The Merkel Mail

Thursday, March 13, 1980...Merkel, Texas

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Bart Pursley hands the baton to Sal Acosta in the 1320 relay. Acosta had earlier placed third in the 880 at the Anson track meet. (Staff photo)

I assigned my brother to take a look at the Merkel

Library last March and when he reported that story,

the library was undertaking roof repairs and a

complete reworking of the way the library was

Evelyn Martin, the Merkel librarian, has things in

The Merkel Library contains about 3,500 volumes

One can find books on gardening, landscaping,

cooking, do-it-yourself repairs, teaching children to

read, fiction, mystery, westerns, and religious books.

you want, they can get it for you from the Abilene

Public Library. If they don't have the book, the

Abilene Library is a member of a nationwide

network of libraries that could certainly get you a

If the Merkel Library does not have a book that

of books that cover a wide variety of subjects.

Librarian keeps busy here

Badgers travel to Winters Saturday for meet

Merkel high school and junior high school track teams were busy last week as the 1980 track season got off to a busy start.

Last Thursday, Merkel hosted a triangular meet with Wylie and Hamlin for 7th. 8th and junior varsity

Placing for the Badgers 7th grade were: Davis. high jump, 1st; Culler, discus, 3rd; Jowers, 100 yd. dash, 1st; Rackley, 330 yd. dash, 2nd; Pack, 330 yd. dash, 3rd; Pack, 220 yd. hurdles, 3rd; Hensley, 1320 run, 2nd; and Merkel placed third in the 1320 relay.

Placing in the top three from the 8th grade were: McCoy, high jump, 1st; Lucas, high jump, 3rd; McCoy, long jump, 1st; Merkel's 440 relay team placed third; McCoy, 70 yd. dash, 1st, Lucas, 330 yd. dash, 1st; Boyd, 220 hurdles, 3rd; and the 1320 relay team placed 3rd.

In junior varsity competition, Pape, discus, 3rd; Marsh, high jump, 3rd, Mendez, 1st; Leonard, 2nd in long jump; Riggan, 2nd, pole vault; Trayler, 220 yd. dash, 3rd; and Merkel placed second in the mile

The boys varsity track team competed in the Anson Relays Saturday in Anson.

Placing for the Badgers were Ty Nelson who cleared 5'6" in the high jump for second; Danny

Pursley qualifies

Former Badger pole vaulter Brad Pursley cleared the magic height this Saturday in Fort Worth and his 17-3 vault put him over the Olympic Trial Qualifying

Pursley will compete in the qualifying trials in Eugene, Ore., on June 21-29.

Pursley won the college pole vault at the Southwestern Recreation Track and field Meet Saturday in Fort Worth and set a meet record in the process. Pursley was also named the Outstanding Performer of the meet.

After clearing 17-3 Pursley had the bar raised to 18 feet and missed his three attempts at the height.

Pursley to'd the Mail Sunday that the had the bar raised to 18 because he felt he "only had one more good jump in me Saturday and I really want to clear 18 feet. But I will have a shot at it in Abilene Thursday and I'd really like to go over 18 feet in front of the home folks.

Bred is a freshman vaulter at ACU. He will be jumping in a meet at ACU's Gray Stadium today (Thursday). Field events will get underway at 5 p.m.

The library is fairly well used here. Last month,

The librarian said she has been there about a year

and part of her duties include labeling, filing,

repairing books, cateloging, and taking care of

library patron needs. She says that she is not an avid

The library offers a type of amnesty program on

long overdue books. She said that some books have

been checked out since 1977 and that if those people

The Merkel Library is open from 12:30 until 5:30 on

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. It is located next to Boney Insurance Agency on North

reader but that she is learning to be.

paperback books.

library patrons checked out more than 240 books.

Riggan, whose pole vault of 10' was good for second; the 40 relay team of Bart Pursley, Gary Tutt, Danny Davis and Dusty Barnhill placed 5th; Ty Nelson and Sal Acosta raced to a second and third place respectively in the 880

The Badger girls team traveled to Stamford

Frazier placed second in the shot put. Baker

grabbed third in the 440, Frazier jumped into fourth in the high jump and Carey placed second in the mile

Today, (Thursday) the Junior Varsity Boys, 7th and 8th grade boys and the 8th grade girls track teams will host a triangular meet with Winters and Jim Ned and the boys and girls varsity teams will travel to Winters for a Saturday meet.



Nelson hands off to Danny Davis in the 1320 relay at Saturday's track meet in Anson. The

Badgers travel to Winters Saturday for a meet there as the 1980 track season gets underway. (Staff photo)

MISD to watch budget...closely

Makel ISD superintendent Dr. Raymond Etherider told the Mail Friday that the district would have to carefully scrutinize purchases and practice sound physical management following notification that MISD would be receiving \$32,000 less than MISD budgeted from the state.

During budget preparation, MISD said that state reimbursement for lost revenues because of the agricultural land use, over 65 exemptions, homestead exemptions and disability exemptions, would be around \$65,000.

On January 1st of this year, the state notified MISD that it would receive \$32,335. That figure was made public at the February board meeting.

Dr. Etheridge told the Mail that the \$65,000 figure was reached by using estimated formulas from the State Property Tax Evaluation Board and the Texas Education Agency. He also said that he did not receive information on the exact amount of the rebate until January. He also said that our estimate of balance of surplus funds at the end of the year will be lower than what the budget called for.

Breck Bostwick, chief of the auditing department for the state property taxing agency told the Mail that MISD's taking the estimated figure of rebates, and then budgeting that amount was a mistake. He

said that formulas school districts received did not ever state what amount would be rebated. He said "Our advice all along was that school districts not budget any amount of rebate until they received an exact amount of dollars that would be rebated.

He said school districts were told that worksheets sent out of state a encies "Should not have been taken to the bank." Dr. Etheridge more or less agreed with that assessment by saying that "In the future, MISD will be a lot more conservative with state estimates.

The superintendent also said "I don't think that we will have to make any cuts on the budget over the next five months, we might have to delay purchasing, and we may have to cut some of the luxuries, but I think that we can stay in the black until the new budget is prepared."

Bostwick told the Mail that many small school districts across the state had budgeted money on estimates and were now going through the same type of problems as MISD. He said the larger school districts across the state did not budget any money from the rebates because of not knowing the actual amount to be received.

