## The Merkel Mail



The Merkel-Trent mini-minor softball tsam pours out of the dugout following the final out in their . $\mathbf{m i n}$ over Breckenridge. The girls were eliminated in second round play in the USGA photo by Cloy A. Richards)

Tye delegation seek Todd reinstatement, two principals hired

After meeting with four Tye residents in executive session of about 45 minutes, the Merkel ISD Board of session of about 45 minutes, the Merkel ISD Board of reassign Tye Elementary Principal Cecil Todd.

The board met in "emergency session" Monday The board met in "emergency session" Monday
night and held those meetings in executive session for two and one half hours. The board hired Harry Taylor as the principal at Tye Elementary and hired Allen Meritt as principal of Merkel High.
Following their discussion with the Tye the board went back into open session. Board President Charles Jacobs said "The board had discussed, and let me say this was not a decision we
reached lightly. His transfer has nothing to do with reached lightly. His transfer has nothing to do with
the lawsuit that was filed against us and our hands the lawsuit tiat was nied against us and our ."
are tye resident Ken Law deteails of the case." Tye resident Ken Law responded by saying "The
reason we are here is the way the decision (to
transfer Mr reason we are here is the way the decision (to
transfer Mr. Todd) was made. It looks like the
position (State and Federal Projects Coordinator) position (State and Federal Projects Coordinator)
was created just to get rid of him." was created just to get rid of him."
Mr. Law added "The transfer couldn't have come
. people will be. He is the best principal that Tye Elementary has ever had and I plead with you again,
I feel like this is the only twl we have." I feel like this is the only twol we have." "About 20
Elmer Patton of Tye told the board " people are waiting, right now, to hear what your decision is. I have talked to plenty of people abou
this and they are angry, this and they are angry,
Charles Jacobs then told Charies Jacoos then told the Tye residents that he
understod their arguments and "We have access to information (concerning Mr. Todd) that you dc not have," (What Mr. Jacobs is referring to is a confidential
(eat performance report that the district completes on
each teacher annually.)

Tye resident Barbara Kotrilik said "The only
eason he was transferred was because he stuck up for the parents and teachers at Tye, like a principal supposed to do. If he did something that was so wrong, why wasn't he fired instead of transferred
The board then went back into executive session interview candidates for the Tye Elementary and Merkel High principal slots. Allen Merritt, currently ssistant principal at Franklin Junior High
Abilene was hired as principal at Merkel High for one year. He has been with Franklin for six years. Merritt said he was asked to apply for the job and
said that his relationship with the Merkel area began 22 years ago when he played basketball with Robert McLeod at Abilene Christian University.
He said that the only recent knowledge of Merkel
hat he has is what he reads in the papers and said that he has is what he reads in the papers and sav
that if he knew he was coming here, he would hav paid more attention. He has been in education for 21 years.
Mr . M
Mr. Merritt is married and has three sons. He and
his family will move here as soon as they can locate home.
The ne
The new principal at Tye Elementary is Harry
Taylor. Mr. Taylor is currently a head teacher and Tassior. Mr. Tant principal at Jane Long Elementary School on Abilene. Mr. Taylor was graduated from Hardin Simmons University and received a masters degre
from from Abilene Christuan.
He is married and has two children, Paul 15 and
Lisa 4 . He said that he was lloking forward to the
opportunity of being principal he added that he was opportunity of being principal, he added that he was also asked to apply for the job Board and were hired for one year. The board will hold budget hearings, open to the public, on Aug. 21st
at $7 \mathrm{D} . \mathrm{m}$. in portable classroom no. 2 .

