

The Merkel Little League will sponsor another softball game Saturday night, August 19, at 8:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to play. The fee is \$1.00.

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Merkel DQ one of four alike in US

The Dairy Queen now under construction in Merkel will be a turn of the century showplace, one of only four of its kind among the approximately 4,500 DQ restaurants in the United States.

When completed, the Dairy Queen will not resemble the traditional DQ on either the exterior or the interior. On the outside, the usual walls of plate glass windows will be replaced with brick and glass walls, and an earthen roof will cover the restaurant.

Doors designed especially for the Dairy Queen will have a turn of the century look to them. Built to resemble stained glass, the doors even will have a DQ identification as part of the design.

Inside, a special attraction will be an area designed like an 1890's ice cream parlor with turn of the century decor and old fashioned ice cream tables and chairs. The section will be used for Dairy Queen's soft serve cream items and will include a "Make Your Own Sundae" bar.

The main dining room, which will occupy approximately two-thirds of the seating area of the restaurant, will be given an elegant, rich look through extensive use of wood. Wooden posts, all hand milled to DQ specifications, will serve as dividers as well as decorations in the restaurant.

A "Make Your Own

Salad" bar will be featured in the dining room section. The traditional Dairy Queen menu will be served, with some innovations such as the salad bar.

A drive through window will be installed so that customers can place and pick up orders without leaving their cars.

Announcement of the construction plans for the Merkel Dairy Queen was made by James L. Utley of Abilene, executive vice-president and chief operating officer for Dairy Queen of West Texas, Inc., and by Gene Bland of Abilene, vice-president and director of operations for the West Texas corporation that will operate the new Merkel restaurant.

Dairy Queen of West Texas, Inc., is one of four fast-food companies headed by I.B. (Barney) Chapman II of Fort Worth, the nation's largest operator of Dairy Queen restaurants. The other Chapman Fast Foods companies are Dairy Queens of Central Texas, Inc., Dairy Queen of Taylor County, Inc., and Taco Plaza of West Texas, Inc.

The Merkel Dairy Queen, located at the intersection of I-20 and Runnels Street, is being built by Bill Smith Construction Company of Abilene. Smith is the owner of the land and is leasing the property to the Chapman Fast Foods organization.

The restaurant is scheduled to open by the end of 1978.



EXTERIOR VIEW OF UNUSUAL DAIRY QUEEN--The Dairy Queen now under construction in Merkel is one of only four of its kind among the approximately 4,500 DQ restaurants in the United States.

The only Dairy Queen identification outside will be the red and white logo over the main entrance and a sign near the street in front of the restaurant. The exterior of the restaurant is being done in earthen colors with mansard roof.



INTERIOR VIEW OF UNUSUAL DAIRY QUEEN--When completed, the Dairy Queen now under construction in Merkel will be a turn-of-the-century showplace.

This view shows part of the main dining room, which is being given an elegant, rich look through extensive use of wood, wallpaper, drapes and hanging lamps. All of the wooden posts are hand milled to DQ specifications.

Hello Merkel! We're the Richards



Cemetery donations

The Merkel Cemetery Donations are as follows:

Jewel Dunagin in memory of Lola Mae Bartlett.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Mashburn in memory of Lola Mae Bartlett.

Mr. and Mrs. J.L. Fisher in memory of Orien Higgins.

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Edwards in memory of Chester Collinsworth and Orien Higgins.

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Mr. and Mrs. Don Hart in memory of Lola Mae Bartlett.

Derwood Langston, Carroll and Helen Benson, in memory of Orien Higgins.

Evelyn B. Scroggins in memory of parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Boaz.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Read in memory of Chester Collinsworth and Orien Higgins.

Betty Conley in memory of Lola Mae Bartlett.

Williams Estate, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby DuBose in memory of

Lola Mae Bartlett and Chester Collinsworth.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Robertson in memory of Lola Mae Bartlett.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Boone in memory of Orien Higgins and Lola Mae Bartlett.

W.R. and Edith Bond, Freeman Reunion.

Mr. and Mrs. D.L. Wohlford.

Dr. and Mrs. W.T. Sadler in memory of L.B. McClain.

