# The Merkel Mail

Thursday, September 6, 1979...Merkel, Texas

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Defensive Back Danny Davis jars the ball loose from a Hamlin runner and Badger Linebacker Buster Brown prepares to pounce on the fumble. The Badgers open their 1979 season here at 8 p.m. Friday against the Baird Bears. (Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards)

## Board holds tax hearing

In a unanimous vote, the Merkel ISD board of trustees made public their intentions to set the 1979 tax rate at \$1.87 at 60 per cent of evaluation. This action came at a public hearing Tuesday night that drew only two local residents.

The increase of 37 cents in taxes over last year is due to the passage of the \$1.4 million bond issue that voters approved last September.

Board members were asked for a comment before the record vote and trustee Kenny Hogan said "I think Dr. Etheridge should be commended for doing a good job on the budget and not having to raise taxes any more than what the bond called for."

Board president Charles Jacobs, who voted against the intent to set taxes at the \$1.87 rate two weeks ago voted for the increase Tuesday. He said that he had time to study the budget and that his proposal of \$1.79 or \$1.80 would have only cut \$28,000 off of taxes

He commented "It took me a while to digest all of

this information from the budget, it is about as complicated as federal income tax forms.

Local resident Jack Keenan asked Dr. Etheridge how he felt about the proposed tax rate. Etheridge responded by saying "I feel real fortunate to not have to raise the 60 per cent evaluation, we will operate the school on this budget, it will take some sound financial management, but we will make it."

Voting for the increase were Leroy Teaff, Dink Whisenhunt, Kenny Hogan, Charles Jacobs, James Boyd and Pat Castille. Absent and not voting was Larry Dudley, who had voted for the intent to

increase two weeks ago.

After the hearing, Dr. Etheridge told the Mail attendance figures for the first day of school. Tye Elementary had 149, Merkel Elementary 342, Merkel Middle School 217 and Merkel High 257 for a total of

The board will hold their next scheduled medeting on Sept. 18th. The Mail will publish the time and place of the meeting next week.

## Bank holds teachers luncheon

The Farmers and Merchants National Bank hosted the annual teachers luncheon last Thursday that was attended by teachers and other school officials of the Merkel ISD. Don Newbury, director of Communications at Tarrant County Junior College dwas the featured speaker.

Don Hensley, president of the F&M Bank said of the MISD school board, "I personally commend the board for the decisions they have made, and as you all know, I don't always agree with their decisions, but I support the board.'

Charles Jacobs, president of the MISD board then made his remarks concerning the upcoming school year. Jacobs said, "I would like to thank the F&M Bank for their support. I see a number of solutions to problems that we have faced for awhile during the coming school year. I feel good about the new buildings going up and I feel good about expansions in the ag and industrial education departments."

Jacobs also praised Hayden Reeves and his crew for the shape the campuses of the MISD are in for the opening of school.

Jacobs added "We start this school year as a fully accredited school. As a board, we have made mistakes in the past and will in the future. We invite your criticism because there is not a group that can exist without listening to its critics.

Featured speaker Don Newbury kept the audience laughing through his speech.



(Left to right) Guest speaker Don Newburry delivers his speech as Farmers and Merchants National Bank President Don Hensley, school board president Charles Jacobs and Merkel Chamber of

Commerce Director Benny Melton listen. The luncheon was sponsored by the Farmers and Merchants National Bank. (Staff photo by Cloy A.

# Passing thoughts...

by Cloy A. Richards

Last week's editorial concerning the Cecil Todd issue drew almost as much response as anything we have done at the Mail and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the people that expressed their opinion on the matter.

It also prompted a letter to the Editor that is printed in this issue that deserves your attention. I had a couple of remarks from people asking why I didn't like the school board and why I was always

giving them a hard time.

In answer I can only say that, with the exception of one member, I have only a professional relationship with the members of the board and whether or not I like or dislike any particular member of the board would not and will not have any bearing on the news about school activities or editorials concerning their activities. I have only had two differences of opinion with the board and they were concerning the Todd issue and a clause on teacher contracts and the paper published editorials concerning both issues.

