The Taylor County soil judging team parti-cipated in the state meet in College Station at Texas A&M University recently. Michelle and Buster Brown of Merkel are members of the team that won the district competition.

The Merkel Mail

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on the city tax rolls.

The \$400,000 project will get underway soon.



The federal housing units for the elderly and disabled are nearing completion. Workers are now

completing the exterior bricking and inside finish work. Additional federally funded low income

housing will be built on Merket's south side. (Staff photo by glenn Richards)

McLeod accepts Sweetwater post

Merkel Badger head coach and atheletic director Jerry McLeod resigned last Wednesday and will take over duties as head basketball coach and assistant football coach at Sweetwater High School.

McLeod coached the Merkel Badger varsity football team to a 16-13-1 record for the past three seasons. He also coached the girls junior varsity basketball team and the golf team.

McLeod was hand-picked by Don Breck, Sweetwater's new football coach. Breck has been at Perryton High School where he has never had a losing season after 20 years in coaching.

McLeod said he is excited about his new coaching assignment and that the Sweetwater program would have 110 atheletes participating in high school football. He said the team has no proven stars, but will have a few returning starters. Sweetwater has

gone 2-8 for the past two years.

He also said that he has reached a point of personal re-evaluation in his life and that he will be taking "a hard look at himself in an effort to determine where he wants to be in a few years professionally." He added "every good man wants to move up in his profession. My friends tell me that I am crazy for not getting into college coaching but

my immediate plan is to have a little of the pressure

McLeod will be one of three former head coaches that will serve as assistant at Sweetwater High. The coach added that he is looking forward to having the pressures of the atheletic director duties away from him and he also mentioned pay raise

McLeod and family are attempting to sell their house here and he says that it is hard for them to leave because the community has been good to him. McLeod said that his best season here was three years ago (his first) and the best his team had performed was also three years ago against Roscoe.

As far as Merkel's atheletic future "I'll tell you the

same thing I told people when I was hired here, there is no reason why Merkel can't be competitive in football, or any other sport. Merkel is a small 2-A school and it will take outstanding atheletes to win a district championship. He said the girls basketball team should be as strong as they were last year and says he doesn't know a thing about the new girls basketball coach.

Football pre-season should get started here in three weeks and school officials have their work cutout for them to find a replacement. Merkel coaches Doug Guynes and Gary Bartee have applied for the job and school officials have also interviewed the head football coach at Jim Ned High School.



Jerry McLeod

Solar energy class slated

Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc. and the Sweetwater campus of the Texas State Technical Institute will be co-sponsoring a 24 hour course

concerning solar energy theory and application.

Classes will start on Sept. 4th and will be held each Tuesday and Thursday evening from 7 until 10 p.m. for three weeks. The course will be capped by a Sept. 22nd field trip to the TSTI campus where students will construct and test a solar water heating system.

The course will be taught by Ronnie Freeman, head of the air-conditioning and refrigeration department at TSTI. The course is open to rural

Tommie Cutler of the Member Services Department at Taylor Co-Op said "I think the course will be good and it is real timely. Solar water heating is something that is within most people's budget and it would help people show a savings if they use solar

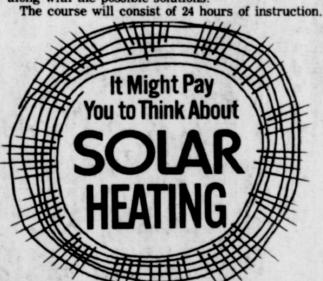
He said people may contact him at 928-4715 or 672-2771 to enroll in the course. The class is limited to 24 people and you may also write the Member Services Department, P.O. 250, Merkel.

There is no tuition charge and the program is being funded by a \$7,000 grant from the Texas Department of Education. Other cooperatives offering the course are Midwest Electric Cooperative at Roby, Lone Wolf Electric Cooperative at Colorado

City, and the Stamford Electric Coopertive of

Ron Freeman indicated that the course could be of great value to the cooperative members by exploring the unique conservation problems of rural residents.

along with the possible solutions.