Annie B. Sledge in memory of Willard Sledge.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilson in memory of Ima Iona Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hartley in memory of D.C. Doan, L.B. McClain and Chester Collinsworth.

Mrs. Vivian Winter in memory of loved ones.

Mrs. Albert Criswell in memory of L.B. McClain.

Wynona Scroggins, W.H. McConnell, Essie Philips.

Louis and Louise Winter, Mrs. Elda Hord.

A Letter From The Editor:

In taking over the Mail, we feel that we have to make a few ground rules about our operation so the folks in Merkel and Merkel Country know how we plan to run their newspaper.

All efforts will be made by the staff to insure accuracy. When we do make a mistake, the mistake will be corrected on page one the next issue provided we are made aware of the mistake.

Letters to the editor will be printed provided the writer agrees to have their name and address printed along with the letter. Letters will not be printed that are libelous or slanderous toward a person or a business.

An "Ask Us" Column will be started as soon as we have inputs from the readers. These columns will answer questions about trivia, history, government, business and other matters of public interest. Again, the writer must agree for their name and address to be printed with their question.

News deadline is the Friday before publication. Fast breaking news has no deadline and we will make every effort to get news prepared

irregardless of when it happens. We just need to be informed and someone will be there to cover it 24 hours a day.

We will remain only one phone call away. If you would like an explanation of any story, we will be glad to provide it.

We have a responsibility to you, the reader. We feel it is our job to tell you what happened in Merkel and the Merkel Country last week, what is scheduled to happen this week and how those events will effect your life. We hope you enjoy our product. The American newspaper is one of the manstays of our democratic society.

When Thomas Jefferson was questioned as to whether he'd rather have a democratic society or a free press, Jefferson opted for the newspaper. The Constitution guarantees us the right to a free press but the Mail sees this as a responsibility and not a right. Effort, accuracy, and reader service will be the key words to this papers operations. If you feel we have abused our responsibility or we are not fulfilling it, pick up the phone and call.

We are off the soapbox and it's your turn. After all it's your paper.

TOWER TALKS

by U.S. Senator for Texas
JOHN TOWER



Energy Policy at Long Last?

WASHINGTON—Energy in this country is in short supply.

It will remain in short supply if the Congress approves the conference committee energy package now being developed and nearing completion for full congressional consideration.

The reason is the compromise measure still contains some of the worst elements of the President's energy package submitted more than a year ago. Producing no bill at all would be better than enacting one which will deny this country meaningful solutions to its national energy problems.

Perhaps the most disturbing element of the compromise pertains to natural gas and its price structure.

The natural gas compromise that has been hammered out is the product of shopworn thinking and Presidential arm-twisting. Clearly, little rational thought as to its future impact was included. Rather than hasten an end to the current problem, the measure would assure its continuation.

The compromise calls for much more Federal regulation of state governments and the gas industry, and would do little, if anything, to increase this nation's supply of natural gas—the real problem we must contend with.

Worse yet, the pending compromise would for the first time extend the scope of Federal price controls to the intrastate markets like Texas.

Intrastate price regulation, together with Presidential authority to allocate natural gas, is only a whisker away from complete federal allocation authority of all natural gas, wherever it is produced—the worst possible plan Congress could approve.

That, of course, would spell economic disaster for Texas. But more importantly, it would signify a ridiculous willingness to endure more of the supply disruptions and economic chaos we've experienced over past winters because gas was not available in sufficient quantities to heat homes and fuel factories.

While in theory, the measure would deregulate several categories of gas by 1985, in plain truth the compromise would create a pricing situation which virtually assures the extension of controls indefinitely. Meanwhile, producers would contend with a regulatory three ring circus making Washington's current act inhibiting production seem like a mere sideshow.

Progress in the conference committee toward language upping oil price ceilings and providing greater production incentives has been elusive. As elusive, for that matter, as the President's rationale for proposing a crude oil taxing plan to begin with.

While talking of administrative measures that could be taken now to increase production incentives, as many of us have urged, the Administration has made no concrete proposals. None seem likely to originate in conference committee.

For the most part, the conference committee package is no more a solution to our energy problems than the President's original proposal. In many respects, in fact, it represents a step backward.

