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Council buying police car, changing meeting time

Merkel City Council discussed a new workshop building, the water department and bond issues Friday at their regular meeting. Council also took care of some pre-election business with ordering of ballots for the April 5th city elections.

ballots for the April 5th city elections. City Manager J.A. Sadler told council that an agreement had been made with agriculture students at Merkel High to do the welding on a new city workshop building. The building will replace the structure that was torn down to make room for th federal housing addition on Merkel's east side.

The new facility will be just north of Taylor Electric Cooperative and will cost about \$1,300 to build.

Sadler also gave a report on the amount of money that persons residing in city limits have paid for water-sewer lines since 1955. Sadler reported that Merkel citizens had spent \$664,836.15 for installation of water-sewer line, pumps and sewer treatment stations.

The city has paid off its last revenue bond on water-sewer facilities and are within \$16,000 in paying off the last of the general obligation bonds. Sadler asked council's permission to "call in" the last of the bonds but council decided to table paying off the bond until the effects of the payoff can be determined.

Sadler went on to say that he feels the people of Merkel should be commended for their input into the water-sewer department. Sadler said "We only have 11 city hall employees, and we have taken some kicks for not getting certain things done, but I think the city staff has done a good job with what they have had to work with."

Council also went through bids from Max Murrel Chevrolet and Palmer Pontiac for a new (or used) police car. The Police Department had purchased their last two cars from the Department of Public Safety, but the city decided to give local dealers a chance to make bids on police cars. The bids were tables because all but one went over the legal limit for an unadvertised bid.

Merkel Mail editor Cloy A. Richards appeared before council to find out how many inoperative water meters there are in town and how those



Pete Rutledge (right) and Kevin Riney tound a way to enjoy their first day of spring break from Merkel

Schools by taking on the dirt mounds near the Merkel City Park. (Staff photo)



last of the bonds but council decided to table paying Hart back on national rural electric board

Among the highlights of the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation's 11th annual meeting on March 4 in New Orleans was the election of seven directors. Mr. Don Hart, manager of Taylor Electric Cooperative, was elected as director for District 10. In this capacity, he will represent Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona the next three years on the CFC Board.

The purpose of CFC is to provide rural electric systems with a viable supplemental financing institution. The primary responsibility of CFC's Board is to represent the membership of the CFC in the operations of the financing organization which they own and control.

The CFC Board includes 22 directors-two directors



Letter policy clarified

By Cloy A. Richards

Judging from recent comments concerning Letters to the Editor in the Mail, we feel it necessary to re-state our policy concerning letters.

The Mail will print Letters to the Editor that are signed and an address given. The Mail will scrutinize the letters for statements that could be termed

meters are identified for repair as well as meter-reading procedures. The Mail also questioned why pre-authorized draft forms (forms that are used to automatically deduct the water-sewer-sanitation bills from a checking account) did not indicate gallons of water used in a month.

Council adjourned (lost quorum) before discussion of the water department procedures was finished and will be-carried over to council's next session, scheduled for 7 p.m. March 27th at City Hall. Council members are trying to come up with a new meeting time to allow more time to take care of city business.

Questionaires out

Approximately 100 MISD area residents received a questionnaire in the mail this week asking for suggestions and performance ratings on Education goals that were recently established.

The survey was created in association with Region 14 Educational Services Center in Abilene and will be tabulated by the service center.

MISD superintendent Dr. Raymond Etheridge told the Mail that the survey was mailed randomly from addresses listed on school tax rolls.

The education goals were created by a local committee made up of school administrators and local citizens.

The questionnaire will be used to guage local opinion on the makeup of the goals and how local citizens feel that Merkel ISD is accomplishing those goals.

The questionnaires should be completed and returned to the superintendent's office as soon as possible.

from each of the eleven geographic districts in the United States. Directors are elected for three year terms on a staggered basis, and they cannot serve more than two consecutive full terms.

A CFC director job requires him to stay abreast of developments in numerous areas, including all areas of the rural electrification program, power supply requirements, and requirements of the private capital market. The program experience of CFC directors and their professional expertise in a variety of fields enables them to provide strong leadership a 1 sound judgment in the formation of CFC programs and policies.

Mr. Hart was first elected to the CFC Board in February, 1977, and in February, 1979 was elected chairman of the Membership Relations Committee. He has also served as a member of the Loan Committee.

Hart has worked in the rural electrification program since 1959 when he became Member Service Director of Coleman County Rural Electric Cooperative, Coleman, Texas.

From 1966 to 1971, he was assistant manager of Erath County Electric Cooperative, Stephenville, Texas.

Since 1971, he has been manager of Taylor Electric Cooperative in Merkel, Texas. Mr. Hart is chairman of the Mid-Tex Generation and Transmission Cooperative and a member of its Power Procurement Committee.

Active in numerous civic organizations, Mr. Hart has been vice-president of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce; past vice-president of the Merkel School Board; first vice-president of the County Red Cross Chapter, and director of the West Texas Fair Association. He has received the "Citizen of the Year" award from the Merkel Chamber of

libelous or slanderous and advise the writer of the consequences of libel-slander.

Letters to the Editor in the Mail are published at the request of the writer and do not necessarily represent the opinions of the Merkel Mail.

We feel that an open letter policy is essential to offer opinions in the paper that may differ from the editor. If letters were not allowed, the only opinions offered in the Mail would be those of the editor.

The only place you should find the editor's opinion is in a by-lined story or editorial. Stories that carry no by-lines should not offer an opinion, but simply state facts.

In other words, if the Mail has an opinion to offer or any given subject, we will offer that opinion and sign the writer's name to the opinion.