Staff photographer glenn Richards

News from 10 years ago

The following stories made headlines in the July 24th, 1969 edition of the Mail

Merkel citizens reacted to Sunday's moon walk. B.J. Gist of the Taylor Electric Co-Op said the moon walk was "a real accomplishment." F&M Bank President Booth Warren said "It was history in the making." Mail columnist Tom Russom commented that "It was amazing but I don't want to go there, it looks drier there than it has been here.

The city sales tax for the quarter ending March 31st, 1969 was \$3,397.35 according to the city secretary Roy Kimbrell.

A.L. Moore of Rt. 2 Merkel was named to serve on the board of directors of the Taylor Telephone Cooperative following the resignation of W.C. Brad Pursley, the nine year old son of Mr. & Mrs.

Phillip Pursley, won the Dallas-Ft. Worth area baseball contest and will compete for the state title in the Astrodome.

The Farmers and Merchants National Bank is celebrating ten years at their current location on July 27th, 1969.

Mail photographer leaves paper

by Cloy A. Richards

Staff photographer glenn Richards has left the Mail to pursue formal education at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville and that change will effect the readers of this paper.

His ability to capture emotions, such as a kid's walk home in the rain, the joys of the last day of school, the facial expressions of youngsters in atheletic competition will be hard to repla

His technical abilities were hard to match for a paper this size. His photos of lightning, the icy scenes at dusk, and of a baseball pitcher in motion conveyed the very essence of situations and placed those events before the reader's eye.

His photographic documentation of the Tractors in

Washington was unmatched by any local photographer from west Texas newspapers and his shots captured much of the emotion, and problems that put the farmers in Washington to begin with.

He has a great future as a photojournalist, if that is what he chooses for his profession, and if I can help influence him to stay in the business, I believe he should

The newspaper photograph is an integral part of this paper and should be of any newspaper, regardless of it's size.

The employees of the paper will miss him, and are missing him. That kind of talent is hard to replace.

City share of sales tax up 40% over last year

The city will receive a check for \$1,428.92 for their share of the one percent local option for state sales

Year to date totals are 40 percent above rebates of last year and the city has received \$21,217.19 thus far compared to \$15,130.80 at the same time last year.

Tye will receive a check for \$2,646.83 for the

reporting period and has received 10 percent more money than the same period last year. Tye has received \$20,496.45 for the year.

Trent will not receive a check this month because

their payments are made quarterly.

The statewide average is running 10 percent above that of last year and rebate checks for the state totaled \$23.5 million.

1300 receive MISD tax exemptions

More than 1300 people from the Merkel Independent School District have taken advantage of tax exemptions approved by the 66th Texas Legislative Session.

Merkel ISD tax assessor collector Katie Necessary said that 870 people had signed up for the \$5,000 exemption for homesteads, 300 for the over 65 or disabled exemptions and between 200 and 250 for the agriculture land tax exemptions

She added that the school district also has about \$1 million in new construction that will be taxed for fiscal year 1980.

Six at band camp

Six members of the Badger Bund attended band camps this summer at Abilene Christian University and McMurry College.

Joan Fariello attended the camp at McMurry and Maria Moreno, Debbie Williams, Cornia Longnecker,

Cathy Mitchell and Ronny Powell attended the camp

Band camps give the kids intensified instruction in band and allows the students to learn from some of the more noted music instructors in the state.

The scholarships paying for the camps were provided by the Band Booster's Organization. The organization elected a new slate of officers including Mrs. Lillian Powell as president, Mrs. Sandra Townsend as first vice president, Mrs. Marie Cunningham as second vice president, Mrs. Sue Townsend as secretary-treasurer and Audra Horton as the reporter.

The group will be holding a bake sale, probably the first week in August and will be selling stadium cushions as well. You may contact any of the Band Boosters for further details.

County taxes up

County taxes are going to rise and the nearest estimate county commissioners have now is a six or seven cent increase per \$100 evaluation.