The compromise energy package faces an uphill struggle for congressional approval. Its future rests on a wing and a prayer. Its sponsors—and the rest of the country—should recognize it for what it really is: not a compromise at all, but a monument to the mentality that has us in the energy dilemma we face today.

Riding club results

The Merkel Riding Club results for August 12th lists the following winners:

BOOT RACE
1. Rodney Russell 2. Shala Miller 3. Angie Wilburn 4. Tanner Boyd 5. Dawn Henslee.

BARRELS 8-under
1. Denise Pursley 2. Bridgett Vaughn 3. Candice Henslee 4. Russell Morgan 5. Janice Boyd.

FLAGS
1. Denise Pursley 2. Russell Morgan 3. Candice Henslee 4. Bridgett Vaughn 5. Janice Boyd.

POLES
1. Denise Pursley 2. Candice Henslee 3. Bridgett Vaughn 4. Janice Boyd 5. Russell Morgan.

BARRELS 9-12
1. Dayna Pursley 2. Ken Hogan 3. Mike Dokey 4. Karrie Kennedy 5. Brooks Boyd.

FLAGS
1. Ken Hogan 2. Dayna Pursley 3. Brooks Boyd 4. Karrie Kennedy 5. Jerry Miller.

POLES

1. Ken Hogan 2. Dayna Pursley 3. Karrie Kennedy 4. Jerry Miller 5. Kerry Miller.

BARRELS 13-17
1. Dee Dee Masonheimer 2. Leslie Masonheimer 3. Shannon Boyd 4. Vicki Campbell 5. Mike Pate.

FLAGS
1. Leslie Masonheimer 2. Dee Dee Masonheimer 3. Shannon Boyd 4. Mike Pate 5. Danna Russell.

POLES
1. Leslie Masonheimer 2. Vickie Campbell 3. Dana Russell.

BARRELS 18-over
1. Kim Metsyar 2. Patti Shotwell 3. Patricia Boyd 4. Charles Hatfield 5. Shirley Morgan.

FLAGS
1. Patti Shotwell 2. Patricia Boyd 3. Shirley Morgan 4. Charles Hatfield 5. Darrell Elkins.

POLES
1. Patti Shotwell 2. Charles Hatfield 3. Patricia Boyd 4. Darrell Elkins 5. Shirley Morgan.

FHA loans offered

Farmers in Taylor County are eligible for emergency loans through the Farmers Housing Authority. FHA loans are for drought effected range lands or pastures over the past year.

FHA loans are made to farmers who lack other sources of credit to recover from natural disasters.

Loans of up to \$250,000 for equipment and other purposes associated with production and off-setting actual losses are made at 3 per cent interest. Additional loans may be secured at a 5 per cent interest rate.

Farmers may apply at the Taylor County Office. Applications for physical losses may be made until Feb. 12, 1979 and production losses must be filed for by August 15, 1979.



Former Merkel residents, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Perry had their home and business flooded in recent torrential rains in Stamford. A neighbor snapped the picture while standing in shoulder deep water. The Perry house and business was completely destroyed.

Drought loans

Congressman Omar Burleson announced that Taylor, Culberson, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, and Terrell counties are eligible for emergency loans through the small business administration because of physical damage caused by natural disaster. These counties suffered losses from drought and hail storms with exception of Taylor county which suffered from drought only and Terrell County which suffered from drought, predators, and hail damages. Filing date for loan applications, are authorized until October 11, 1978 for physical damage and close of business on December 11, 1978 for economic injury.

Smiths hold reunion

The Ford Smith Jr. family held their annual family reunion in Junction, Texas August 5 and 6.

Mrs. Smith is the former Frankie Lee Graves, daughter of the late Pete and Lota Graves of Junction.

The group stayed at the Sun Valley Motel and gathered at a Girl Scout Hut for games and recreation.

A picnic was held on Saturday as family members prepared their specialties and later swapped recipes.

Dr. and Mrs. Carl Yarbrough, had just returned from a European vacation, where they visited 11 countries. After flying to San Antonio and driving to Junction, they passed the flooded areas of Bandera and Kerrville.