For the most part, I support the board, as the governing body of the Merkel ISD and realize the

pressure they are under.

One thing that does concern me is the lack of the public's participation in official board functions. There are not a lot of people that attend the

Last week, when the board met to make public their intentions on the setting of school taxes for 1979. none, outside of school officials attended the meeting. The money they are talking about is your tax dollar. The justification of not knowing when the meetings are held is not really valid, the Mail prints when the next meeting is and a phone call to the superintendent's office would give you date, time and places of all open meetings.

This not only applies to the school board, but the Merkel, Trent or Tye City Council meetings. Being in this business, I hear a lot of "the school is doing or not doing this or the city is doing or not doing this." I hardly ever see those people attending the meetings and that is where those type of comments must be heard to be valid. I do like the input from citizens, I just wish they would follow up their complaints by asking questions to school and city officials.

Other notes: I had my first run-in with the new yield law the other day as I was driving on the service road of I-20. If you are driving on the service road, be sure to pay attention to the yield signs. Those folks entering or leaving the Interstate know they have the right of way and they will come blasting on and off of those ramps. The best policy is to avoid the service roads when possible.

Have you noticed the new stop signs around the school? They were a year in the making but they were installed for the first day of classes Friday by Merkel City employees and tremendously improve traffic flow around the school.

My hat is off to Hayden Reeves and his crew for the appearance of the school facilities.-Superintendent Dr. Raymond Etheridge took me on a tour last Friday and the facilities look good. I haven't been here that long but some old timers tell me they have never seen the place looking better and I noticed a definite improvement over their condition of one year ago. There are undoubtedly going to be some first day hitches, but the place looks good.

Dallas and Houston opened the NFL season the right way this week and we hope the Badgers can do the same Friday. Friday's game should be a good one because both Merkel and Baird have new coaches, are physically matched. I spent a good bit of time watching the Badgers last year and the prospects look hopeful this year. If attitude has anything to do with it the Baird Bears had better watch out. The coaches and players here are ready and excited. Let's have a good turnout Friday. Kickoff is at 8:00. Trent will also be in action, as they travel to Moran for an 8 p.m. kickoff. travel to Moran for an 8 p.m. I

# Badgers open season Friday against Baird here at 8 p.m.

The Merkel Badgers open the 1979 season Friday at 8:00 against the Baird Bears.

Last Friday, the Badgers finished their pre-season campaign as they lost three touchdowns to one

The Badger score came in the second series of plays as junior quarterback Bart Pursley completed a four yard pass to Lee Hines.

The Badger defense sparkled in the first Hamlin possession as the Badgers forced three fumbles. Hamlin did score on their last play with a 64 yard

Baird Head Coach Dave Edmiston told the Mail in a Tuesday interview that his team suffered heavy loss due to graduation last year and only is returning seven lettermen and four starters. This is Edmiston's first year as head coach, he had been an assistant at Baird for the past seven years

He said the Bears will line up in a straight offense with a post set and they run the Oklahoma-5 defensive set. He said the Bears are a smaller football team than Merkel and that he knows the Badgers are a physically tough team and that his team is taking one game at a time and right now

they are concentrating on the Badgers.

The Badger varsity consists of Danny Davis, Buster Brown, Bart Pursley, Lee Hines, Terry Owen, Mark Merritt. James Turner. Ted Holmes. Jerry Goode, Todd Robertson, Victor Herrera, Dwayne Roysden, Brian Farriello, Ricky Mathewson, Joel Huggins, O. C. McKeehan, Billy Walters, Mark Copeland, Sal Acosta, Ty Nelson, Scott Cain, and

Randy Martin. Managers are Brad Wade and Rusty Toney. Cheerleaders are Becky Watts, Lisa Allen, Linda Wilson, Trish Powell, Kim Mashburn, and Lisa

Twirlers are Rene Aiken, Tarisa English, Mary Fariello, Lisa Owen and Shannon Bagby. The mascot is Angie Wells.



Mitch Atkinson (rear man, second row) gets in a little practice at last week's firemans training school held near Lake Fort Phantom Other Merkel

Volunteer Firemen attending the training sessions were Billy Lucas, Robert Harris, Ray King, Jim Stugart and John Kinsey. (Staff photo by Cloy A.