## Cutler named to state post post

Tommie F. Cutler of Merkel has been elected member services directors for rural electric ystems. The action came last week during the exas Electric Cooperatives in Austin. The conclave drew some 500 rural electric leaders and ladies ervesenting Texas' 83 electric cooperatives which rural enterprises and residences in all but nine of Texas' 254 counties $\qquad$ services director since 1962. In this position he plan and coordinates staff activities to help ently and economically in their homes and rural enterprises. Taylor Electric's member-consumer total nearly 9,500 on more than 3,300 miles of lines Cutler is a Merkel Church, and a member of the Lions Club. He servied in the US Signal Corps $1955-1962$. He and his wife,
Letha Ann, are parents of a 12 -year-old son, Chris, a

## Looking back, ahead after first year here

It is hard for me to believe, but my family and have been here for one year now, and I spent a little
time this weekend trying to judge that first year
As far as the financial outlook of the paper, it runs Amor good to bleak, depending on the time of the "get rich quick" type of investment. We just try to meet the financial obligations and we have done all
right on some areas financially, and not so well in ight on some areas financially, and not
others, regardless, that's our problem.
Turning to my asessments of this area, I have a lew good and not so good things about Merkel. On the plus side, the area has experienced mostly accredited to governmental grants and the bond issue for the new school facilities. That is a sign of progress. It means that the voters have faith in the overnment has faith that this area needs more housing to deal with growth
There have been some private housing develop Merkel has also seen a few new groups formed t. work out some local problems. The new Merkel Emergency Technician Service is a plus and We have another docter here and recently th veterinarian has moved to town, those are definite mprovements. City services here are excellent for a
mall town If you think we have problems, talk to ther small town residents
The local farm community has seen a bumper heat harvest this year, with prices running ove he season, prices were way up. The prospects for an excellent cotton crop are there and with luck, will emain that way until harves being made, although slowed somewhat by recent rains. In general, I feel there are more people involved
what is happening around them. We do have our problems, as I am sure most other mail towns have
The reasons for some of the problems are as need to place more emphasis on supporting Merke and doing what we can to improve the area. We have seen more business declines than starts during the
past year. That can be worked out by Merkel onsumers shopping here. You don't need to be
busines more emphasis is needed on attracting new 2 business here and getting the word out that Merkel is 2 good place
moderate growth level to remain the same. I don't mean that we should start an all-out campaign to boost the population to 5,000 , but we need to replace the ciizens that leave. In time of inflation, if you are
not growing at the rate of inflation, you are losing not gro
ground.
Itry
I try not to get to philisophical with my opinions in
the paper, I try to run this paper from the paper,
of the average reader. Since this article is a summary of our first year here, bear with me. people that we are going through a moral American we aren't acting like Americans should act. I could not agree with him more.
There have to the people and asked for their have gone to the people and asked for their support.
The Merkel Youth Center, the Tri-city Baseball League and many other local organizations have found it hard to raise money for community ate community and benefit no individual. I find that depressing that these type of organizations face the problems they do and we, the citizens of this town, do
not respond The mood spending. That will mean a reduction in state and federal aid to communities like ours and they are own.
I think the city administration and the school
administration realizes those facts and are learning administration realizes those facts and are learning
to cope with that reality As citizens, we should
If you don't like the way things are being done, do something about it. If you have an idea that will improve the future of any part of this community, let
someone know about it with the power, or the responsibility to make things happen.
We can sit around and say "
We can sit around and say "Poor Merkel" or we
can make things happen. The can make things happen. The choice is ours. If you
like what we have here, and are willing to preserve it, get involved.
Find something good to say about what is here and
offer your constructive criticism in areas it will do some good.
If we follow that plan of action, I think we would all be a little surprised in what positive changes can be
made. Then next August, maybe this column will be more positive.