The superintendent added that MISD would have been better off not budgeting that money either.

would return the books they would not be charged a Frazier, Click lead all-district pics She said the library has received many donated books and that the library always needs more

Last week, seven M.H.S. students received awards in District 6AA basketball. The players who were honored were on both the girls and the boys varsity basketball teams. On the girls team, Norma Frazier was voted Most Valuable Player in the district. Also, on the girls team, Nancy Click was elected to the first string district team, and Kay Amerine, Sirintorn Prasarn, and Gwen Tarpley received

On the boys team, Chris Cox made the second team, and Robert Fowler and Tony Wax received honorable mention.

When asked how she felt about being voted M.V.P., Norma replied "shocked, I was shocked". She went, on to say that she felt that her success was due

mainly to her versatility as a player

Her coach, Jan Averitt, said that she was very proud of all of her players who received honors. She also said that she felt that the main reason that the team had done so well this year was that they had a great amount of faith and pride in the team. Boys' coach, Byron Shelley said that he was not really surprised that Fowler and Wax had been voted to the second team. Shelley said that he felt that Wax had been honored because of his rebound record, and Cox because of his offensive abilities

Both Averitt and Shelley are looking for good seasons next year. Averitt hopes to take her team possibly as far as the state play-offs, and Shelley looks for a better season next year

Spring rolls in as does spring fever

By Cloy A. Richards

copy of that missing book.

by Cloy A. Richards

operated.

Things really start happening around here when a few warm days finally roll around.

Last spring there were some fairly interesting contested election races and things may get interesting around here this year

Also last spring, people started talking about repairing the roof at the Youth Center and it was. I hear it may even be open next week. There still is some work left to be done and Mr. Leon Harris is just about going at it alone when it comes to repairs. If you could help out, go by Saturday and see if he is there, if he is give him a hand.

A letter to the editor this week from a Merkel woman is appealing to local folks to come up with a teen center or something of that nature for local teens. If the idea is appealing, call her and give her your support.

It takes a lot more than talk to get things done. In fact, it takes quite a bit of work. But it also takes more than one lone voice.

Honors for All-District were announced too late last week for deadline but Merkel Athletes made a good showing

Norma Frazier led the way as she was named the Most Valuable Player in District 6-2A. Nancy Click, along with Frazier were named to the first team, Kay Amerine, Gwen Tarpley and Sirintorn Prasarn were named honorable mention selections.

Chris Cox led the way on the boys team as a second team selection and honorable mention kudos were given to Robert Fowler and Tony Wax.

One other sports note, if you haven't had the chance to see Brad Pursley vault since his high school days, you will get a chance Thursday. Brad, along with his ACU teammates will be competing at Gray Stadium today. The meet is scheduled to start at 5:30, but the pole vault should get started about 6:30 according to ACU coach Don Hood.

Brad told me Sunday that he is really shooting for 18 ffet in front of the home folks and that ACU would become the first school in the nation to have two vaulters go over 18 (Billy Olsen is the other but he is sidelined for another week to three weeks with an

Brad accomplished one of his major goals last week in Fort Worth. He went over the Olympic Trial qualifying standard of 17'234" and has qualified for a shot a making the U.S. Olympic Team.

Of course, there is a boycott of the Olympics planned, and talk of possible alternative games but that isn't really on his mind, or at least he doesn't

He has got a long way to go to make the team. By the same token, he is ahead of the pace Olsen was on his first year at ACU, and Brad has his eyes on 18 I have only seen him jump one time, and that was

in practice. He cleared 17'6" with ease on one jump and he will soon go over that in competition. Then he will be, what the sportswriters call, a world class

Not bad for a kid that started jumping at Merkel High.

Construction worker hurt in Wednesday fall

By John Townsend

An iron worker at Merkel High School was injured slightly when he fell from the top of the partially-completed high school building. The worker, Jimmy Solis, fell about 12 feet to a concrete

According to Donnie Notgrass, a co-worker who was beside Solis when he fell. Solis had been walking across the roof of the structure when he lost his footing and fell between two of the beams which make up the roof of the structure. Solis had been welding one of the beams to the frame of the building before he fell. Notgrass said that when Solis started to move from one beam to the next, he "just fell right through." Solis is employed by Haney & Sivley Construction Company of Abilene

Foreman David Goins said that he saw nothing of Solis' fall, but that he ran to the aid of the fallen man when he was alerted by the other workmen.

Candidates set for Merkel, Trent, Tye races

Jo Ann Mashburn of Merkel filed on Wednesday of last week to become the seventh candidate vying for three spots on Merkel City Council.

Incumbents Jerry Byrd, Ted Smith, and Pete Morgan, along with Mashburn, Martha Sue Justice, Paul Crouse and Joe Bigbee make up the field for the April 5th election.

School board incumbents Leroy Teaff and Kenny Hogan are running unopposed.

In Trent races, school board incumbents Rose-mary Bland and Weldon Beasley filed as did challengers Sheila Hunt, Ted Simpson and Bruce

City Council incumbents Booth West and Ken Kraatz have filed for reelection.

In the Tye City race, the Mail incorrectly reported last week that the candidates were running at large. For place 4, Leon Van Gurp, Leonard Neith and Melvin White have filed. The race for place 2, includes Dewitt Isom and Earnest Tyler.

Tye mayor James Barley is being challenged by

The local elections are scheduled for A

Keenan Land developers question report to council

TO: The City Council of Merkel, Texas, and residents of the Merkel Community,

After a closer analysis of Mr. Sadler's report to the Council, we of Keenan Land Development (regarding annexation) would like answers from your City Manager on several issues

Item No. 1 of Mr. Sadler's report (Benefit to

A. Why did Mr. Sadler use the word Market value instead of assessed value?

B. Why did he tell the Council that he got the figure from the School tax office, when in fact the figure given him was 20,000.00 in lieu of the reported 40,000.00? Lets correct his figure to 1,440.00 in lieu of

Item No. 2 of the report.

A. Mr. Sadler states that we have 43 lots evaluated at 1,500.00 each. I am assuming that he is implying that these are improved lots. This is hardly the case as anyone who lives around here can verify. Actually after we build the two we have recently started we will have only 4 improved lots left.

At this point I would like to ask the question of how can this be a benefit to the Keenan side, when in fact we have never paid City taxes before? How could we benefit from taking on a tax burden we never had before? Even if it were an item you could add here, the amount could only be on four lots and using his formula that would be only 54.00.