County commissioners wrapped up three weeks of budget hearings Friday. They set another meeting for July 31st to vote on the intent to raise taxes. A record vote must be taken and published in a county newspaper. At that meeting, commissioners will also schedule a public hearing to allow county tax payers

to voice their opinions concerning the tax increases.

The current county tax rate is 70 cents per \$100 evaluation, with 48 cents committed to general evaluation, with 48 cents committed to general funds, and 11 cents each to road and bridge and debt retirement. Friday's proposal would place 51.6 cents for the general fund, 15 cents to road and bridges and 9.4 cents for the debt retirement.

Also included in the proposed funding for the county is a 12 percent pay raise for county elected officials and a six percent raise for other county

employees.

Non-elected officials received a six percent pay

hike in May.

The public hearing for the proposed tax increase will probably be held in the first week in August.

Youth center fund receives \$97

The fund for the Merkel Youth Activity Center is still \$600 short as \$67 has been contributed in the last

The Youth Center is trying to raise the morepair a roof so that activities may begin a the center. The Abilene Community Action Pr

said they would pay for half of the needed the community could raise the other half. Donors include Mrs. Booth Warren, Mr Howard Carson, Ruby Shipman, Ruth Dud O.J. Reynolds, Mrs. Ruby Harris and M

A bank account has been established at Farmers and Merchants National Bank wh donations may be sent or you may contact R Shipman, Esther Carson or Mrs. Leon Harris

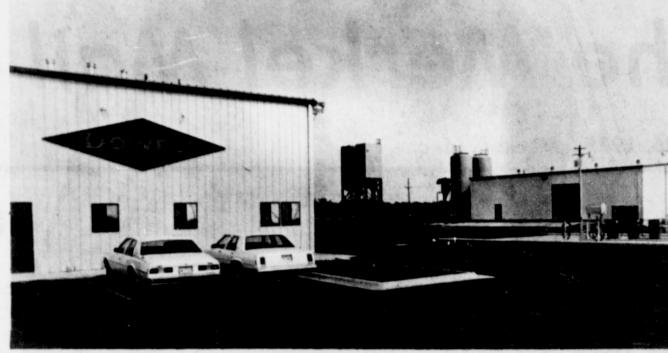
USGA says thanks

(Submitted) The Merkel Trent Girls Softball League (USGA) would like to say a big "Thank You" to the many people who helped tomake our recent Slow Pitch Tournament a success. Their generosity of donations from money, ice, and various other goods and equipment will always be remembered by not only those from the M&T league, but the many people who traveled to our fair

city.
The following mer-chants in the Merkel & Trent areas supported us are Allsups, Big Country Inn, Bishop Ready Mix, Cal-Tex, Carson's Gro., Circle A Western House, Crawford's, Dairy Queen, E -G Joint Venture, Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home, Emma's Clothes Closet,

F&M National Bank Fisher's Plumbing, Handy Food Store, Hick's Auto Supply, In-dustrial Electric, Merkel Drug, Max Murrell Chevrolet, Ninth Street Grocery, Palmer Motor Co., Pug & Leo's, Puri-na Feed Store, Seymore Ins., Jack South Elevator, Starbuck Funeral Home, Stuckey's, Taylor Electric, Billy Bob Toombs, Wylie Shamrock, and L&W Snack

The M&T League officers are as follows; James Freeman - Pres.; Connie Harris - V. Pres. Suzy Rister - Sec.; Brenda Jackson - Treas. Mary Hill - Mini Minor rep.; Betty Doan-Minor Rep.; Dorothy Torrence - Coordinator; Sherry Ferguson - Concession stand; Jackie Riney -Umpire in Chief.



Dowell Chemical has recently completed construction on their new Tye facility. (Staff photo by glenn Richards)

Barnhill recovering

Entertainers & friends from the Stith musical sent flowers to Othel Barnhill of Trent who suffered a heart attack

was recently retired and recovering in Room 118 at Rolling Plains Hospi-

Pack, Talent at band camp

(Submitted) Denise Pack & Jo Anna Talent of Merkel are participa-ting this week in the fifth annual Angelo State University Band Camp which attracts high school students and band directors from across Texas.