The 1979 State Midget League Champs, The
Soring-Klein Roye!s, pose with Pug and Leo Harris

## irthday party for one of their fans. by A Pichards)

## Merkel home of state champs!

Merkel is the home of a state championsh
baseball team. More accurately was the home as the baseball team. More accurately was the home as the
Spring-Klein Royals made their home at Merkel's Big Country Inn while competing in the State Midget
League Baseball Tourney last week in Swis League Baseball Tourney last week in Sweetwater
The Royals ended up their year at $23-3$ as they took the state championship by dowing the Sweetwater
Chief 12-1 Fridiy in Sweetwater Chief 12-1 Friday in Sweetwater
The boys, and their enterouge
The boys, and their enterouge of mothers, coaches, and reatives stayed in Merkel for five days, ate
most of their meals at Pug and Leoo's and were visible all over town during their stay
One of the brother's of a player that made the trip,
Mark Mosebrook even celebrated his birthday at
Tri-City elects officers, set tourney Aug 16-18
The Tri-City Pony League will sponsor a men's and raffle.
women's slow pitch softball tournament August 16, women's slow pitch softball tournament August 16 ,
17, and 18 . Everyone is invited to play and those interested in participating should contact Nita or Walt Harris at the Big Country Inn. Spectators are
welcome and urged to attend as this is enjoyable welcome and urged to attend as this is enjoyable
family entertainment. Admission is free to those wishing to watch the numerous games. The games will start at 7 p.m. Thursday and again on Friday
running all night and all day Saturday until the games are over. The teams will include loca participants and those from Abilene, Roscoe and numerous other towns. Concessions will be available
Come enjoy a good game (or several) of softball Come enjoy a good game (or several) of softball
Men's games will be at the Pony League field and womens at the girls' softball fieid, both at the west
end of South 2nd. Other news from $P$ Other news from Pony League is from a business
neeting which was held July 16 . Several items wer neeting which was held July 16 . Several items were
on the akenda including the announcement that Chri

Pug and Leo's.
The state champs consist of Phillip Hitt, Terry
Mee, Scott Reid, John Hart, Tommy Headee, Jason Mee, Scott Reid, John Hart, Tommy Headilee, Jason
Paxton, Aaron Brown, John Price, Mark Gustawes, Motor Mosebrook, John Cahil, Darrel Parker, Gary Deen, Jeff
Mosebrook.
The team manager is Mick Mosebrook and coaches include John Hart, Reece Brown, Gerald Deen, Roger Reid, and Max Patton. The team is
sponsored by Joleni's Pizza in Houston In Friday's final, John Price had a shutout going until the last batter when an error brought in a run. he game was never in doubt after the first inning as year's officers for their service to the League.
Also a special thank you to Industrial Electric and Texas Oil Electric in Abilene for their contributions
in getting the lights working on the Pony League
field, and to Dale Doty and Jeff Hughes for climbing the poles to install the new ligh
$\qquad$ Nita Harris, John Vinson, Pat and James Wallis, Vice Presidents; Janet Vinson, Secretary-TreasurPurchasing Agent. Art Herrer Agent; and Walt Harris, The Team Vice P
adres, Gaston Thomas, Manager, For the Merkel
Coach; Tye Tigers, Art'Herrere, Marris Howes, Coach; Trent Lions, James Freeman Manager and George Snyder, Coach; Hawley


Best buys at Texas markets markets this week include pouitry, some fresh fruits Also, purple hull peas, cabbage, cucumbers, green lyne Clyatt, a corisumer marketing information Also, cheese is in the dairy spotight, and pork Mrs. Clyatt is with the Texas Agricultrual Extension Service, The Texas A \& M University System.
POULTRY - Fryer chickens have low prices - with meatiness and tenderness as a bonus quality. Turkey and Turkey parts make good values, toos.
FRESH FRUTTS - Best buys include plums nectarines, grapes, bananas, limes, oranges nectarines, grapes, bananas, himes, oranges,
cantalaupes, honeydew melons and watermelons.
Peaches have moderate prices, and they show Peaches have moderate prices, and they show
good quality and size.
FRESH VEGETABLES. Thrifty byys include