## Averitt looking to Oct. 15

Jan Averitt can't wait for Oct. 15th to roll around. That is the day the new girls basketball coach can start working with last year's district champs after school for their 1979 season.

Miss Averitt was welcomed to town at a party hosted by Iris Amerine at her home Thursday night attended by 16 girls basketball players.

Averitt played basketball in high school and college but said she had never planned to be a coach. She said "I was an elementary education major at West Texas College and I just fell into coaching and fell in love with it.'

Averitt comes here from Shallowater High where she coached her team to a district championship only

to be defeated in the finals of the regional tournament

She has three senior and four juniors returning from last year's team that lost three games and was defeated in the bi-district playoffs by Slaton, who went on to win the state championship.

She said she was real excited about the job here and said she has heard nothing but good things about the girls' team.

She says she stresses jump shots, defense, and conditioning and says that her teams have used the press. She said that she didn't know what type of offense and defense she would use and would wait until she has had a chance to work with the girls before making those decisions.



New Girl's basketball coach Jan Averitt (right hand center of picture) shares a laugh with the

girl's basketball team at a party in her honor at the home of Gene and Iris Amerine last Thursday night. (Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards)

## Letters to the Editor

To The Editor:

The Merkel Mail has been around a long time ever since I can remember. Its always been a good reporter of obituaries and the supermarket ad. For several years it became so uninteresting, I hardly bothered to read it.

There seems to be definite new life and spark in our local paper. I am pleased to see this. The ability to spark controversy in a town that has been asleep is excellent. People become interested and interested people become active and activity creates growth, mentally and economically.

My husband and I have been here over a year and a half and we have talked to many people regarding local (so called) politics, the school situation, the decay within the business section of town. The lack of funds to take care of the necessities to keep a town moving. street care and mainte-

Frankly, it reminds me of a bumper sticker read, "Apathy," I am neither for nor against

There are a few who try to keep things moving, but we need a lot more interested people.

First I would like to comment on the school issue. The general concensus seems to be the lack of concern for the children in the community, with a great deal of concern over the possibility of some of the board members having to pay a few more tax dollars. If in fact this is why they are there, the community needs to take a long hard look at the situation. The first question to the School Board should be "Whose welfare are you interested in?

I feel the people of Merkel should be appreciative of the fact that Tye elected to come into the Merkel schools. I believe Merkel has more to gain from this than Tye.

Another thing that has bothered me, is that certain people who have lived here from birth have such a negative attitude toward Merkel as though it has some special qualities that keep it from progres-

This little town has

the potential of becoming. And some thing should start happening soon or within 5 years downtown Merkel will be a rubble of fallen buildings. There should be some new city ordinances that have the power to condemn these structures. They have reached the dangerous stage. And with the authority to condemn them, they should also have the authority to

cause them to be either

reconstructed or re-

moved.

Some thought should be given to the types of housing that is going up. I am not against low income housing, but it certainly should be balanced against what is already established and other new construction. For you who are so tax concious - think of fifty to a hundred mcre students moving in whose families are pretty much exempt from paying taxes. Then you will have a problem. Can we afford this?

Enough of this! I do welcome Melanie and Cloy as real assets hope they will be with us

a long time. Joyce Keenan P.S. Write to the paper! Lets get Merkel moving

again!!! Dear Mr. Richards:

If you feel it appropriate, I would appreciate your considering this letter for your "letters to the editor" column.

It was my pleasure August 30 to address members of the Merkel School System during a luncheon sponsored at the school by Farmers and Merchants National Bank.

May I say that I was most impressed by the school personnel, and sensed a great deal of enthusiasm which I wish, somehow, could be "spread around" the country. If the country has no hope in its schools, the country has little hope. I predict it will be a great school year for the children of citizens in Merkel, Tex-

May I say, too, that over the years, I have addressed some thing like 500 school-related occasions, and never, prior to this year, were any of the activities totally financed by a bank. I believe Don and Charlene Hensley, and

all the grand people at F&M, are to be commended for their support of Merkel schools,

and the entire commu-

Sincerely yours, Don Newbury

#### Lucas reunion

The Lucas reunion will be held Sept. 8 and 9 at the Abilene State Park in Buffalo Gap. Dinner will be served Sunday, catered by Pug and Leo's.