In the business session new officers were elected. Those officers are: Ronny Doan, presi-

dent; Jean Wood, Secretary-Treasurer and Gary Smith, to secure the site for the 1979 reunion that is scheduled for Possum Kingdom Lake.

Attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Alf Mitchell of Kermit; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith of Centerpoint; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Wood, Tammy and Kenneth Jr. of Pauls Valley, Okla.; Sylvia Claxton of Brownsville; Dr. and Mrs. Carl Yarbrough of Scottsdale, Ariz.; Jim Graves of Junction; Mr. and Mrs. Gary Smith, Kriste, Todd, and Shane; Mr. and Mrs. Ronny Doan, Kyle and Clint, and Mr. and Mrs. Ford Smith Jr., all of Merkel.

Mrs. Smith's brother and son, Mr. and Mrs. James D. Graves and family of Houston and Mr. and Mrs. B.P. Hughes and family of Pampa were unable to attend.

Boyd dies

Marjorie Boyd of Temple, Texas died August 13th at the age of 51. Mrs. Boyd was born in Jones County.

Mrs. Boyd had lived in Trent, Waco, Richmond and since 1968 in Temple where she was employed as a bookkeeper.

She is survived by her husband, Jack Boyd of Temple, two sons, Gary Don Boyd of Wichita Falls and Alan Ray Boyd of College Station, her mother, Mrs. J.M. Beasley of Trent, Her brother, Weldon Beasley of Trent, and one sister, Mrs. Helga Tiner of Eastland.

Memorials may be sent to the American Cancer Society.

Jones Co. fair horse show

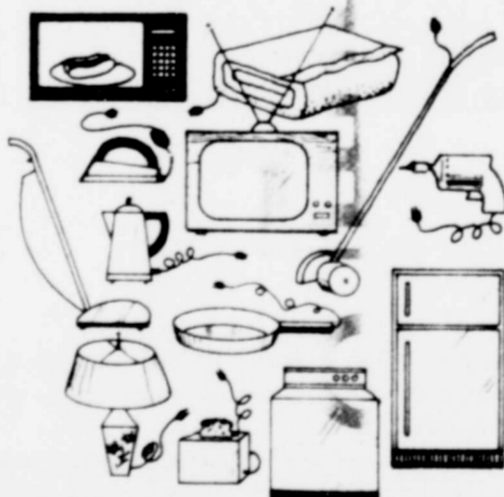
The Jones County Fair will have a horse show Saturday, August 19 at 9 a.m. on the fairgrounds.

The show will feature a halter and performance category. Entrance fees in the youth division are \$4.00 for each category and the open division entry fees are \$12.00 for performance and \$10.00 for halter.

If you want to get an early start, breakfast will be served featuring ham and cheese omelets with toast and home made jelly.

The Home Demonstration Club women are sponsoring the breakfast and the charge is \$1.75.

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Cemetery working

The Compere Cemetery Association will have a cemetery working, Saturday, August 19th. Members working are asked to bring tools and work will get underway at 9 a.m. Workers are also asked to bring a covered dish lunch. The President is Mr. W.D. Ramsey.

Irvin shower

A shower is scheduled for 7:30 Thursday night to aid the Wayne Irvin Family. The Irvin's lost their trailer and possessions in a storm last month and the folks in the Stith area are going to donate food, clothing and necessities to the family. The shower will be held in the Stith Community Center.

Leash dogs

NOTICE
Any dog not leashed or penned up will be picked up and disposed of. Merkel Police Dept.

LGA officers

The Ladies Golf Association had its monthly meeting Tuesday. New officers elected were: Pres.- JoAnn Gardner; V. Pres.- Faye Crenshaw; Sec.-Treas.- Minyon Seymore; Reporter- Ida Seymore.

Winners of the evening were Minyon and Phil Seymore. Winners of last months play-day were Fay and Loyd Robertson.

Several members played in the Eastland tournament Thursday. Winning low putts for the day was Glenda Watts with 28 putts for 18 holes.

Ida Seymore won 4th place in the third flight. We will try to continue our ladies day through October.