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 peppers, celery and newcrop red potatoes.GROCERY MARKET AISLES. "Specials" appea on tuna fish, pork and beans, salt, honey, sugar, tea bags, shortening and pasta products. Also, as the
new-pack season approaches consumers can expect low prices on many canned fruits and vegetables. low prices on many canned fruits and vegetables.
PORK - Reasonably priced items are hams and bacon, along with Boston butts, chops, whole loins and liver
BEEF
BEEF - Features included boneless blade chuck
roasts, corned beef and round steak. Moderate priced appear beef and round steak. Moderate CONSUMER WATCHWORDS: Good quality wa termelons are firm and symmetrical, fresh and attra tive looking with a velvety bloom over the rind - and
a yellowish underside rather than a white


Reunion held
Things were lively
this past weekend athis past weekend a-
round 604 Locust when the eight children of Mr.
and Mrs. B H. Stallo and Mrs. B. H. Stallo got
together for a family reunion, the first time
they had all been ther since 1972. Those Mrs. Jerrell Stallo of Lorraine, Kansas; Mr.
and Mrs. Benny Stallo Abilene; Mr. and Mrs.
William Stallo of San





## Yield laws changing

## on August 27th

Beginning Aug. 27th, drivers on freeways and entering or leaving the highways according to House ill 1421.
It means that people in this area that have gruwn accustomed to motorists exiting and entering $1-20$
watching for frontage road drivers will be reversed Some yield signs across the state have already been changed but most have not. Texas Highway
Department officials told the Mial that the road Department officials told the Mial that the road
crews were very busy changing the location of the rews were very busy changing the location of the
signs from the ramps along $1-20$ to the frontage
A news relase from the Texas Highway Department said the changes are especially critical where the frontage roads carry traffic both directions. Ramp traffic, both entering and exiting
the freeway, cross the stream of traffic on the the freeway,
frontage road.
The rule to remember is that entering and exitin raffic on the Interstate and other freeway system must yield right of way to them
As always, motorists should obey the posted traffic

## Newsbriefs

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## Dubose honored <br> with shower

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$\begin{aligned} & \text { honored with a brid } \\ & \text { shower in the home }\end{aligned}$
Mrs. George Starbuck
$\begin{aligned} & \text { on Tuesday, July } 17 . \\ & \text { Greeting guests wer }\end{aligned}$
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$\begin{aligned} & \text { Mrs. Starbuck, Mis } 8 \\ & \text { DuBose, Mrs. Bobby }\end{aligned}$
$\begin{aligned} & \text { DuBose, mother of the } \\ & \text { bride-to-be and }\end{aligned}$
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$\begin{aligned} & \text { Mr. Bullock' } \\ & \text { mother, M } \\ & \text { Whitehead }\end{aligned}$
Refreshments were
served from a tea table
$\begin{aligned} & \text { decorated with yellow } \\ & \text { roses and apricot co- }\end{aligned}$
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$\begin{aligned} & \text { colors. Appoint ments } \\ & \text { were silver and crystal. }\end{aligned}$
$\begin{aligned} & \text { were silver and crystal } \\ & \text { Twenty-two hostesses } \\ & \text { assisted Mrs. Starbul }\end{aligned}$
$\begin{aligned} & \text { assisted Mrs. Starbuck } \\ & \text { with the shower }\end{aligned}$
$\begin{aligned} & \text { Miss DuBose and } \mathrm{Mr} \\ & \text { ithe show }\end{aligned}$
$\begin{aligned} & \text { Miss DuBose and Mr. } \\ & \text { Bullock will be married }\end{aligned}$
Aug. 10 at the First

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## Donations

Recent donations to Service Asscy Medical quipment fund come from Mr. and Mrs. Henry Guenther, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harris,
Mr . and Mrs. Ray Pack, Mr and Mrs. E. Patton, Mr. and Mrs.
Ollie Fox, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Eager and Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Mur-
phee. The fund has a phee. The f
total of $\$ 250$. Donations can be
made at City Hall or to any membe
association.

