatment can be performed without exciting the calf. Roping a very sick calf may inflict permanent injuries.

Prevention of shipping fever is much easier and more successful than treatment after the illness has developed. Some vaccinations before weaning will help prevent development of the disease. Early recognition of the symptoms and prompt treatment are essential when shipping fever is indicated.

"The soul of conversation is sympathy." William Hazlitt

## Tax Proposal Could Effect Merkel

Governor Dolph Briscoe this week said he is very interested in a proposal which could effectively reduce property taxes levied by Texas school districts.

The proposal, as put forth by Representatives Jim Nugent of Kerrville and Lynn Nabers of Brownwood would dedicate one fourth of the revenue from the State's general sales and use tax to reduce school ad valorem taxes throughout the state.

"The Legislature currently is meeting in a special session to consider legislation and proposed constitutional amendments which would return a portion of the current and projected state surplus to the people of Texas," Governor Briscoe said. "I am extremely interested in any proposal which could result in a lowering of property taxes and particularly those levied by our Texas school districts."

Nugent and Nabers explained that to be eligible to receive additional state funds, under

their proposal, a school district must reduce the ad valorem taxes it levies for maintenance and operation purposes by \$200 for each \$220 it will receive. The maximum amount by which a school district would have to reduce its taxes would be 50 percent.

Preliminary Statics show the proposal would have the following effect on Merkel Schools: Reduction in property tax, 35 percent with an additional \$17,000 in "New" State Funds. These funds would be in addition to money already received by the school system.

## "Church Costs Too Much"

"Our Church and Sunday School cost too much," a chronic complainer stated. "I'm getting sick and tired of it all."

"Yes," said another, "but I want to tell you a story out of my own life. Some time ago a baby boy came into our home, and from the time he was born he cost me money. I had to buy food, clothing, medicine, and after a while toys and a puppy dog. When he started to school he cost me more, and more, and when he went to college the expenses were still greater and greater. Later he began to date girls and you know how much that costs. Then," said the heartbroken father, "in his senior year he suddenly died, and since that time he hasn't cost me a cent."

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## David Tiede

### Graduates

David Tiede, son of Mr. and Mrs. (Gwen Renfro) Eugene Tiede of Spokane, Washington, graduated from Green River Community College, Auburn, Washington in Environmental Technologist on June 13, 1978.

### Tri City Tourney

July 29th

The Championship game of the Tri-City Boys League post-season tournament will be at 8:00 Saturday night. The winner of Tuesday night's game between the Lions and Padres will play the Cardinals Ambassadors team who defeated the Tigers on Monday night.

The first pole vaulter to clear the bar at 15 feet was Cornelius Warmerdam on April 13, 1940, in Berkeley, California.

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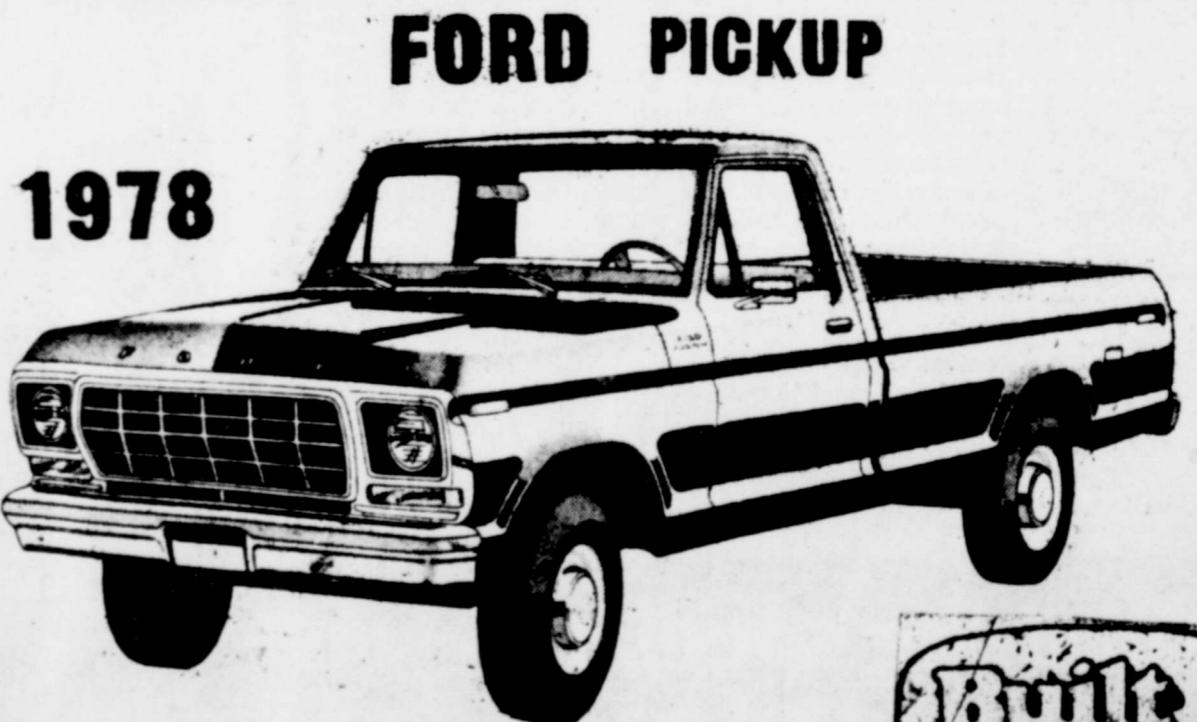
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## Bartlett - Singleton