Item No. 3 of the report. A. I particularly like this one. Again we have never paid City taxes, but lets really look at this one. We only had 49.35 acres to begin with. Mr. Sadler shows that we platted 51 lots, which he has taxed us for in Item No. 2. After his deduction, we still have 48.8

acres left. No small feat! Since Mr. Sadler insisted that this is exactly what Carsons and Palmer got. I would think they might be a little upset to think that he has inferred that they pay no taxes on their residences. I find that hard to believe.

Item No. 4

I am uncertain how to add up an imaginary figure so lets leave this one blank.

Item No. 6 This 8,000.00 figure should have been noted as possible pump replacement. However, if they should ever need to be replaced, the chances are, they would have them repaired I think this figure is a little exaggerated. But lets give him the benefit of

Item No. 7

We have all of the charges for the electricity to run the lift station. The monthly cost has never exceeded 9.00. In fact the average bill has been around 7.95. But lets leave it at 9.00. Change his figure to 1,080.00 in lieu of his figure of 2,400.00

Item No. 8 (Transfer of Maintenance cost)

This is a new system, approved by the City's recommended engineers Yeatts & Decker. (Which we paid over 1,300.00 for) It is doubtful it will require much maintenance in the next ten years. He is speaking of 8 houses now. If there are 500 houses in Merkel at the rate of 50.00 for every 8 houses, that would be a maintenance cost of 3,125.00 per month. With that kind of maintenance maybe they could repair some of the fire hydrants that have been broken for years. Especially the one in front of the

Item No. 9 is the summary for 10 year contract period Keenans

a. Change his figure to 14,400.00

b. Change his figure to 1,080.00 Change his figure to possible 8,000.00

. Change his figure to

e. Total position betterment for Keenans 23,480.00 That figure is over a 10 year period. (His formula) A difference of 28,065.00. This is just correcting his

I would like to point out that this is not the formula we were informed of in the first place. We were told that it would be a proration according to the number of houses we built. In other words since we actually spent 42,972.87, on sewer and water lines, and platted 51 lots, that we would divide the 42,972.87 by 51, which would give us 842.d60 back in tax money per house over a ten year period. Not ever to exceed the original investment. On 8 houses that could never exceed 6,740.80. Using this formula, the total would be only 15,820.80, a difference of 35,724.20.

Lets go to Page 2 of Mr. Sadler's report Item No. 1, 1st year 0.00, 10 year change to 7,659.20 Item No. 2 Less revenue to the city

You will notice here he made an error using his

formula the figure should be 8,928.00. You will notice here he has used the term revenue. The double charges are supposed to be due to costs incurred to the city for having to go such a long way to read the water meters. This is extremely interesting since one of our residents showed us water bills for the period since she has been here, and the meter has read 87 for 5 months running. Now my experience is that if your meter shows you have used no water, you should not be billed for any. However, she has had a bill to pay every month. What will happen when they read the meter? Does she then pay again for what she has been charged for in the 5 months it hasn't been read. If the computer is like any I have ever seen when the meter is finally read it will charge her automatically for the difference between the old reading and the new reading. That means that the 5 months she has been paying becomes a donation to the city. When people donate to the Cemetery fund, they get recognition in the paper. I feel the least they could do would be to get public recognition of the donation.

Item No. 3 We already adjusted that to 1,080.00 Item No. 4.

Allow 8,000.00 to replace pumps. Item No. 5.

See comments on same from other report. Item No. 6.

I question the validity of any of the costs as they are supposed to be included in the regular maintenance and covered by the charges made monthly for or as any other expense to run a city.

One particular question we would like to ask is why did Mr. Sadler tell us that the people in Humphreys Village would save somewhere between 30.00 and 60.00 if we were annexed? Based on the information given the council, they would be paying considerably more. We felt we were being wooed by Mr. Sadler to come into the city. He even went so far as to tell us that if we had a fire out here that the city did not have to come out here. He did add that "of course they probably would." So trying to do the right thing,

began work on getting into the city. Since that time, Mr. Sadler has had a change of heart, we can't help buy wonder why: We would like to apologize to the people of Humphreys Village for the misunderstanding. But I

for everyone, and yes hoping maybe we could

recover even a small part of our investment, we

can assure you that the information we gave to you was information given to us. We are not asking for annexation at this time. If we should ever build the 51 houses that we hope

to do, in a ten year period the city would lose

48,827.13 in taxes in the first 10 years. Thereafter the loss would be, using the current assessed evaluation, 9,180.00 per year. Joyce A. Keenan Humphrey's Village

City annexation report

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1. 8 houses, \$40,000.00 each market value \$40,000.00

x 60 percent ratio-\$24,000.00, 24,000.00 tax value x 1.50 rate-360.00, 360.00 x 8 units--2,880.00

2. 43 lots at 1,500.00 each for market value 1,500.00 x 43-64,500.00, 64,500.00 x 60 percent ratio-38,700.00,

38,700.00 tax value x 1.50 tax rate--580.50 3. Farmland and house, 48.8 acres city tax value at

60 percent-3,600.00, 3,600.00 x 1.50 tax rate--54.00 4. Taxes per year--3,514.50

Taxes for 10 years-35,145.00

6. Pump replacement-lift station, 2 pumps at

4,000.00 each--8,000.00 7. Transferred pumping cost, 20.00 per month x 12

x 10 years--2,400.00 8. Transferred maintenance cost, 20.00 per month x

12 x 10 years--6,000.00

9. SUMMARY FOR 10 YEAR CONTRACT

PERIOD FOR KEENAN's

a. cash rebate--35,145.00

b. transfer of pumping cost--2,400.00 c. transfer of pump replacement--8,000.00

d. transfer of maintenance-51,545.00 (Continued on page 3)

The Merkel Independent School District hereby announces

that all persons are entitled to receive an exemption of \$5,000 from the market value of their residence homestead for the purpose of school taxes. In addition, all persons who are 65 or older or under a disability for purposes of payment of disability benefits under Federal Old Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance are also entitled to an additional exemption of \$10,000 from the market value of their residence homestead for the purpose of school taxes. The district also offers exemptions under the Land Productivity Valuation exemptions for the purpose of school taxes. To qualify for these exemptions, an application must be filed with the school district tax office by April 1, 1980. Application forms are available at the tax office, located at: 2131/2 Edwards, Merkel, Texas.

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birth of a granddaugh-ter, Kathleen MacInnes

Fones, on March 3. The

baby was born at Wash-

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in Washington, D.C. and

weighed 6 pounds and 13

ounces. Parents of the

baby are William Fones

and Barbara McAninch

of Arlington, Virginia.