#### Ford's return

Mr. & Mrs. Ford Smith Jr. of Merkel and Mr. & Mrs. Byron Curb of Abilene have recently returned from a trip to Alabama, Georgia and Florida.

In Alabama, they visited Gaineswood Mansion. The couples' then went to Plains, Ga.

They arrived in Orlando, Fla. and visited Stars World, Disney world and Cypress Garden. They also visited Kennedy Center where they went on a tour of

the space facilities including launching pads, command centers and the launching pads for the upcoming space shuttle flights. From there, they went

to St. Augustine, Fla., and visited the nation's first city that was inhabitied by Anglo's. They also visited the Flagler Memorial Presbyterian Church Lightner Museum and the Oldest Store Mu-

#### Contest being held soon

A contest will be held by the Merkel Housing Authority to name the new housing complex.\_\_

Details will be carried concerning the contest in an upcoming edition of the Merkel Mail.

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#### Tips on dealing with inflation 5) Do annual payments on long-term debts,

COLLEGE STATION -- Enraged about inflation? Then smother it with "budget guard" -- at least for your own family, says a consumer information specialist, Claudia Kerbel, with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University

'Budget guard" is simple, but it takes guts. Here's how it works: keep very close tabs on debts you already owe, and DO NOT set up any more. LEARN TO LIVE ON YOUR PRESENT INCOME. Does your family need "budget guard?

There are definite warning signs of possible money problems for each family.

If you answer "yes" to two of the questions below. you may have problems. If your answer "yes" to three of them, you're

already in trouble - and you may welcome the smother-inflation promise of "budget guard:" 1) Do you charge small day-to-day items, such as

groceries and housekeeping things because you don't have the money to pay for them? 2) Have you recently put off paying a bill until next

month due to lack of funds to cover it? 3) Do you borrow money to pay fixed expenses, such as insurance premiums, a loan installment or tax payments?

Do your creditors phone or write to remind you out overdue bills?

A local Slow Pitch Tournament is going to be held on Saturday, September 15th and Sunday September 16th. There are already several teams planning to

enter and anyone else who is interested is invited to participate. Those wanting to enter should contact Walt Harris at the Big Country Inn. Entry fee is \$30

per team.

Also, another large tournament is scheduled for October 4,5,6 and 7 for Class B teams. Local

excluding mortgage payments, amount to more than 20 percent of your annual income? Softball tourney set

> participate in this tournament. These tourna m e n t s are being held to raise money to build a con-

cession stand and restrooms at the Pony League feild, and to make repairs and buy equipment for the local teams The enthusiasm and participation from

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Denise Pack (left), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Pack and Christi Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tonny Talent have been selected as twirlers for

the Merkel Middle School this year. (Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards)



Teachers and school officials have a laugh at a joke by featured speaker Don Newburry at last week's luncheon in honor of the Merkel ISD

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Four students have been inducted into the Society of Distinguished American High School Students in recognition of excellence in leadership, scholarship, and civil contribution.

Students who were inducted were Cindy Smith, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Ted Smith; Wendy Hogan, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. June Hogan; Shannon Bagby, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Jack Bagby; and Lisa Owen, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Owen. This award was ac-

cepted by the United Methodist Youth Fellowship sponsored by Gary Hicks.

#### Adult Ed.

Adult Education Class will be held in Room 6 of portable classrooms at merkel High School Monday and Tuesday nights from 6 to 8

starting Sept. 10, 1979. Students may enroll any Monday or Tuesday night in the classroom and attend class at their convenience. For information call High School 928-5511 days or Bill Tate 928-5426 nights. An average of seven pupils must attend for us to keep having the classes. Free books, paper, pen-cils - all we need now is

#### Cable in

Continental Telephone has completed the in-stallation of buried cable to the Pleasant Valley Addition, north of Merkel. The company has also trenched in larger feeder facilities to the Travis Henry Addition and Country Club Estates.