Nearly 600 persons are attending this year's

camp which offers clinic sessions in twirling, drum majoring, conducting, ensembles and others.

In addition to the workshop sessions, participants are being treated to a variety of evening entertainment including a movie night, talent show, concert and disco dance.

Gov. declares farm safety week

Governor Bill Clements has designated the week of July 25-31 as Texas Farm and Ranch Safety Week. The purpose of the observance is to encourage renewed emphasis to make Texas farms and ranches a safer place to live and work. Texas Safety Association in cooperation with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service

of the Texas A&M University System will conduct a week-long statewide safety campaign.

Urging all who live and work on Texas farms and ranches to make accident prevention a part of all activi-ties, the Governor noted, "One of the most persisten barriers to agricultural well-being has been farm and ranch accidents."

Detrick succumbs

Leslie Detrick

Leslie Wilford Detrick 67, of Merkel died at 11 p.m. Saturday in Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene following a lengthy illness. Masonic graveside rites were at 2 p.m. Monday at Rose Hill Cemetery in Merkel. Burial was directed by Starbuck Funeral

Born May 22, 1912, in Bayard, Neb., Mr. Detrick had moved to Denton Valley southeast of Abilene in 1953 where he operated the Denton Valley Store for many years. He moved to Merkel in 1972 and was a member of the Masonic Lodge.

He married Inez Mason March 12, 1938, in Reno, Nev

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Leslie R. of Sterling, Alaska and Billy D. of Manteca. Calif.; a daughter, Susan I. Detrick of Abilene

a half brother G.W. Detrick, Jr. of Alaska; a half-sister, Mrs. Dorothy Carmichael of Grants Pass, Ore.; and seven grandchildren.

(Submitted) Compere Extension Homemakers Club met July 12th in Abilene at the new Mall for their annual "day out". The members enjoyed lunch at Luby's

Compere HD meets and shopping in the afternoon. Those attending were Mrs. Ab Hunter, Jr., Don Adair, Wilson Williams, David Chancey, Hugh Taylor, Ernest Spurgin, & Clyde

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Wylie ties for first

The Wylie Shamrock Leprechans tied for first this season in the mini minor division and three team members were selected to the All-Star

Christie Elliott, Krista Toombs and Gayle Shugart were selected as All - Stars and Jamie Heyen was selected as an alternate.

Other team members included Michelle Dudley. Christie Elliott, Bridgett Vaughn, Caro-lyn Lally, Michelle Longinar, Dalla Swinney, Kristen Kennedy, Krista Toombs was presented the best sports-manship award for the mini minors and the team was coached by Lavena Vaughn and managed by Dodie RigRussell reunion all of Merkel. Others present were Mr. & Mrs. don Russell, Mr. & Mrs. Russell all of Neosho, Mo.; Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Russell and children; & children; Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Ferguson; Abilene, Mr. & Mrs.

Melodi Hobbs

some time last week Mrs. Mabel Dunn, Phoenix, Mr. & Mrs. John Warlick, Abilene, Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Russell, Bossier City; Mr. & Mrs. James Russell, Mr. & Mrs. S.G. Russell Mr. & Mrs. Leo Harris, 0000000000

The Russell Reunion

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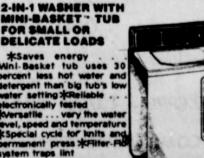


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The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy J. Baggett, 5700 Dallas, Odessa. Mr. and Mrs. Bennie L. Hobbs of Merkel, are the parents

of the bridegroom.

Angela Bryant attended as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Vickie Coston, Debbie Hobbs, Debra Thomas and Debbie Thompson. Alethea Hedrick attended as flower girl and Christian Keener carried rings.

Mike Hudman served as best man. Groomsmen were Steve Devaney, Rickie Baggett, Tommy Sloan and Doyle Russell. Seating guests were Darrell Quaid and Bobby Hunnicutt.

A reception for the couple was held im-mediately following the ceremony in the activity room of the First Christian Church.