New patrolman

The City of Merkel has recently hired T.L. Slimp as a Patrolman for the Merkel Police Department. He is replacing Don Williams, who resigned to join the Stephens County Sheriff's Department. Patrolman Slimp is currently in Certification School in Abilene. He resides at 205 1/2 Oak.

TSCRA says FDA decision right

The Food and Drug Administration's decision to reconsider restrictions against antibiotics in animal feeds is a "major victory for livestock producers and consumers alike," says John B. Armstrong, president of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association. The Fort Worth-based group represents 14,000 cow-calf producers in Texas and surrounding states.

"TSCRA has testified against FDA's proposals in several public hearings in the last 18 months. We are very happy that FDA, after hearing this testimony and that of others, has backed off its original plans. The savings for livestock producers and consumers from this action may result in millions annually," Armstrong said.

Notification of FDA's change in attitude came in a letter from Dr. Donald Kennedy, FDA commissioner, to members of the Senate Agriculture Committee. He said FDA would delay and possibly drop altogether regulations that would sharply curtail the use of three antibiotics—penicillin, chlortetracycline—in a nimal feed. Further, the agency's plans to label all feeds containing the drugs and the requirement of a veterinarian's certificate to purchase such feed have been postponed indefinitely.

Vets-ladies meet

The W.W.I Veterans and the Ladies Auxiliary will meet Saturday, August 19 for their regular meeting. The meeting will be held in the Taylor County Electric Co-Op Building at 12:00 noon for a salaluncheon. Members are asked to bring a salad or dessert.

We ask all members to come and bring someone with you. We need to keep up our attendance.

Band practice

The Merkel High School Band will begin practice on Monday August 21st at 8 a.m.

All persons planning to be in the 1978-79 Badger Band are urged to attend.

Wear your marching shoes and bring your instrument.

Vinson fete

There will be a coker party Monday night, August 21, 1978 at the Band Hall honoring Karen Vinson, the new band director of Merkel Public Schools. This is a get acquainted party and all parents and band members. Beginners through High School are invited to come.

Senior Citizens

The Senior Citizens held a singing on August 7th and the event drew visitors from Abilene, Meaulley, Rotan and Roby.

August 8 was the regular luncheon and 58 showed up for that. Three people sat at the birthday table.

August 17th will be a clean up day at the Senior Citizen's Building and anyone that wants to help out is welcomed and work will get started at 8 a.m.

Talent night is scheduled for August 24th and an ice cream and cake supper is scheduled for the last day in August. Persons are asked to bring ice cream and cake with them.

Ray Hewitt will be the president for September and the group is looking into the possibilities of getting an air conditioner.

Turner reunion

The Turner family held their annual reunion on August 13th at the Lions Club Building here.

Those attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Rex Martin of Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. John Wall of Texico, N.M.; Annie Fitzworth of Abilene; Viola Ensminger of Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Houston Martin of Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Turner of Monument, N.M.; Meda Owens, Gertrude Hamlin, Mona Bayes and Stella Bernard of Big Springs; Mr. and Mrs. John Frazier of Sweetwater; Mr. and Mrs. Dervitt Campbell of Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. T.J. Castle of Big Springs; Willard Brown and Lilly Rodgers of Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. E.J. Patterson of Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Maseraug and Paul of Eagle Pass; Mr. and Mrs. Maruin Frazier of Pecos; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Black of Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Hurley of Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Poe of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Turner of Abilene; Robert Dye of Merkel.

Lunch was served and music was provided by family members.

Three River

cattle firm

registered

3-Rivers Land and Cattle Co., Three Rivers, Texas, has been reinstated as a registered dealer under the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act.

The firm's registration had been suspended by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for 40 days, starting June 15, and thereafter until it showed it was solvent.

USDA officials said the firm is no longer insolvent, and a supplemental order has been issued ending the suspension. The cease and desist provisions of the May 30 order remain in effect.

Livestock dealers are required under the P&S Act to maintain a solvent financial condition as protection for the sellers of livestock.

The P&S Act is a fair trade practices law administered by the packers and stockyards program of USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service. It promotes and maintains fair and open competition in the marketing of livestock, poultry and meat.