These communities are new residential developments in the Merkel area and additional growth is anticipated in

#### The unspoken tribute.

"What do you say when a big part of your life suddenly goes away? First I sent flowers to the funeral. That was a matter of

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## Dovie Ada

#### Cox

Dovie Ada Cox, 93, of Merkel, died at 6:15 p.m. Sunday in Starr Nursing Home following a short illness. Services were at 2 p.m. Tuesday at United Methodist Church Church.

Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery, directed by Starbuck Funeral

Born Oct. 2, 1885, in Alabama, she moved to the Merkel area as a small child and lived here ever since. She was a Methodist.

She married W.T. Cox Dec. 22, 1902, in Merkel. He died Jan. 9, 1954.

Survivors include a son, Ray of Fort Worth; two daughters, Alma Rister and Genevieve King, both of Merkel; three grandchil dren; five great-grandchild-ren; and five greatgreat-grandchildren.

The family was at 1211 S. Second in Merkel.

#### Hobson Robertson

Hobson Byers Robert-son, 82, of Merkel died at 12:50 a.m. Friday in a local nursing home after a short illness. Services were at 2 p.m. Saturday at the First Baptist

Born Aug. 25, 1897, in Troy, he moved to Merkel in the early 1900s and lived there until his death. He was Baptist. He was a 50-year mem-ber of the Merkel Masonic Lodge and co-foun-der of the Merkel Senior Citizens Club. He married Jessie Garrett Aug. 25, 1920 in Merkel.

Mrs. Robertson died March 4, 1968. Survivors inlcude a son, Robert Glenn of Merkel; a daughter, Genevieve Ballard of

## Crooks to pay fees

State Comptroller Bob Bullock Thursday said persons ending up in Texas courts after September 1 may face more than stiff fines and jail

Bullock said his office will begin collecting a \$10 or \$15 fee from persons convicted of criminal charges.

"The cost of crime, just like everything else in today's economy, is going up," Bullock said. A \$15 fee will be assessed against per-sons convicted of felonies and a \$10 fee charged to persons convicted of misdemeanors puni s hable by a jail term or a fine of more than \$200.

The fee will be added on to other fines or costs that may be ordered by the court.

Bullock said fees are expected to raise more than \$205 million in the next five years.

The money will be used to finance a program to be run by the state's Industrial Accident Board to pay certain losses to crime

The program is due to get underway in Jan-uary of 1960 and Bullock said his office expects to take in more than \$37 million in the first year of operation.

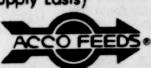
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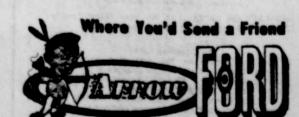


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# Trent News

Thursday, September 6, 1979

## Stenholm speaks on MIAs

By Charles Stenholm

After World War II the confidence of Americans seemed almost unlimited. We had defeated the Axis powers and then, through the Marshall Plan, rebuilt most of Western Europe. We could do all this and at the same time provide prosperity for our own citizens. People all over the world were beginning to predict that the next 100 years would be an 'American Century.

Looking back on this era, it is hard to imagine that confidence in our leaders and ourselves is at such a low ebb. Few people are talking about extending America's power and influence and no one is using the phrase "American Century." The present situation is, in a large part, due to our Country's involvement in the Vietnam War. This conflict shattered the belief in our ability to find pragmatic solutions to difficult problems. It has shaken the concept of ourselves as a Nation. Now there is a pervasive sense among Americans that we ought to put Vietman behind us and get on with the business of the world. This attitude neither does justice to ourselves or to the people who fought and died in this conflict. If we sweep the issue under the rug, the lump will show.