## Pet Crow

If you live on Merkel's east side and see a
friendly crow flying around, don't shoot it, the
crow is a pet crow is a pet and
belongs to the Walter Whisenhunts. The crow will occa-
sionally fly off from her sionally fly off from her
home at 202 Walnut and like to play with dogs and children. Since the crow is a pet,
shouldn't be harmed. If you do get bored, and live on the east side, you at least have the
crow to talk to. She has a vocabulary of about five words. Watch the Mail in a
couple of weeks for a fe ature about Judy, the Correction In last week's Mail, we reported that light ing had struck the Mark Bland. We should have reported that it was the home of Mrs. A.
C. Bland. Mark is her 16-year-old son.
The Mail regrets the

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## Dayna Gayle Clift

 The Means Memorial United Methodist Churchwas the setting for the formal wedding of Miss Dayna Gayle ceremony was performed by Rev. Keith Wiseman. The bride is the daughter of Mr and Mrs Raymond Thomas of Merkel. She is also the
great-grandaughter of Mr. and Mrs. S.C. Keith of great-grandaughter of Mr. and Mrs. S.C. Keith of
Merkel. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A background of ath . Watson of Andres.
A background of catherdral tapers and brass ery, and yellow satin bows completed the setting for he ceremony.
Organist, David Stoebner, presented the traditional wedding selections and accompanied Rebecca
Buckley as she sang "More" and "The Wedding Song."
When presented in marriage by her father, the chantilly lace and pearls. The fitted bodice wa enhanced with a mandarin neckline sprinkled with bridal pearls. The slim lace sleeves formed a petite was enhanced by scalloped lace and flowed into a scalloped hemline extending the entire length of the chapel train. Her four tiered finger tip veil was decorated with seed pearls and irridescent.
She carried a bridal bouquet of white daisies ellow roses, and English ivy with cascading loveno streamers and lace ribbons. It rested on a white
bridal Bible and white hankerchief given to her by ber grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Thomas he wore a pearl necklace and earrings.
Before she reached the al'ar, the bride and her
ather paused to give her mother a yellow rose and a tather
kiss.
After
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Aister the traditional vows wee repeated by the
Aouple, a unity candle was lit and the couple was ouple, a unity candle was lit and the couple was
gresented as Mr. and Mrs. Dan Watson. When eaving the altar the couple paused to give the room's mother a yellow rose and a kiss.
Tammy Thomas of Merkel, cousin of the bride, and Janet Hanna of Sonora attended as bridesmaids. They wore yellow dotted swiss dresses trimmed with white satin. The fitted bodices and full flowing skirts white satin roses at the waist. They wore matchin wide-brimmed hats dec orated with daisies and white satin ribbons. They each wore a zold necklace nride. They carried nosegays of white daisies and baby's breath with cascading satin ribbons. Marvin Simpson of Lubbock, cousin of the groom,
erved as best man. Ricky Gregory and Bruce Robins of Andrews served as groomsmen. The groom wore a white full dress tux with a yellow rose boutineer. His attendants wore white tux with yellow ather and groom's father wore white tux trimmed with black velvet with yellow shirts. They wore white