Following a wedding trip to Padre Island, the couple will be at home in Merkel.

The new Mrs. Hobbs is a 1977 graduate of Permian High School. Her husband is a 1974 graduate of Merkel High School and a senior student at Abilene Christian University. He is self employed as a farmer.



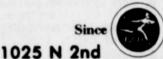
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Pursley-Doan compete

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& Mrs. Phillip Puraley will be competing in the broad jump, high jump, 50 yard dash and 440 relay. Ricky Doan, son of Mr. & Mrs. Tom Williamson, will be competing in the 220, high jump, 50 yard dash high jump, 50 yard dash and 440 relay.

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Best buys at Texas grocery markets this week include poultry, pork and some fresh fruits and

Also, "specials" in frozen food chests and along grocery market aisles offer budget-stretching menu items, according to Gwendolyne Clyatt, a consumer marketing information specialist.

Mrs. Clyatt is with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University

POULTRY -- Special prices appear on fryer chickens - whole, cut-up and split. Also, legs and thighs have low prices, and mixed parts offer a good

Eggs have reasonable prices, and turkey is a feature in some markets.

PORK - Best buys are hams, bacon, quarter-loins cut into chops, Boston butts, loin roasts, smoked picnics and liver.

FRESH FRUITS - Attractive prices signal good buys on bananas, cantaloupe and watermelon. Watch prices carefully on soft summer fruits -

they have varying price levels. These include peaches, plums, cherries, nectarines and grapes.

Also, varying prices appear on honeydew melons and avocados. FRESH VEGETABLES -- Budget items are cabbage, cooking greens, cucumbers, peppers,

onions and potatoes, along with soft-shell squash and Moderate prices appear on carrots, snap beans, corn, radishes and green onions, as well as several varieties of southern peas - including blackeye,

purple hull and cream. FROZEN FOODS - Specials include orange juice, lemonade, vegetables, fried chicken and sherbert.

Susan Wheeler & Donald Dye

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married

(Submitted) Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Dale Wheeler are proud to announce the marriage of their daughter, Susan Eliza-beth, to Mr. Arnold Dye of Memphis, Tennessee. Dye is the son of Mr. Robert Dye of El Paso, and the grandson of Mr. & Mrs. J.R. Dye of Merkel. The couple were married July 14th in El Paso.

Dye graduated from Merkel High School and attended Hardin - Simmons University. He was employed at Carson's Supermarket before entering the Marine Corp. Dye is stationed at Memphis, Tenn.

Susan attended Merkel High School and will be a junior this fall at Memphis High School. She was employed at Wylie Shamrock Cafe.

happened in other ailing industries. The reason that agriculture has been experiencing difficulties is because the farmer has been encouraged to produce to the point where he more than satisfies the needs of the market. The problem we have been facing most of this century is not shortages -- but surpluses. And with surpluses have come less expensive food and low farm income.

Charles W. Stenholm, M.C. 17th District, Texas

For most of this century agriculture has been a depressed or subsidized sector of our economy. This

situation has not occurred because of obsolescence, or poor management, or low productivity as has

Stenholm says \$6 call price

We are continually faced with the dual problem of providing for the world's nutritional needs and at the same time insuring an adequate return to our producers. One of the most successful programs that

addresses both of these goals is the farm loan system and more recently the grain reserve. This program is administered by the Commodity Credit Corporation. Farmers can store their produce in government warehouses and receive a loan payment. If the market prices go above the loan rate, then the farmer can withdraw his crop in an orderly fashion and sell it in the marketplace. If the market price is below the loan rate for a sufficient period of time, then the loan expires and the produce becomes the property of the government. This policy, when administered properly, as is the case recently, can provide a good return to producers and insure an adequate supply to the consumer at a fair price. The cost to the taxpayer is relatively low. Over the 40 year history of the loan program, for every dollar paid out by the government, 90 cents has been

recovered from the market. Currently the 1980 wheat program is being developed. The Secretary of Agriculture is consider-