Paternal grandparents

are Justice and Mrs.

William H.D. Fones, SR.

of Memphis, Tennessee.

of devotion to duty.

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CITY'S POSITION FROM PROPOSED ANNEXA-TION

1. Additional income to the City from taxes, 1st year, -0-; 10 year period--0-

2. Loss in revenue to the City; reduced W-S-S charges-9.05 per unit per month; 8 units x 9.05--72.40 per month; 72.40 x 12-768.80 per year; 768.80 x 10 years--7,688.00

3. Assumed pumping cost; 20 x 12 x 10 years--2,400.00

4. Possible pump replacement; 2 pumps at 4,000.00 each--8,000.00

5. Assumed maintenance cost; 50 x 12 x 10 vears--6.000.00

6. Summary for 10 year contract period; (a) additional income--0-; (b) loss in Revenue--7,688.00; (c) assumed pumping cost-2,400.00; (d) possible pump replacement-8,000.00; (e) assumed maintenance cost-6,000.00; (f) Total position loss for the City-24,088.00

Writer supports police

Dear Mr. Editor:

I was really glad to read the letters about the

Police Dept. Every word I read was true! I couldn't attend because I was in the hospital, if I had been here, I wouldn't have missed the show.

I was really glad to see the three ladies that wrote had guts enough to put it in the Merkel Mail. Especially Mrs. Austermann! It's true, our policeman do need more support than they get. I do not know what their salaries are, but I'm sure it's not

It's true what the two ladies wrote about the right of way. That's the only place our teenagers have to go. I've tried to open a Teen Center here but it was vetoed all the way. Why can't the parents of teenagers see our kids need a place! I also have teenagers, I know what they say! They want a place. So please help support our young people as well as

We need you! Please help!

Thank you, Mrs. Fay Roysden

Girls say thanks

We, the Merkel Varsity Basketball Girls, would like to thank the people of Merkel for your support throughout the season. We appreciate your thoughtfullness and would like to express our sincere

Gratefully, The Merkel Varsity **Basketball Girls** Becky, Trish, Gwen, Sirintorn, Gayla, Nancy, Sherry, Stacy, Kay, Mary, Norma, Judy, Angie,

We would also like to say "thank you" to the Merkel Mail for all the words of encouragement and

Newsbriefs

Seago honored

At the Eastern Star meeting on October 12, 1929, petitions were read from Mae Seago, her mother, Anna Grayson and her sister. Vennie Green. On Dec. 14, 1929, they were initiated into the order. At that meeting it was voted to have the stated meeting on the first and third Tuesday night of each month.

At the Jan. 3, 1930 meeting, sister Bessie Garth, WGM and several of her grand officers visited cur chapter. It was the first official visit of the grand officers to the Merkel chapter. The WGM was presented a box of handkerchiefs.

On May 30, 1931, Mae was elected A.C. and also Vennie was elected WM, Viola Ensminger. Esther, Georia Allday, Warder.

On May 31, 1933, Mae was installed as WM. On June 9, 1942 she was installed as WM and again on June 6,

I've only brought you a few of the things Mae has done over the years for Eastern star work, which she dearly loves. Many times she has worked beyond what she should be doing physiccally but has enjoyed every minute of it. I have hoped to bring to Mae some fond memories by recalling items of Eastern Star's early day problems, fun and

I would like to close with this tribute to Mae. Mae has been a Star for 50 years, Through times of happiness and times of tears, The Bible has been her daily guide, As she walked with faith by the Master's side

Barrel races

The West Texas Barrel Racing Association will hold a Jackpot Barrel Race and Calf Roping this Saturday and Sunday at the Merkel Riding Club.

Races start Saturday at 1:30 and the calf roping is set for 4 p.m. Money will be offered in Novice, Junior, Poles, Flags and goat tying. The association point race is set for Sunday at

For more information, call 698-2405 or 862-3888.

lambda Beta

Lambda Beta chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met March 4 at the home of Barbara Welch.

A program on "The Home" was presented by Belle Hammond and Mychele Hammond.

Plans were discussed on the upcoming Beauty Pageant to be held April 19 at Merkel High School Audit or i u m. Plans were made for a

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April 5 in front of I Franklin's.

Hostess Barbara Welch served refreshments to Judy Elliott, Belle Hammond, Myc-chele Hammond, Mary Hill, Nancy Hogan, Chera Hohhertz, Kay Teaff, Beverly Reed and Jodie Morris

Stith musical

The Stith Country and Western Musical will be held Saturday, March 15 at 7 p.m. All area bands and musicians are invited to participate. The snack bar will be open at 6 p.m. with lots of goodies such as chocolate and coconut homemade pies, chili dogs, sandwiches, coffee,

cokes, and popcorn. We didn't get to have our musical last month because of bad weather. So come on out and be with us. We hope to have a good one this time.

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Legal

THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: Josephine Eleftherlades, 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'clo 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 Steve Eleftheriades, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 9th day of January, 1980, against Josephine Eleftherlades, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 3407-C on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The

Matter of The Marriage of Steve Eleftheriades and Josephine Eleftheriades", the nature of which suit is a request that the Court grant divorce to Petitioner. Petitioner request to be appointed conservator of Child.

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

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

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

this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law dir-Issued and given un-

der my hand and the seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this the 9th day of January, 1980. Irene Crawford, District Clerk, 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas. By J. Wakefield, Deputy.

THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: A.P. Fakes, Emma Fakes, if living, and if dead the unknown heirs and devisees of Emma Fakes, Defendant, Greeting:

52-4tc

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd 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 31 day of March A.D. 1980, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 14 day of February A.D. 1980, in this cause, numbered 36,516-A on the docket of

said court and styled Lonelle Whitley, Plaintiff, vs. A.P. Fakes, Emma Fakes, if living, and if dead the unknown heirs and devisees of Emma Fakes, Defendant A brief statement of

the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff prays for title and possession of property herein described: Lot 5, Block 28, Original Town of Abilene, 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 serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law dir-

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 14 day of February A.D.

Attest: Irene Crawford, Smith, Deputy. 1-4tc

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THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Tommy Wayne McGough, Respondent:

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 Monday next after the expiration of 20 days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of Viana Faye McGough, Petitioner. filed in said Court on the 6th day of February, 1980, against Tommy Wayne McGough, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 3525-C on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Matter of The Marriage of Tommy Wayne McGough and Viana Faye McGough", the nature of which suit is a request that the Court

Conservator of Child. you.