Angela Thomas of Merkel, cousin of the bride an as candlelighters. She wore a full length yellow otted swiss dress trimmed in white satin and ashioned after the attendants dresses. Daisies her outfit. He wore a white tux and yellow shirt with a daisy boutineer
hower girl. She was dressed in a full length yellow dotted swiss dress trimmed in white satin. A halo of white daisies and baby's breath rested on her head.
She carried a white lace basket trimmed with white satin ribbons and daisies.
Johnny Ray Thomas of Merkel, cousin of the bride
served as ring bearer, carrying the tor served as ring bearer, carrying the two rings on a
white satin pillow. He wore a white tux with a yellow shirt and daisy boutineer.
Bill Clift, Dennis Clift, and Mike Clift, brothers of Bill Clift, Dennis Clift, and Mike Clift, brothers of
the bride and Steve Watson, brother of the groom servd as ushers. They wore matching white tux and
serve yellow shirts with daisy boutineers.
Following the ceremony, a reception was given by Following the ceremony, a reception was given by
the bride's and groom's parents at the Andrews Country Club. The bride's table was covered with a
cole full length white lace cloth. Centering the table was the three tiered wedding cake decorated with daisies and greenery. White columns and the bride and
groom figure separated the second and third tiers. Wedding bells and white lace topped the cake. Banana punch, yellow mints and nuts were served from crystal and silver appointments. Crystal candle
holders with yellow tapers along with yellow napkins holders with yellow tapers along with yellow napkins
completed the table. Kim McWilliams and Sherry Hudgens served the guests.
The groom's table was decorated with a gold
candlelabra with four yellow tapers and a daisy centerpiece. Assorted finger sandwiches were served along with cake and coffee. A gold coffee service and ppointments were used. fountain and then the best man presented a good luck champagne toast to the newlyweds.
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Butman reunion
draws 45
Atter a wedding trip to San Marcos and San
Antonio, the couple will be residing in Midland where the groom is employed by Texas Electric. A rehersal dinner was given by the groom's
parents on Friday, June 29. A barbecue dinner prepared by the Mesquite Burners and the Watsons

Association meets


Descendants of the
late Sam Sr.and Madge
Bell Butman met on Bathers Day, June on 17 , Fathers Day, June 17,
for their annual family
reunion. A day of swimreunion. A day of swim-
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some some 45 people. all the trimming with goodies trimmings and spread un-
der the Golda Malone, Merkel;
Mr. and Mrs. Curtis
Wilson, Sterling City: Wilson, Sterling Curtis Mrs. Fanny Mae Wilson, Blackwell; Mrs. Louis
Butman and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Butman, Ablene; Jerrell Lee, But man
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Mrs. winney, Tammie, Darla, and Manie, Merkel; Mrs. Billy Bob Neff,
Randy and Pam, Mer colorful pavillion of Camp Butman. Before the meal there was
moment of sile $n t$ kel; Mrs. Both Littrell,
Midland: Tresha kel; Mrs. Beth Littrell,
Midland; Tresha and thoughts for Louis But
man who was unable to leave Shady Oaks Res Home in Abilene. Fol-
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offered thanks for the
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## NOTICE

I, Katie Necessary Tax Assessor-Collector for the Merkel ISD, in accordance with the provisions of Article 7244c, V.T.C.S., have calculated the tax rate which may not be exceeded by more than three (3) percent by the Board of Trustees of the Merkel ISD without holding a public hearing as required by Article 724 hc , V.T.C.S. That rate is as follows:
$\$ 1.74$ per $\$ 100$ of assessed value.

Katie Mecessary
TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR
TAX ASSESSOR-COLI
$8-7-79$

## Trent News

## Church celebrating

Economist says there are alternatives to parity for farmers

## 90 years in Trent

The Trent United Me-
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Social at 7 p.m. The Band meeti The Trent Band will oegin heir preparations
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## Public notices

NOTICE BY PUBLICA.
TION STATE OF TEXA

TO Gary T. Martin
Respondent, Greetings:
ent YOU ARE HEREBY
COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable 328th Dis-
trict Court trict Court, Taylor
County, Texas, at the courthouse of said county in Abilene, Texas, at
or before $10{ }^{\circ}$ clock or before 10 oclock a.m.
of the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days of this citation, then and
there to answer the petition of Jose G. Mata and Petra G. Mata,
Petitioners, filed in said July, 1979 , against Eleanor May Martin
and Gary T. Martin and Gary T. Martin,
Respondents, and said
suit being number
z725C on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In James Martin, a child," the nature of which suit is a request to terminate
the parent-child rela tionships and adort the
child. Said child was born the 22 day
August, 1978 , in Abilene, August, 1988 , in Abilene,
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pon you, including, but , the termination of he parent-child re tion of paternity, he appointment of uthority to consen Issued and given er my hand and seal of exas, this at Abilene,
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eng, Irene Crawford Clerk of the District
Court of Taylor County By Rilla Matoney
Deputy CITATION BY PUBLITHE STATE OF TEXAS TO: Danny Wayne GREETINGS: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before trict Court, Taylor
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o'clock a.m. of Monday next after from the date of service
of this citation, then and there to answer th Bryan, Petitioner, filed