### Exchange Vows

Karen Bartlett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Keenan of Merkel, Texas, married Gerald Singleton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Shingleton of Crestline, California on July 3 at Mount Calvary Lutheran Church in Crestline with the Rev. Clarence Bopp officiating at the single ring ceremony. The bride's parents are former Lake Arrowhead residents. Mickey Villano was matron of honor; Frank Hilla attended the groom as best man.

The bride is a graduate of West Covina High School and the groom was graduated from Cal State Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo. He is a practicing architect in Lake Arrowhead with an office in Cedar Glen, California.

The couple will honey-

moon at Cottonwood Cove at Lake Mojave and will make their home in Lake Arrowhead, California.

Mr. and Mrs. John Keenan and Mrs. Craig Humphreys hosted a reception at the Merkel Country Club July 19th honoring the couple who were still "Honeymooning" in Merkel, Texas. Those attending were Margarette and Buddy Hunter, Nola Mae and Gordon Pursley, Jeanette and Phillip Pursley and sons, Brad, Bart and Britt, also Diana and David Pursley and daughters, Dayna and Denise, Henry Boyett, Betty Jane and Frank Devasto and daughter, Vickie of Abilene, also Mickey Villano, Dwight and Maydelle Curle of Abilene, Joyce and Jack Keenan and Estelle Humphreys.

## Riding Club News

The results of the Merkel Riding Club for July 22 are as follows:

Barrels 8-under  
1. Denise Pursley 2. Russell Morgan 3. Jennie Boyd.

Flags  
1. Denise Pursley 2. Russell Morgan 3. Kody Hogan 4. Jennie Boyd.

Poles  
1. Denise Pursley 2. Russell Morgan 3. Jennie Boyd.

Barrels 9-12  
1. Dayna Pursley 2. Ken Hogan 3. Carrie Kennedy.

Flags  
1. Dayna Pursley 2. Ken

Hogan 3. Melody Pape.

Poles  
1. Ken Hogan 2. Carrie Kennedy 3. Dayna Pursley.

Barrels 13-17  
1. Leslie Masonheimer 2. Dee Dee Masonheimer 3. Norma Frazier 4. Shannon Boyd 5. Mike Pape.

Flags  
1. Leslie Masonheimer 2. Norma Frazier 3. Dee Dee Masonheimer 4. Vicki Campbell 5. Shannon Boyd.

Poles  
1. Norma Frazier 2. Leslie Masonheimer 3. Dee Dee Masonheimer.

Barrels 18-over

1. Patti Shotwell 2. Patricia Boyd 3. Karla Hardy 4. Teresia Patton 5. Susie Boyd.

Flags  
1. Patti Shotwell 2. Patricia Boyd 3. Shirley Morgan 4. Shirley Morgan 5. Charles Hatfield.

Poles  
1. Patti Shotwell 2. Patricia Boyd 3. Shirley Morgan 4. Karla Hardy 5. Charles Hatfield.

Boot Race  
1. Brandon Boyd 2. Shalce Hardy 3. Josh Mashburn.

Roping  
1. John Rogers 2. Pat Adams.