The P&S Act is administered in Texas by M.L. Marshall, P&SA, USDA, Rm. 8A36 Federal Building, 819 Taylor St., Fort Worth, TX 76102, telephone 817-334-3286.

Public Notice

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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 Daniel W. Blackwell, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 13th day of July, 1978, against Nadine Blackwell, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 1192-C on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Matter of The Marriage of Daniel W. Blackwell and Nadine Blackwell", the nature of which suit is a request For Divorce.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree dissolving the marriage and providing for the division of property which will be binding on you.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the child 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 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 the 9th day of August, 1978.
Irene Crawford Clerk,
326th District Court,
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By Johnnie Woodard,
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26-1tc

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Law, Copeland wed

Carrie Ann Law, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kennon Law Sr., of Tye and David Franklin Copeland, son of Mr. and Mrs. R.P. Copeland of Tye, were married August 12th at the Tye Baptist Church.

The bride was given in marriage by her father and Kathryn Murrell of Merkel, Pam Morgan of Tye, Cindy Byrd of Merkel, Becky Watts of Merkel and Sharon Horton of Tuscola served as bridesmaids.

The Rev. E.V. Brooks officiated the ceremony and Nancy Moore provided the music.

Mendy Law of Tye and Reagan Rice of Abilene were flower girls and the ring bearers were Matt Smith of Merkel and Dwayne Clark of Arlington.

The best man was Steve Teaff of Abilene and the groomsmen were Jerry Rice of Abilene, the bride's brother, Tommy Law of Tye, Ronny Mueller and Tony Freeman of Stamford. The ushers were Billy Watts of Abilene and Mark Copeland, brother of the groom, of Tye.

A reception followed the wedding and was hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Kennon Law at the Fellowship Hall. The rehearsal dinner was hosted by Mr. and Mrs. R.P. Copeland at the Big Country Inn here.

The bride and groom are graduates of Merkel High School and the groom is employed by El-Tye-O Trailer Sales in Tye. After a wedding trip to Austin, they will reside at the Mulberry Creek estates in Tye.



It's a boy

Mr. and Mrs. Ray King would like to announce the birth of their son, Everett Paul, born August 9 at Anson. The 8 pound 7 ounce boy's grandmother is Genevieve King. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Paul L. Crouse of Merkel.

Phone rates going up

Officials of Continental Telephone Company of Texas announced recently that its rates will change as a result of its most recent petition to the Public Utility Commission for rate increases. Company President James Miles said, "Although the Public Utility Commission granted us considerably less than we felt we needed, we are proceeding to place the new rates into effect retroactive to July 3, 1978 in accordance with the Commission's order." "Actually" Miles said, "the new rates will have only minor effects on current residential and business customers and many can expect rate reductions. Most of the additional revenue authorized us by the Commission will be received from increased rates for one-time service such as installation and wiring charges affecting mostly new subscribers, and the line services provided by the local exchanges."

Telethon needs volunteers

The Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) will span over 10,000 miles, from Agaña, Guam, to San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Local volunteers are needed and you can call collect 817-338-1024 between 8 and 5 for more information.

Joyce Thorne, Abilene Chapter President, said the entertainment spectacular also will be seen in Hawaii, Alaska, and over more than 200 leading TV stations coast-to-coast linked together in a "Love Network."

The Jerry Lewis Telethon, the first major program of the fall TV season, will be seen in

the Big Country area over KTXS, Channel 12. The show begins at 8:00 P.M. Sunday, September 3, and continues non-stop until 6:30 p.m., Monday, September 4.

Now in its 13th year, the Telethon will originate from Del Webb's Hotel Sahara in Las Vegas. The show's producer-director is helping Jerry Lewis line up some of the biggest names in the entertainment world for personal appearances.

The network show and local cutaways will also feature appearances by sports headliners, government officials, business and labor executives and leading scientists. Also scheduled to appear are representa-

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TFU to watch 66th legislature

Instructions from the special tax session that the members of the 66th legislature meeting in 1979 shall write a formula for taxing farm-land on productive values and a substantial increase in the inheritance tax exemption look good. So says the Texas Farmers Union. But there are other questions unresolved according to the statewide organization.