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

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Irene Crawford, District Clerk, 326th District Court, Taylor County. Texas. By Johnnie Wakefield, Deputy.

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please contact Pee Wee

January, February,

Card of Thanks

To a thoughful people in a thoughtful commu-

Merkel has always been "my home" even though I have not lived n Merkel for many

I feel I know the people of Merkel and the surrounding area. You are quick to help in times of grief and crisis, My parents have been a part of this for almost 80 years and they have given and received most generously from a caring, neighborly people. We are proud to count you as our friends.

Will not try to name each of you for fear I would fail to mention every individual and family that means so much to me.

I thank you for the courtesies you have extended to us over the years and especially for the expressions of love and caring at the recent death of my mother. Ruth. Dad is now visiting in

our home and appreciates your letters. Sincerely Bill & Joy Baze and

Family Earl Baze. 1117 W. Northview Ave. Phoenix, Ariz. 85021 3-1tp

Want to thank each of you for all your thoughtfulness with cards, flowers and food while I was ill. My family and I know you are the best people anywhere. May God Bless each of you. Don and Syble Riney

Garage Sales

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clothes, CB radio, poll lamp, dishes and lots of 9:00 to 4:00 Friday and Saturday, March 14 & 15. 1212 North 3rd, Mer-WEATHER PER MIT-TING, ESTATE GAR-AGE SALE 411 Yucca, Friday and Saturday.

boots, misc., toys, games. 1406 S. 11th, Billy Lucas-if weather permits. 3-1tp

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Rev. McAnally named Bike-A-Thon chairman

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is proud to announce Rev. Russell McAnally has been named to head the '80 Spring Bike-A-Thon Campaign in Merkel. The Bike-A-Thon will be held April 19th here.

William J. Kirwen, St. Jude's Development Director, made the announcement and said more information will be forth coming concerning the date, place, time, etc.

"We are proud to find such a dedicated person for this important task," Kirwen said. "St. Jude Children's Research Hospital offers hope to stricken children everywhere that would not be possible without such volunteers."

"St. Jude Chidren's Research Hospital is the only research center dedicated exclusively to the study and conquest of catastrophic diseases of children. Its work, particularly in leukemia and other childhood cancers, has been internationally acclaimed and cited as a leading example for basic and clinical research."

"No one has ever been charged for the benefits provided by St. Jude Hospital," Kirwen said. "And that includes the extremely expensive total medical care provided to children enrolled in its research studies."

"Over two-thirds of this year's 20 million dollar operating budget came from public support. Each year we rely on events like this to pay for the following year's costs."

"Since Danny Thomas opened this institution in 1962, his dream of conquering the deadly diseases of childhood has continously been brought closer to reality. Mr. Thomas is still the very active president of this organization and inspires us in this cause," Kirwen said.

Melton resigns as chamber manager

Merkel Chamber of Commerce Manager Benny Melton resigned his post effective March 1st.

Melton resigned his post effective March 1st.

Melton told the Mail Friday that the job was beginning to become a full-time part-time job and that he felt someone with new ideas and new

approches could do better justice to the position.

Melton said that he enjoyed his post as chamber manager and that the job had been interesting. He said that some weeks the Chamber would receive about 50 calls and that some weeks, no calls would come in.

He said that the manager's job had also started cutting in on his other job as manager and salesman of Boney Insurance Agency.

Melton had served 11 years as manager of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce. A replacement had not been officially named at

press time.

nounce the arrival of

their son, Scott Everett

Maternal grandp a r-

ents are Mr. and Mrs.

Laverne Moore of Merkel and paternal grand-

parents are Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Isom of

It is the first grandchild of Mrs. Dee Moore

of Merkel and Mr. and

Mrs. Fred Billman of

Grain Sorghum Production will be the topic

of conversation at a

meeting scheduled for March 13, at 2:00 p.m., in the Extension Meet-

ing Room, 3rd Floor, Old County Courthouse. Dr. Willis Gass, Ex-

tension Agronomist, and Dr. Tom Fuchs, Exten-

sion Entomologist, will present the educational program. Both are from San Angelo. Dr. Gass

will discuss varieties, close row spacing, price outlook for 1980, grain sorghum response to

fertilizer, and cultural

methods to reduce cost

insects attacking grain sorghum-principally the

greenbug and midge. He also will discuss green-

bug resistant varieties

Grain sorghum is Taylor County's second

most important field

crop economically. It ranks behind wheat.

With the cost of produc-

tion going up, producers must find ways to cut

costs. The specialists

will try to emphasize

some methods available to producers at this

Dr. Fuchs will talk on

of production.

Pray, Montana.

Sorghum

meeting

Merkel.



STEVE CAMPBELL is an MOC student at Merkel High and is employed by the Seat Cover Center in Abilene. Steve plans to attend college following graduation with a major in business administration.



CINDY DOAN is a junior MOC student and is the daughter of Wallace and Louise Doan. She is employed at Walls as a material handler.



LAWRENCE SANKOWSKI is a senior MOC student working at Kwik Lube in Abilene. Lawrence plans to attend college following graduation and he lubricates automobiles at work.

Elections, water contract up soon

By Harold Boyd

Everything is coming up roses, little critters are on the move, tornado weather is here and winter isn't over yet. Then next month will be elections for your city and school. Somewhat a busy few weeks a head.

It has been asked if we will hear the candidates prior to election time. It is hoped that all candidates will speak to those who are interested in the government of city, school and county in the very near future. Ask questions and find out just where or what their goals are for the city. It is suggested that we look at them in full perspective and at the polls mark your ballot. Again it's very important that we exercise our right to vote and encourage your neighbors to do the same. We will list the candidates next week and give you their one main objective as for what they would like to see while they are in office.

It is apparent that there is someone now staying in that beautiful home on Air Base Road, just beautiful. There are many great innovations in this home that Ken and Violet Law put in. A home with foresight and using God's given environment of the sun.

Water, rain...it won't be long before our contract with the city of Merkel will expire regarding our

Tye men injured by car

A long-time dispute between an Abilene woman and two Tye men led to two men being injured as the woman ran over the men in a Eddy McCartney and Seib Askins were slightly injured Friday. The woman also hit a Lone Star Gas line that ruptured but was quickly stopped. water contract and it would be wise for us to start thinking as to what, how much, and at what price we are willing to pay for this taken for granted item we use. Talking with some ole timers around here, we don't have any water producing wells, no large water shed to capture the water or in fact adaquate water lines. Truman is constantly repairing our water lines, leaks to help conserve this precious item, so that within itself tells us something, like we should best start thinking ahead on a water distribution program as to whether we will get our water, if the lines can handle the ones we have on the system can be served properly and can we add more people in the future and if or where we will get it. As everything else is going up in cost, it wouldn't surprise me if our water rate goes up and be limited as to how much or will there be a limit, which we currently are over using at this time. So readers, take a look, think about this and see what we must do to keep from having to haul water etc. for your

How's your neighbor? Well, with the weather being what it is will be seeing you a little more often.