One of the legacies of Vietnam that we must continue to confront is the MIA question. Uncovering the fate of these American servicemen and civilians listed as missing must remain important to the United States. We cannot lose sight of the sacrifice these men and their families have made. This Country should be ever mindful of the pain and uncertainty which shrouds the lives of the families and friends of those still listed as missing The Vietnam conflict is still very much alive in the hearts and minds of these people and we must not forget

It has been over six years since the signing of the Paris accords and we still have not received a full accounting of the over 2500 MIA's. Very little has been done to convince the Vietnam government that we will not forget the issue. The President's MIA commission was told by the Defense Department that it is reasonable to assume the Hanoi regime can provide information on over 1,000 of the missing servicemen. But the Administration has applied little

pressure to receive this data. The communist governments of Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia have repeatedly sought economic assistance from the United States. They claim that we owe them "reparation" payments. Though they seek our aid, they have done little to provide information about MIA's. It is callous and cruel to use this knowledge as a pawn in an international chess game.

We must not allow the issues of the present to bury the problems of the past. If we are going to revitalize our confidence as a Nation, we should not suppress the difficulties of our recent history. The MIA question still remains unresolved-let us not forget.

## Legal notice

CITATION BY PUBLI-CATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: James Allen Sto-ker, Defendant, Greet-

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 326th District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of

this citation, same being the 8th day of October A.D. 1979, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 25th day of July A.D. 1979, in this cause, numbered 2754-C on the docket of said court and styled Virginia Sue Stoker, Plaintiff, vs. James Allen Stoker, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Petitioner wishes to obtain a divorce

as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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 un-der my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 24th day of August A.D.

Attest: Irene Crawford, District Clerk, 326th District Court Taylor County, Texas. By Kathy Franke, Deputy.

CITATION BY PUBLI-CATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: Kenneth Ray Mc-Donald, Defendant,

Greeting: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to ap-pear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Counthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 24th day of September A.D. 1979, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in

said court, on the 11th day of April A.D. 1979. in this cause, numbered 36,169-A on the docket of said court and styled In Re: J. J. McDonald et

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit:

A suit for partition said property being described as follows: Lot number 8 in the Horton Hall Sub. of Lots numbered 3, 4, of Block D of the Ledbetter Addition to the City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas as shown in Vol. 1 page 438 of the plat records of Taylor County, Texas as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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

Gasahol confab set

A statewide workshop on Gasohol will take place in the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center September 6 under co-sponsorship of the Texas Farmers Union and the Texas Tech Center for Energy Research. State Representative Dan Kubiak of Rockdale, whose support of Gasohol production has earned him the name "Mr. Gasohol," will be the keynote

Jon Thomas, TFU Staff Conference Coordinator, says the conference will deal with all major problems related to Gasohol production and marketing. "Gasohol is seen as a very logical solution to some of the problems of Texas farmers," Thomas said. "And this conference is designed to be gathering point for information on Gasohol." Rotating workshops are planned so that farmers interested in Gasohol production can attend a total of five sessions. The sessions will provide information on technology of Gasohol production, legal aspects and financial assistance for production, equipment procurement, and mixture and uses of Gasohol, including blending, storage and marketing.

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Attest: Irene Crawford 42nd District Court Taylor County, Texas

CITATION BY PUBLI-CATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: The Unknown Heirs of Kittie C. Barton, Deceased, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY

COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 104th District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 1st day of October A.D. 1979, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 15th day of August A.D. 1979, in this cause, numbered 13.718-B on the docket of said court and styled In Re: The Estate of Kittie

C. Barton, (Deceased). A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit:

Declaratory Judg ment, that part of her will is void for vagueness, and determining heirs.

as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's petition on file in this suit.

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Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 15th day of August A.D.

Attest: Irene Crawford Clerk, 104th District Court

Taylor County, Texas.

By Johnnie Woodard, Deputy.

NOTICE OF INCOR-PORATION

In compliance with Article 1302, 2.02 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, notice of intention to become incorpor a t e d without a change of name is given by Quality Body Shop, Inc., 2332 South 34th, Abilene,

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CITATION BY PUBLI-

THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE

ESTATE OF Alice Far-

12,138, County Court, Taylor County, Texas.

Harold McCollum, Suc-

cessor, Administrator in

the above numbered and

entitled estate, filed on

the 31 day of August,

1979 an application for

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Mothers find out what class their children are to report to at Tuesday's first day of school. (Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards)

## Best buys at Texas markets

COLLEGE STATION -- Best buys at Texas grocery markets this week include poultry, pork, potatoes and carrots, and some fresh fruits, according to Gwendolyne Clyatt, a consumer marketing information specialist.