## Mr. and Mrs. Harris

### Celebrate Golden Anniversary

The children and grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. M. Harris of 117 N. Beverly hosted a golden anniversary reception in honor of the couple this afternoon at 2 p.m. in the Flame Room of Pioneer Natural Gas Building.

Harris is a retired engineer from Texas State Department of Highways and Public

Transportation. Harris is member of the Masonic Lodge, American Legion and Professional Engineers. The couple belong to the First Baptist Church.

The couple have resided in Abilene, Fort Worth, Bryan, Canadian and Dalhart. They have lived in Amarillo for the past 40 years.

Children include Jim-

my L. Harris, 100 Raton and Mrs. Joan Stevens of Austin.

Harris and the former Jewel Skidmore exchanged wedding vows July 21, 1928 in Merkel.

Attending from Merkel were: Mr. and Mrs. Leo Harris, Mr. and Mrs. S.G. Russell, and W.C. Harris from Abilene.

They have nine grandchildren.



Diana Martin and Leslie Reddin ...announce engagement.

## Martin - Reddin

### Engagement Announcement

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Martin of Abilene, announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter Diana Martin to Leslie Charles Reddin of Mineral Wells. Mr. Reddin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Reddin of Mer-

kel. The couple are planning a September 2 wedding at the Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Abilene, Texas.

Miss Martin is a graduate of Cooper High School and attends Com-

mercial College of Abilene. She is employed by Dixon Drilling Company of Abilene.

Mr. Reddin is a graduate of Merkel High School and is employed by Moore Trucking of Mineral Wells.

## Improved Bermuda Grasses Require Cultivation

With all the interest in improved bermudagrasses—like Callie bermudagrass—there is one fact that should be realized. The requirements for establishment and growth of these grasses are the same as for Coastal or Common bermuda.

"The improved bermudas are not miracle grasses," contends Don Dorsett, forage specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. "They do not become established and produce without moisture and fertility."

All the research data that show high production when comparing bermudagrasses are based on heavy fertilizer applications. So fertility is usually not a limiting factor in the comparison, adds the forage specialist.

"Anyone who attempted to plant Callie bermudagrass during the summer or fall last year realizes that moisture is a definite requirement for establishment," points out Dorsett. "There were numerous reports of stand failure of Coastal and Callie. Non-irrigated planting during the hot, dry months is a large gamble and is often not successful. Spring still remains the best time to attempt dryland plantings."

There is no substitute for good land preparation and weed control, he notes. A dry year makes proper land preparation pay off in dryland plantings. A seedbed that has been prepared a couple of months in advance will have settled down and absorbed moisture.

Light diskings for weed control and smoothing help firm the seedbed.

The final planting should be made into a firm, smooth seedbed that is moist and weed free. This type of dryland seedbed is best accomplished during the winter and early spring when moisture normally is adequate. Well prepared, moist seedbeds require little additional moisture for plant establishment.

Remember that improved bermudagrasses have the same requirements for growth that other grasses have. They will respond to proper planting techniques. Shortcuts in planting can result in disappointing stands," emphasizes Dorsett.

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## Long Life For Cut Flowers Challenge

Making cut flowers look good for the longest possible time is a challenge faced by many home gardeners.

Dr. William C. Welch, landscape horticulturist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, offers the following tips to help give longer life to cut flowers, whether homegrown or from your local florist:

1. Make Certain the container is washed clean with soap and water before using.
2. Cut stems at a slant, using a sharp knife or shears.
3. Before cutting, se-

lect flowers that are not fully open; avoid cutting old flowers.

4. Remove foliage from the lower third of the stem; also remove all broken and bruised parts of the stem.

5. Cut flowers in early morning or late afternoon.

6. Wash flowers and foliage to remove dirt, sprays or dusts if possible.

7. Store cut flowers in a cool area or refrigerator until arranged.

8. On receiving bulk flowers from the florist, cut about one inch off the stem ends.

9. Do not place the arrangement in direct sun, near gas fires or oil burners. Whenever possible, place the flowers in a cool area during the night but away from drafts.

10. Recutting the stems and changing the water every other day gives longer life to cut flowers.

### Shower To Be Held For Irvin Family

There will be a miscellaneous shower for the Whane Irvins at the Stith Community Center August 4th, at 7:30 p.m.

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