Everyone has been somewhat cooped up during the past few months and now are getting out to work the flower beds, shrubs, etc. so we can talk to each other over the fence line and get caught up on the latest.

Being tomorrow night is City Council meeting, we shall bring you up to date on what your council members are trying to accomplish. Hope to have a good report on that old sewer collection program that they have been working on the past few years.

Yes, it won't be long before it will be Little League baseball time and I personally see some obstacles that will be such as gasoline, support in attending game, financial and getting the kiddo to the games, practice, etc. This is a chore that requires a lot of time and devotion, if you are interested in helping or have any questions as to what you can do, I'd suggest you check with our local barber. Art Herrera has been most active and more than likely will appreciate your help. Go by the barber shop and see what he has to say and offer him your services.

Beings that another week has past, will close our column this day, hope your week has been one of many blessings. Till next week you all take care.

Singers meet

The First Baptist
"Sunbeam Singers" had
their first meeting last
Sunday at the Baptist
Church. Members present were Tracy Neff,
Jamie Masonheimer,
Tami Neff, Tracy Boyd,
and Luci Masonheimer



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Fannie Carver

[Ittle League registration Saturday

Registration for Merkel Little Leaguers is set for March 15th at the

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West Texas Utilities Building here.

Registration will run from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. and all participants

Date

must register, even if the player registered last year.

Birthday (month) (day) (year) Age Phone League Age Boy's Weight Heitht Throws; Left Right

We the parents of the above boy, give our approval for his participation in the activities of the Little League for the current season. We release the sponsors, officials, and the Little League organization from responsibility in case of injury or accident. All boys are covered with insurance for practice, games and travel by the league.

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T-SHIRT AGE- Ang boy who will attain the age of 7 years before Aug. 1, and who will not attain the age of 9 years before Aug. 1. REGISTRATION FEE \$8.00 (\$5.00 for insurance - \$3.00 for concession stand worker)

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Carey, Phillips

Janice Melissa Carey of Merkel and Charles Allen Phillips of Cross Plains were married in Cross Plains

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Carey of Merkel and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Phillips of Cross Plains.

The maid of honor was Janet Carey, sister of the bride and bridesmaids were Cathy Carey, sister of the bride, and Janet Alford of Cleveland.

Candlelighters were Debra Carey of Merkel and Pamela Wolf of Midland. Flower girls were Kimberly and Stacie Deike of Winters.

Best man was Glynn Nickerson of Cross Plains and groomsmen were Glen and Howard Phillips, brothers of the groom.

The wedding was held at the Cross Plains Church of Christ and was directed by Dave Collier. Following a wedding trip to Red River, N.M., the couple will live in Cross Plains.

Doan, George wed in Bryan

Gregg Doan and Karen George were united in marriage on January 19, 1980 in Jerusalem Baptist Church in Bryan, Texas,

Attendants were Sherry McIntire of Lindale. Texas and Tim Wozencraft of Bryan.

The couple reside in Bryan where both are employed by Blocker Drilling Co.

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Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn Doan of Merkel and Mrs. Glynn Harrison of Brownwood

Obituraies

Packwood

Florence Charles Packwood, 85, of 154 Indian Creek Drive in Tye died at 12:25 a.m. Saturday at the Anson hospital after a lengthy il'ness. Services were at 2 p.m. Monday at Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home Chapel of Faith, U.S. Highway 277.

Keith Justice, minister of Hawley Church of Christ, officiated. Burial was in Tve Cemetery.

Born May 25, 1894, in Eastland County, he was a retired farmer. He married Janie Warren July 25, 1917, in Plainview. They moved to Tye from Stamford in 1977. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Patsy Presnell of Spar tenburg, S.C., and Leota Middleton of Tye; two sons, H.R. of 2309 Palm in Abilene and Edward B. of Saudi Arabia; 16 grandchildren: 18 greatgrandchildren. Nephews served as pallbearers.

The men in the senior citizens group at Tye served as honorary pallbearers.

Garvin

Services for Angus Garvin, 79, 1207 S. Belmont St., were at 10 a.m. Thursday in the Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Ross Payne, pastor of Cottonflat Baptist Church officiating.

Burial was in Rest haven Memorial Park. Garvin died early Tuesday in a Midland hospital following an extended illness

He was born Jan. 23. 1901, in Midlothian, spent his early life in Nolan County, and met and married Willie Rhodes in Dora.

Garvin worked on a ranch at Merkel before he moved to Midland in 1941. He lived in Salt Branch area northeast of Merkel for many years. In Midland, he was in the laundry business and worked for CJM Packing and Webb Davis Fruit Co. before he retired in 1961. He was a member of

Cottonflat Baptist

Church Survivors include his wife. Willie: three sons, John A. Garvin of Huntington W. Va., Charlie B. Garvin of Starr, S.C. and Jimmie F. Garvin of Midland; four daughters, Evelyn Henley and Juanita Johnson, both of Midland, Christine Webb of Miami, Okla. and Annie Jones of Buffalo Gap; a sister, Stella B. Jones of Phoenix, Ariz.; 29 grandchildren; 40 greatgrandchildren; a greatgreat-grandchild; and several nieces and ne-

Fallbearers were Eddie Henley, Jerry Henley, James Newton. William Newton, Chuck Garvin and Dickie Ad

Conley

Jessie R. Conley, 75. of Spring, Texas, passed away Saturday in a local hospital.

Native of Dobson. N.C. Jessie moved to Mulberry Canyon, Texas in 1911 and moved to Houston in 1942. A faithful member of the Church of Christ in Greewood Village. Houston area resident 38 Survivors: daughter,

Gloria Dean Stone, Spring, Tex.: sons, Ber don B. Conley, Houston, Earnest D. Conley, Beckville, Tex., Way mond W. Conley, Cold Springs, Tex., Ferman Dewey Conley, Spring, Tex.; sisters. Marv Harris, Houston, Leona Conley, Merkel; brothers. Gold Regan. La Mesa, Tex., Nathan Reggan, Collie ville. Tex.: 27 grandchildren

Recital set

The students of Mrs.