ing a program which will call for all out production. I have written the Secretary outlining my proposals on this issue. I feel strongly that we should not provide for a zero set aside without adequate compensation to the farmer. Experience has taught us that too great a level of output will depress prices below the cost of production. I can still recall the effects of the 1974-5 program which encouraged the farmer to produce fencerow-to-fencerow, and from which we are just now recovering. I fear that just as the American grain farmer is beginning to enjoy relative prosperity, we will produce a record domestic crop which could wreck our market if foreign output increases. In response to this situation, I am calling for minimum loan prices on wheat of \$3.43 per bushel, which will result in a trigger price of about \$4.80 and a \$6.00 call price. Also the target price should be set near the \$4.20 bushel mark, which will allow all Americans to share the risk if we once again over-produce. Farmers have suffered greatly from the high cost and unavailability of diesel and I feel these price levels are justified if we are to ask

our farmers for all out production.

Some voices will be raised to say that the prices I have outlines are excessive. But we must remember that in order for a person to stay in business he must receive a reasonable rate of compensation for the services he provides. Food is essential for our survival and the continued vitality of the agricultural industry is important to our economic and defense position in the world. If you eat you are involved in

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Trent News

Thursday July 26, 1979

Turner killed

Daniel Jerry Turner

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Services for Mr. Turner were at 2 p.m Sunday at Faith Baptist Church in Abilene, with the Rev. Grant Oliver, pastor, officiating, assisted by the Rev. John Turner, associate pastor and an uncle of Mr. Turner. Burial was in Trent Cemetery, directed by Curtis - Starks Funeral Home.

Mr. Turner was a mechanic and had lived

in Houston about five months, moving there from Seattle, Wash. Born in 1953 in Lovington, N.M., he attended school in Sweetwater. He served in the Army for two years. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include his mother, Mary Austin Turner of Merkel; three brothers, John, Charlie and Willie Turner, all of Abilene; seven sisters, Dorothy Hunter, Floetta Turner, Lizzie Roberta Turner & Carolyn Turner, all of Abilene, Marie Turner, and Jeaneatte Faye Williams, both of Houston, Mary Beattie of Lubbock; and an uncle, the Rev. John

Legal notices

NOTICE BY PUBLICA-

STATE OF TEXAS

TO Gary T. Martin, 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 Jose G. Mata and Petra G. Mata, Petitioners, filed in said Court on the 19th day of July, 1979, against Eleanor May Martin and Gary T. Martin, Respondents, and said suit being number 2725C on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Interest of Fred

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child. Said child was born the 22 day of August, 1978, in Abilene, Taylor County, Texas.

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Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this 19th day of

Irene Crawford Clerk of the District Court of Taylor County,

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Martin, Respondent:

TO: David Albert St.

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

on you. 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 di-

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this the 9th day of July, 1979.

Irene Crawford Clerk, 326th Judicial District

Taylor County, Texas By Rilla Mahoney, Deputy.

NOTICE OF APPLICA-

Merkel Bancshares, Inc., a Texas corporation formed by the

controlling shareholders of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Merkel, Merkel, Texas, has caused to be filed with the Federal Reserve Bank, Dallas, Texas, an Application to Become a Bank Holding Company, pursuant to section 3 (a) (1) of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, as amended.

Merkel Bancshares, Inc., whose principal business location will be the same as the Far-mers and Merchants National Bank of Merkel (111 Edwards, Merkel, Texas, 79536), invites the public to give written comment upon the above-referenced Application to the Federal Reserve Bank, 400 South Akard, Station K, Dallas, Texas, 75222, no later than thirty (30) days from July 19, 1979. 22-2tc

Trent ISD - Board of Equalization

The Board of Equalization of the Trent Independent School District will hold a public hearing at 9:00 a.m., August 9, 1979, at the Trent School Tax Office.

The hearing will be for the purpose of determining, fixing, and equalizing the value of any and all taxable property situated in the taxing jurisdiction of the Trent Independent School District.

Any and all persons interested or having business with said Board are hereby notified to appear.