Sunday worship service
will be at $11 \mathrm{a} \cdot \mathrm{m}$. and a will be at 11 a.m. and a
fellowship dinner at 11 p.m. On Sept. 8. Dr. Jack Riley of the Brownwood District will deliver the
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By Rella Mahony,
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"Parity" continues to be a "burning issiue" in
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sity System.
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Parity, a mates which would give agricultural products the
prices same purchasing power per unit for goods and
services used in production and family living as the services used in production and family living as the
products had in an earlier time period.
The theory of parity came about this way, The theory of parity came about this way,
according to Drs. William E. Black and Ron Following World War I, farm prices fell relative to all commodity prices. During the 1920s, an agricultural economist at Cornell University, con-
ceived the theory, basing it on August 1909 -July 1914 ceived the theory, basing it on August 1909 -July 1914
prices because farm commodity prices were
relatively stable relatively stable then.
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named parity as a federal policy goal. All
agricultural commodities, named parity as a federal policy goal. Al
agricultural commodities, except tobacco, had the
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Black and Knutson believe parity has one main
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Notice is hereby given Chat original Letters Te-
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hem within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.
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f July, 1979. Duly, 1979.
By Gaston Welborn, Jr.
Attorney for the Attorney for the Estate
advancement. They say there is no comparison between the 1910 one-bottom plow and today'
six-bottom plow with hydraulic clifts. As a result, parity price is not a measure of cost production per bushel of wheat or per pound of cotton
Policy makers consistently Policy makers consistently reject 100 percent parity because it is diffictult, if not impossible, to
maintain as a basis for pricing farm commodities point out Black and Knutson. Congress realized tha he ultimate result of maintaining price supports a or near 100 percent parity was surplus production-
Strict control policies proposed by the Kened Administration were reeected by producers. Efforts
to bring production in line with demand through land obring production in line with
retirement were unsuccessful.
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Parity's crurrent substitute is the U.S. average cost
of production. Initial 1977 target prices set of production. Initial 1997 target prices set by
Congress were based on U.S. Department of
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provided for in the 1973 farm bill. These target prices provided for in the 1973 farm bill. These target price
are the basis for farmers' deficiency payments. the economists see several alternatives when
considering policy for the considering polisy for the theral artarm bill. The 1909.14
base could be uodated. However. over time this new base could be updated. However. over time this new
production base would go out of date as technology


Current target price levels would be more
acceptable if higher returns to land were allowed in the initial target price computation and if land price
increases were used in yearly target price increases were used in yearly target price
adjustments, say Knutson and Black. However, policymakers would object to this alternative, saying
it would contribute to continuous spiraling inflation it would contribute to continuous spiraling inflation
in farm products and land prices. Establishing target prices for different regions would help solve the problem of high cost production
regions, note the economists. However within regions, note the economists. However, within a
region, production costs differ substantially, further adding to the dilemma. Black and Knutson note that parity undoubtedly
will be debated once again in the will be debated once again in the 1981 farm bill. None of ist alternatives are perfect, but each is more
acceptable that the present parity concept, they