Ronny Doan will be

presented in an annual

piano recital Friday,

March 14. The recital

will be held at the First

United Methodist

Church in Merkel at 7

p.m. The public is in-

vited to attend this

special tenth annual pi-

will be Leigh Anne

Students participating

ano recital.

and 21 great-grandchil-

Services were at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Brookside Funeral Home Chapel with Mr. Glen Walker and Mrs. Joe Scarbourgh official ing. Interment was in Brookside Memorial

Pallbearers were grandsons.

Woods

Lula Mae Woods, 88, of Trent died at 4:30 p.m. Monday in Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene after a lengthy illress

Services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Trent Baptist Church. The Rev. Sherman Driggers, pastor, officiated Burial was in Trent Cemetery, direc ted by Starbuck Funeral Home of Merkel.

Born July 15, 1891, in Reagan, Tenn., she moved to Texas in the early 1900s and lived in this area since. She was a Baptist.

Allen, Camilla Bright,

Cammie Bright, Kevin

Coker, Kyle Doan, April

Duncan, Angela Dunlap,

Becky Dunlap, Melissa

Harris, Abby Irvin,

Amy Irvin, Stephen Ja-

cobs, Kristen Kennedy,

Kimberly Pack, Bridget

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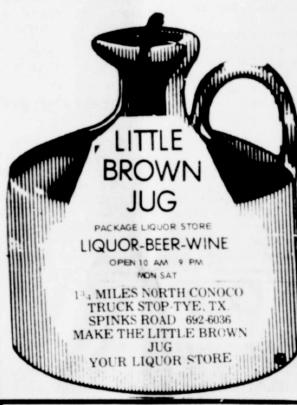
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Tran, and Trung Tran.

She was married to Wilber Woods in 1910 in Jones County. Her husband died June 6, 1946. Survivors include a

brother, Jack Pomroy of Merkel: two sisters. Ruth Camp of Merkel and Ida Rosson of Taft: and a number of nieces

advertisers and nephews.



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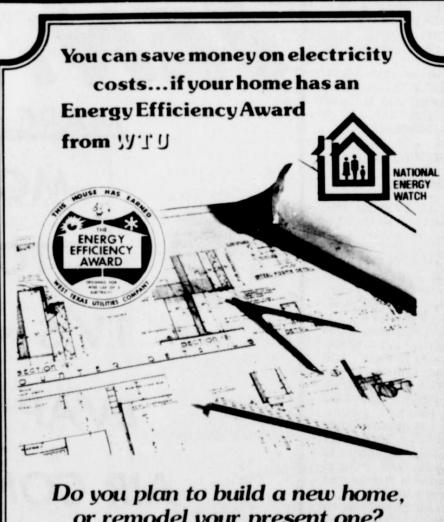
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Trent News

Thursday, March 13, 1980

Trent seniors headed for west coast

The Seniors are makng last minute a rrangements for their rip. The seniors will eave Wednesday from Midland and fly to Los Angeles. While in California, the seniors will be staying at "Inn of the Park". It is the motel at Disneyland. Schedule

includes Disneyland, Knotts Berry Farm, N.B.C. Studios, Universal City. From Los Angeles, the seniors will fly to Las Vegas. While in Vegas, the group will stay at Circus Circus. The group will see a couple of shows, Hoover Dam. From Vegas, the

group will return to Midland. The trip wil will last about 8 to 9 days, returning to Trent March 20 or 21.

Those who will be making the trip are Debbie Jackson, Cheri Patterson, Sherry Jackson, Tammie Hicks. Teresa Brazelton, Kim Richardson, Herbert Beaver, Gilbert Beaver, Danny Freeman, Sponsors are Brenda Jackson and Coach Camp-

The Seniors would like to thank their parents and everyone else who helped make this trip possible.

Trent track teams compete

The Trent girls and boys track teams ran in the Roby Meet, Saturday. The boys placed fifth while the girls placed eighth. There were thirteen teams en-

Placing for girls: 400

relay team-3rd Cheri Patterson, Debbie Jackson, Leslie Masonheimer, Rebecca Sipe. Long jump-3rd Dee Dee Masonheimer. 800 meter dash-5th Dee Dee Masonheimer. High jump-5th Leigh Ann McGlothPlacing for boys: Herbert Beaver, 1st in 100 meters, 2nd in 200 meters, 3rd in long jump, 5th in high jump; Gilbert Beaver, 4th in 100 meters, 5th in 200 meters; Greg Beasley, 4th in 400 meter dash; Richard Beaver, 5th in

400 meter dash, 4th in long jump; Eddie Patterson, 3rd in 1600 meter dash; 1600 meter relay, 6th, James Freeman, Matt Jackson, Riley West, Kevin Whitley.

The next meet for the boys will be at Snyder, March 22.

Junior class sponsoring trash haul

The Junior Class will have a trash haul Saturday, April 5th. Lists will be placed at Carrkers, Carl Edwards and Home State Bank for

Aluminum cans are

being collected by the

Junior Class as one of

their money-making

projects. Everyone is

asked to save all recy-

persons to sign if they wish their trash hauled or you may call Rebecca Sipe at 862-2041.

The Juniors have taken this community ser-

cleable cans. David

Reed is in charge of this

project and he will see

that your cans are

vice project now that the seniors have ended their money raising efforts. Trash hauls will be held every six weeks to two months including

the summer. If anyone wishes to make arrangements to have their trash hauled on a regular basis, they may contact Rebecca also.

Aluminum cans? Freeman named to

all district team

Danny Freeman of Trent was named to the

fice, 2131/2 Edwards,

Merkel, Texas within

the boundaries of the

above named School Di-

strict and said place of

absentee voting shall

remain open for at least

eight hours on each day

for absentee voting

which is not a Saturday,

a Sunday, or an official

State holiday, beginning on the 20th day and

continuing through the

4th day preceding the date of said election.

Said place of voting

shall remain open be-tween the hours of 8:00

AM and 4:30 PM on

each day for said absen-tee voting. The above described place for ab-

sentee voting is also the

absentee Clerk's mail-

ing address to which

ballot applications and

ballots voted by mail

6. The manner of

holding said election

shall be governed, as

nearly as may be, by the Election Code of this

state, and this Board of

Trustees will furnish all

necessary ballots and

other election supplies

requisite to said elec-

7. Immediately after the votes have been

counted, the officers

holding said election

shall make and deliver

the returns of said elec-

tion and perform all other duties as provided by the Election Code.