Don Orr Tax Assessor Collector 23-1tc

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casionally. Spoon barbeque mixture on bottom halves of buns, cover with bun tops and serve at once. Or filled buns can be individually wrapped in foil and heated in 300 degrees F. oven. 8 servings.

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The couple was mared Saturday at Tye aptist Church with the ev. Bob Roby officia-ing. The bride was iven in marriage by er father.

Maid of honor was ngie Wells of Tye. ridesmaids were lizabeth Griffith, Lori ubose of Merkel and letsy Cantrell of Abine, sister of the bride-

Flower girl was Traci cochrun of Humble. ling bearer was Johnny Vells of Tye. Candlelighters were fitzi Cantrell of Abilene Benbrook, cousin of the

Best man was Jim Tabor, Jr. of Abilene. Groomsmen were Paul and Curtis Cantrell, brothers of the bridegroom, both of Abilene, and Marlon White, brother

Ushers were Paul Cantrell of Abilene, and Marlon White.

Pam Morgan regis-tered guests and Tonya Tye was the organist

A reception at the the brides parents.
The bride attends

Merkel High School and is employed by Thornton's Dept. Store.

A graduate of Cooper High School, the bride-groom attended Ranger

Junior College and is employed by Mrs. Bairds' Bakeries.

A rehearsal dinner was hosted by the parents of the bride-groom in their home.

ister of the bridegroom nd Jeffery Hicks of ye scribe reports cit. building coming along

y Harold Boyd

Municipal Judge Den-ais C. Hodges just returned from a one day eminar in Lubbock, exas. This seminar vas to bring the courts p on current dockets

The Tye Vol. Fire ept. has received the Child Find" decals and he members will atempt to get these out to e nomes in Tye within he next two weeks. hey will also pass out lue cards with the arious numbers for mergencies, such as olice, Ambulance, and Fire. We hope that these ards will be placed ear your telephone hould you need them. The cards are courtesy Tye businesses and rinting done by the Merkel Mail for a small

Our news has been omewhat hard to find eings that most are on acation and our town is omewhat quiet.

The Senior Citizens uilding is coming along uickly, the sides are lmost complete and the ontractor is awaiting he roof rafters and then n with the roof. The uildign surely will be n asset to the comnunity and an area in hich the senior citizens an meet, quilt and do ther crafts. July the 6th the senior citizens ad an old fashion ice ream social and aproximately 50 people owed up for the event. lenty of home made e cream and cake was erved and several ames of bingo were layed. Wonder if the

get it together. Have you noticed that some fellow town folks have been beating the heat? Been some large swimming pools put up over the past few weeks in and around Tye. Beings that gasoline is somewhat expensive, & what better way can one enjoy theirselves. Be careful and follow safe swimming rules and en-joy yourself. Surely don't want to report on someones accident.

Speaking of accidents, Dusty Moore, son of has spend some of his hospital due to a motorfew weeks ago. Dusty, get well and hope for a speedy recovery and that you may enjoy the remainder of the sum-

mer gone? Just seems like a few weeks ago that the children were just out of school and it won't be long before they return back to the elements of learning. Then maybe we can get back on somewhat of a schedule of living.

you and do hope that you have enjoyed your week and hope that you are blessed with good health and a better week

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of the bride.

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church was hosted by

citizens of Tye would like to undertake an event like this for the whole town to enjoy with the cost of gasoline being what it is. I believe it could be plenty of fun. I mentioned it, now lets see if we have some brave citizens to

Paul and Jo Ann Moore summer vacation in the cycle accident he had a

mer vacation. Where has the sum-

So for another week fellow readers, it's been my pleasure to be with

Cynthia Kay White

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THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: Danny Wayne Bryan, 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 Becky Lynn Bryan, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 1st

day of June, 1979, against Danny Wayne Bryan, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 2518-C on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Matter of The Marriage of Becky Lynn Bryan and Danny Wayne Bry-an", the nature of which suit is a request that the Court grant a divorce to

the Petitioner 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

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the children's interest which will be binding upon you.

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