"It appears the real trick to the whole package is distinguishing between instructions to the regular session on what shall be done and what may be done," says TFU President Jay Naman of Waco. "If voters approve the measure in November, lawmakers must write provisions for a productivity tax on farmland, give homeowners some small relief and further help the aged."

After you've whittled away a little from the

tax rolls," Naman continued, "you must make up the difference somehow. And without any real reform of the system, you still have the same basic people providing the same revenue by only a slightly altered process. It's critically important that the legislature has set aside \$450 million for reimbursement to districts due to exemptions. But no formula was written as to how the state's money will be distributed. Rural school districts must place confidence in legislators to do the right thing in January. It's up to individuals and organizations like Farmers Union to watch over the next session and see to it they do the proper thing."

Texas Farmers Union has been one of the organizations seeking an increase in inheritance tax exemptions, and the increase to \$200,000 up to \$300,000 by

1985 is praised "for the ability it will provide farm families to hold onto hard earned equity through generations." TFU spokesmen say they also applaud the exemption on utility sales taxes and the increased relief for homeowners and a freeze on taxes paid by the elderly.

"The most disappointing thing," says Naman, "is that large corporate interests, already paying far less than their fair share, hovered over the capitol to assure they, too, had their big bite of the tax relief pie."

TFU has opposed the inclusion of large corporations, speculators and huge timber interests in the productivity tax designed for farmers. The farm organization has also supported suits brought by taxpayers in Gainesville, Leander and San Augustine which claim that all

properties (real and intangible) are not being taxed equally. With a clause in the tax package that says the legislature "may" exclude intangible property and erase existing laws that are intended to tax all property, the Farmers Union says it fears that the issue in the lawsuits may be ruled unportable.

"There's nothing black or white about this package," concludes Naman. "We need to underline the good in it. We also must see to it that rural school districts benefit on equal terms with urban districts if and when the bits of relief get passed around. But the final measurement against real reform must leave us with the ultimate conclusion that those who hoped that Texas lawmakers would provide worthwhile tax relief are doomed to disappointment."

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In the last few years, the Congress has refused more than once to repeal the well known Section 14(b) of our basic labor law which protects the right of the individual State to maintain voluntary unionism.

Many efforts have been made and will continue to be made to deny individual States the authority to say that no person must be a member of a union in order to work. The States which have the right to work law have decided that no one or no organization he does not freely accept and authorize as his bargaining agent.

Statistics on jobs in right to work states versus those which have no such law are most impressive. Jobs in manufacturing are more scarce in States not having right to work laws and more plentiful in those which have the law. A recent study by the U.S. Labor Department shows that the twenty States with right to work laws have gained a total of almost a million jobs in the last ten years while the thirty States which permit compulsory unionism have lost 1,200,000 such jobs. Percentage-wise, this means an

overall gain of 21 per cent for States with right to work laws and a loss of 8 per cent in those which do not have them.

In our State of Texas the data shows a 37 per cent gain in the last ten years. States lacking the right to work law, California, Massachusetts, Ohio, Michigan, New Jersey, Illinois, Pennsylvania and New York, lost 100,000 jobs each from the period 1967 to 1977. The State of New York leads the list with a loss of more than 450,000 jobs or 23 per cent.

One would think that State Legislatures would look at the obvious advantages in terms of lower unemployment and a more vigorous economic situation and enact the law such as we have in Texas.

Compulsory unionism is pressed by the union leaders and not by the average worker according to reports. Surveys show that one of every

five employed Americans belongs to a union covering his craft. This means that four out of five are non-union workers and it would seem that these voices should be heard as readily as those who have the clout by being organized and able to apply political pressures.

There is added weight to this situation from the fact that several reputable opinion polls in the last few years strongly indicate that about three fourths of Americans, 18 years of age and older, including a sizable proportion of union members, oppose compulsory unionism. Aside from the economics involved, as suggested by the increase in jobs in those areas where working people cannot be forced to join a union as compared to those where they must, Americans generally are independent. They are opposed to the idea that to get a job they must join and pay dues as a condition to work.

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"That's interesting," Mother replied. "And how do you know?"
"Because," the girl said, "she talks about Him all the time."
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