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## Scribe says get involved

by Harold Boyd
With mixed news of interest in Tye this week, we iew of the reassignment of the principal at Tye lementary, Cecil Todd, the people are not very beased with the way this was done.
The concerned people of Tye are uniting to correct
nd back this fine, dedicated man in hopes that he an be retained as the principal.
On Sunday, 38 people got together at the Community Center to see if anything could be done poard hear us. It was agreed that we send some epresentatives to meet with Dr. Etheridge. They vere seeking some straight-forward answers as to
he whys and howcomes this newly created post wa he whys and howcomes this newly created post was
pened and the man wasn't contacted as to him ccepting this post or let him work on and under his ontract.
It was
It was learned by Mr. Todd that he would not be principal at Tye this year and that he would be
administrator of state and federal grants and that is job would be filled by someone else.
There are irregularities amongst the sc There are irregularities amongst the school board eing looked into by other sources, that may be niterested in the way that this administartion is
eing run due to the fact tha MISD receives several ronies from the state and federal government. Answers are the thing that will decided what is what and who is doing what. At Sunday's meeting ha majority opinion of the people was that we shoulc
pologize and bury old axes and strive to poiogize and bury old axes and strive to work and
fuild one of the best campuses in the state. We ask hat if you are concerned as to what the school board
loes at their scheduled meetings and many loes at their scheduled meetings and many
inscheduled executive meetings, go to these nscheduled executive meetings, go to these
neetings as individuals and hear what is being said, not as a group or organization. Be yourself, be there ind get the facts from the meetings. If you suppor
ir. Todd, call him and give him your vite of onfidence. If you are displeased with the
iministration, call the school board menbers and aministration, call the school board members and

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uly 31, 1979 at the
yly 31, 1979 at the
Oommunity Center. The evotion was brought by
Mrs. Mae Jones. rs. Mae Jones. A
natch game of the Gates to a vegetable on Ge menu was led by paisy Mashburn. The call with "A Vegetable I
The president, MarThe president, ported that the club had ven $\$ 10$ to the 4 H Club Hamlin. Duties were signed to members
or the Jones County Rair.
Our ne Our next regular
peeting will be Septemer 12 , 1979 when new fricers will be elected.
The hostess gift went

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to Daisy Mashburn. Refreshments wer served to six members
by Mrs. Mae Jones, the
us, they should express this at the meetings or advise us what is what. Only informed people build things
about $\$ 7,000$ for the start of the sewer system Specifications of this project are now being finalized
so the contractors may view them and bid on the so the contractors may view them and bid on the
project. There are many dedicated alleys that must project. There are many dedicated alleys that mus
be cleared for the righ-of-way for the sewer lines to go through. Tye is progressing and when the sewe
lines are completed, the city of Tye will grow some and possibly more than we will know.
and possibly more than we will new.
Mrs. Barley has informed mee that the Methodis Church in Tye will hosta a vacation Bible school in the evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. from Aug 13 th through th
17 th for the young and adults. If you aren't Member of the church, you are cordially welcome to Member of the church, you are cordially welcome to
the retreat of inspiration and fellowship. Assure
yourself, of a real treat and fellowship, come one The Senior Citizens Building is nearing completion. The walls are up, roof is on and the electrical wiring is in. Now it is up with the sheetrock and the comes
the real fun. We will ten pain the outside of the Senior Citizens Building and face lift the community
the center.
What has been suggested is that we have an old
time fun and work day at these two nice facilities. Bring the townsfolk together with a pienic and homemade ice cream and cake and make it an al
day Saturday clean up. After all, this building is day Saturday clean up. After all, this building i
everyone's and you are welcome to participate in everyone's and you are welcome to participate in
getting it painted and back into shape for this fall gate winter.
As
As the time draws near, we will get the word out
for those who want to participe for those who want to participate in this project.
The city hall has been quiet this past week, but fo The city hall has been quiet this past week, but for Moore will be going to a school for a few days to be
brought update on city administration duties and
For now we will close for this week and we will
report the latest events of the school board report the latest events of the school board, the cit
council meetings and what's happening in Tye.


Gene Cades celebrating 50th anniversary
 Cade of Indian Creek
Drive in Tye will be celebrating 50 years of marriage on Aug. 12th A reception, in their Aug. 12 at 114 Drum mond in Tye and will be hosted by Mrs. Caro
Gilberts, Mrs. Lynn McGilberts, Mrs. Lynn McAnelly and the
grandchildren.

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