Also, there are special features in dairy cases, frozen food chests and along grocery market aisles,

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

POULTRY - Eggs are a real bargain now. Compare prices among medium and large sizes. Generally, if there's less than a seven-cents difference between two sizes in the same grade, the larger size is the best buy.

Fryer chickens are economical, and some markets offer them at even lower "special" prices. Also, turkeys 10 pounds and up - and drumsticks - have reasonable prices.

PORK - Prices are fairly steady.

Scattered specials in various markets include Boston butts, chops, rib-end roasts, steaks and liver. Smoke cuts at economy prices are semi-boneless hams and bacon.

FRESH VEGETABLES -- Best buys are potatoes, carrots, cabbage "on special" and snap beans.



Texas consumers enjoy a misusing postdated checks. double measure of protection \*Under the federal Act. against unfair debt collection debt collectors cannot contact practices say attorneys in our a debtor's place of employ-Consumer Protection and ment if debt collector knows or Antitrust Division.

protected by both the Texas the consumer from receiving Debt Collection Practices Act such communications. Collection Practices Act, represent to a third party that household purposes, there is the debt is disputed. one major difference in the \*Under the federal Act, scope of the two Acts. The phone calls to debtors must be Texas Act covers any person made during "reasonable engaging directly or indirect- hours" which are defined as 8 ly in debt collection whereas a.m. to 9 p.m. the federal Act applies only to \*When contacting consudebt collection agencies hired mers, debt collectors must to recover a debt owed to identify themselves and another company - creditors disclose that they are collecting their own debts are collecting a debt.

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Also, purple hull peas, green peppers, soft-shell

squash and dry yellow onions. FRESH FRUITS - Budget items are cantaloupe and watermelon.

Most plum varieties are in good supply with low prices, especially the purple-prune plum. White seedless grapes are heavier now and prices are

More nectarines are available, and peaches are still in good supply. Bananas and limes continue in heavy supply.

Bartlett pears are economical. DAIRY CASES - "Spotlight" items are milk.

yogurt and a variety of cheeses. FROZEN FOODS - Thrifty items are vegetables.

strawberries, fried chicken parts and ice cream. GROCERY MARKET AISLES -- "Specials" appear on sugar, tuna fish, pasta products and peanut butter.

BEEF - Cuts to consider this week include chuck cuts, corned beef, ground beef, rib steak, round steak and beef liver.

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tomato salad and cantaloupe wedges. Tuesday; Fried Fish with tartar sauce, cabbage slaw with sweet and sour dressing and orange wedges. Wednes d a y; Chicken salad sandwiches, carrot sticks, pickle, chips, and lettuce and tomato wedges and no-bake cookies.

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Lester Boone were issued on August 21, 1979, in Cause No. 14,359, pending in the County Court of Taylor County, Texas, to:

Bettye Boone The residence of such Executor is Taylor County, Texas. The post office address:

c-o Gaston Welborn,

ACU Station, Box 8244 Abilene, Texas 79699 All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 27th day of August, 1979.

By Gaston Welborn, Jr. Attorney for the Estate 29-1tc

NOTICE OF INCOR-PORATION

In compliance with Article 1302, 2.02 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, notice of intention to become incorpor a t e d without a change of name is given by Shoestring Enterprises, Inc., Route 5, Box 630, Abilene, Texas. 27-4tc

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tioned and distributed to a written answer contesting such application should they desire to do the respective heirs, as more fully shown by petition on file in this cause

Said application will be heard and acted on by said Court at 10 o'clock A.M. on the first Monday next after the expiration of ten days from date of publication of this citation, the same being the 17 day of September, 1979, at the County Courthouse in Abilene, Texas.

All persons interested in said estate are hereby cited to appear before said Honorable Court at said above mentioned time and place by filing

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. GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF SAID COURT at

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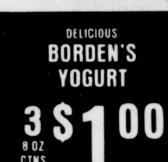
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