8. The Board of Trus-

tees shall give notice of

said election, and this combined Election Or-

der and Notice shall

serve as Notice for said

election. The President

of the Board of Trustees

is hereby authorized and instructed to post or

cause to have posted

shall be sent.

All-District 21-B basketball team.

picked up if you call him second team of the

Legal notice

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF TAYLOR On this the 15th day of January, 1980, the Board of Trustees of Merkel Independent School District c o nvened in regular session, open to the public, with the following members present, to-wit: Charles Jacobs, President, Leroy Teaff, Pat Castille, Larry Dudley, James Boyd, Dink Whisenhunt, Kenny Hogan, constituting a quorum and among other pro-

Board of Trustees was the following: WHEREAS, the term of office of Leroy Teaff and Kenny Hogan members of the Board of Trustees of this School District will expire on the first Saturday in April, 1980, said first Saturday being April 5, 1980, and on said date a trustee election will be held in said School

ceedings had by said

District. WHEREAS, it is necessary for this Board to pass an order establishing the procedure for filing for and conducting said trustee election;

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF MERKEL INDE-PENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:

1. That an election be held in said School District on April 5, 1980, for the purpose of elect-ing to the Board of Trustees of said School District two Trustees to fill places 3 and 4.

2. That all requests by candidates to have their names placed upon the ballot for the above mentioned election shall be in writing and signed by the candidate and filed with the secretary of the Board of Trustees at the superintendent's office not later than 30 days prior to the date of said election.

All candidates shall file with said application the loyalty affidavit required by Art. 6.02 of the

Election Code. The Secretary of this Board of Trustees shall post on the bulletin board in the building where the Board of Trustees meets the names of all candidates that have filed their applications in accordance with the terms and provisions of this Order, and said Secretary shall otherwise comply with the terms and provisions of Art. 13.32 of the Election Code.

3. That said election shall be held at the following places, and the following named persons are hereby appointed officers for said election:

(a) In election precincts numbered-all of precinct number 24 and parts of 20, 25, 27, 28 and 34 in Taylor County; all of the District located in Jones County. At Merkel High School Gym Build-ing, in Merkel (S. 3rd and Ash), Texas, in said School District, with Joe Lassiter as Presiding Judge and A.D. Scott, Assistant Judge and not more than two additional clerks to be selected by the Presiding Judge.

(b) In election precincts numbered-Parts of Precincts numbered 21, 22, 1 and 10 at Tye Elementary School cafeteria Building in Tye, Texas, in said School District, with Floyd Kimmey as Presiding Judge and Mrs. Floyd Kimmey, Assistant Judge and not more than two additional Clerks to be selected by

the Presiding Judge.
The polls at the above designated polling places shall on election day be open from 7 o'clock a.m. to 7 o'clock

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4. Merkel I.S.D. Tax Assessor-Collector is hereby appointed Clerk for absentee voting, and none and none are hereby appointed Deputy Clerks for absentee voting. The absentee voting posting shall be made at least 20 days before the date of said election. for the above designated election shall be held at Merkel I.S.D. Tax Of-

having been so posted,

said meeting.
It is further found and of the Board of Trusnished a notice of the County, Texas, the county in which most, if

district's pupils reside. The above order being seconded that the same question being called for, the following mem-bers of the Board voted ry Dudley, Dink Whi-senhunt, Kenny Hogan. ATTEST: James

and combined Election Order and Notice at three public places where notices are customarily posted in this school district, and said

The President shal also cause a copy of this combined Election Order and Notice to be published one time in a newspaper of general circulation in the county where this school district is located. Said publication shall be not more than 30 days nor less than 10 days before the date of said election.

It is further found and determined that in accordance with an order of the Board of Trustees, The Secretary posted written notice of the date, place and subject of this meeting on the bulletin board located in the central administrative office of this school district, a place conve-nient and readily accessible to the general public, and said notice, remained posted for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of

determined that in accordance with an order tees, the Secretary furdate, place and subject of this meeting to the county clerk of Taylor not all, of this school

read, it was moved and do pass. Thereupon, the AYE: Charles Jacobs, James Boyd, Leroy Teaff, Pat Castille, Lar-

Boyd, Charles Jacobs



Consumer Alert

The

by Mark White Attorney General

AUSTIN-Springtime, to many of us, means new growth-in gardens, in our yards, in the open fields, hills and mountains of our beautiful State. Things start over. To the attorneys in my Consumer Protection Division, springtime often means something else-- roads jammed with "gypsies" perpetrating home improvement frauds. That's right: the "gypsies" are back.

Now, by "gypsies" I do not mean those colorful individuals who dress in strange, gay clothing, shake tambourines and travel in painted wagons. Instead. I am referring to modern day, American itinerants who live in new mobile homes, drive luxury automobiles and set up "camp" in trailer parks just outside the reach of municipal law enforcement authorities.

These traveling salesmen "gyp" Texas consumers out of hundreds of thousands of dollars each year by going door-to-door soliciting paving. painting, roofing and other home repair jobs. The essence

of the frauds perpetrated by these repairmen is poor quality work for which exhorbitant prices are charged.

The itinerants carefully select their victims by driving through low to middle income neighborhoods looking for homes that appear to be occupied by senior citizens who live alone. When the first victim is hooked, the repairmen often ask for the names of additional potential customers, operating on the assumption that people similarly situated tend to associate and become friends. Because of this fact of human nature. "gypsies" know that elderly widows most often will recommend other elderly widows: invalids will recommend other invalids.

Being a modern "gypsy" is big business. One raid of a nomadic camp in Arkansas netted the police \$50,000 in cash which was found in one of the trailers. The equipment used by the itinerants frequently is brand new-dump trucks, asphalt spreaders, pick-up trucks--all

Legal notice

TRUSTEE ELECTION ORDER AND NOTICE The Trent Indepen-

dent School District Board of Trustees hereby orders and gives notice of an election to be held on April 5, 1980, for the purpose of electing three members to the Board of Education.

ABSENTEE VOTING by personal appearance will begin on Monday, March 17, 1980, and continue through Tuesday, April 1, 1980, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on each day which is not a man

Saturday, Sunday, or an official state holiday.

Trent City Hall is the address of the place for absentee voting in per son and to mail applications for an absentee

The POLLING PLACE designated below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on the day of the election. Location Trent City

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