City over \$10,000

The city went over the \$10,000 mark last month in its share of the five percent sales tax. Total payments to date are at \$10,676.49 with a \$8,743.31 payment for February sales.

The increase for the first two months of the year is 11 percent.

That figure may go even higher according to the State Comptroller's Office. Figures released by that office say that 12,400 returns had not been processed because of a back log of claims to process.

Merkel's payment for the same time frame last year was \$7,006.52. The rebates are running 11 percent ahead of those from last year.

Tye's rebates have fallen three percent from the same reporting period last year. Tye will receive \$3,844.12, compared to \$4,039.76 from the same period last year. Tye has received \$9,167.13 so far in 1980. Trent will be rebated \$471.87 and that figure, compared to last year's same date amount of \$568.14 represents a 16 percent decline in rebates.

Cities collect one percent of the five percent state sales tax on a local option basis. Cities are rebated the one percent tax at the end of each month by the State Comptroller's Office. The Comptroller's Office maintains a toll free line if persons have questions concerning state taxes: That number is 1-800-252-5555.

Boys finish 4th

The Merkel Boys varsity track team had a chance to bring home a second place team trophy from the Winters Blizzards relays this weekend, but a fourth place finish in the mile relay placed the Badgers in fourth behind Coleman, Winters and Wylie.

Merkel did have their best showing in two meets with 71 team points.

Placing for the Badgers were: Randy Martin, who won the 120 high hurdles with a time of 17.17, Tye Nelson placed second in the 330 intermediate hurdles with a 44.95 clocking, Nelson tied for second in the high jump with a leap of 5'9", Martin placed second in the pole vault with a leap of 11'6" and Bart Pursley finished third at the same height.

The boys will be competing in the relays tomorrow (Friday).

What do you mean inflation18 %

By Cloy A. Richards

CBS News correspondent Ray Brady kept repeating a number on the news last week, "1980 inflation running at 18 percent."

If you have a hard time with figures, think of it this way. You will end up working one day per week for just about nothing, around 47 days wages will be eaten up by inflation, if you have an average income. What in the world can you do about it?

Plenty, start heeding the advice that newspaper, TV, and radio announcements have been telling you, conserve, read labels when purchasing products, drive less, turn off that light in the extra room, take shorter showers or cooler baths, grow your own vegetables clin coupons.

vegetables, clip coupons. You might not be able to keep inflation under 18 percent by those measures, but they sure, won't hurt to try.

Most folks have either been, or will shortly be presented by workers from the Census Bureau. If mater comething behind for you to fill out, you owe

it to yourself, as well as local, county, state and federal planners to cooperate with the Census.

Federal programs, which are dwindling but still can provide major investment, funds into communities, are tied to census numbers. As a matter of fact, every governmental agency will make decisions on any area of the country by using Census population estimates.

A tip of the hat to the owners and staff of Sonja's Beauty Salon here for their recent remodeling project. The appearance of the building was greatly enhanced with some "cosmetic surgery" by a local construction crew and the outside of the building locks great

Don't forget to send the little ones back to school Monday. Spring break is over and now is time for the housewife that stayed home with the kids to take her spring break. ACU freshman Brad Pursley appears to be climbing down his pole but he had just cleared 17 feet in a meet last Thursday in Abilene., Pursley also cleared 17'6" but on his fourth attempt at the height. Pursley has already cleared the qualifying standard for the Olympic Trials this summer. (Staff photo)

Commerce, is a "Distinguished Individual Supporter" of Texas 4-H Club Louth, and he is an honorary Future Farmer of America. Mr. Hart has a B.S. Degree in Agriculture from

Texas Tech University (1953), and received his Masters Degree in Economics from Hardin-Simmons University in 1963. COLL MAIL

AT&T asking for rate increase

AT&T, parent company of the Bell System, is asking for a 10.5 percent increase in rates for all out-of-state long distance calls. It is their first request for a general rate increase in over four years. The announcement was made locally by Continental Telephone.

AT&T is asking the Federal Communications Commission for an across-the-board increase of 10.5 percent. The company has asked that this take place in two steps. If approved, the first increase would raise rates by 5.65 percent and become effective June 1, 1980. On October 1, 1980 an additional increase would become effective, thus raising current rates by a total of 10.5 percent.

According to Alan Armstrong, Customer Service Manager for Continental, all phone companies concur in AT&T charges for long distance services so that rates are uniform. Therefore, any changes in long distance rates approved for AT&T would affect all telephone users in the nation regardless of which company provides the service.

The spokesman explained that each non-Bell company remits long distance revenue generated by their customers to AT&T. Through an elaborate settlement process, they are then reimbursed for their costs in helping to provide the service.

As an example of the proposed rate applicable for long distance calls, the full weekday direct dialed rates for a one minute call from most Texas points to New York City would go from the current 52 cents to 55 cents in June, and up to 57 cents in October. That same call dialed at night after 11 p.m. would go from 21 cents to 22 cents, and finally to 23 cents.

The increase would apply to all out-of-state long distance calls made in the U.S. (except calls to and from Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands); calls involving Mexico, Canada, and all foreign points; interstate leased business circuits; and charges made to businesses for providing interstate toll free "800 service"

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Dye releases country single

Mildred Ann Dye has recorded a new country single. The A side of the record "The More I Fan The Fire" was written by an Abilene songwriter Buddy Lackey who has written songs for several female country artists. Skeeter Davis recorded some of his songs several years ago along with Peggy Little. The B side of the record is an old standard "House of the Rising Sun" but done in a country style with a Charlie Daniels style fiddle.

The record was recorded at Cassle Sound in Abilene but pressed in Nashville, Tenn., by United Record Press. All the studio musicians are local people and people Mildred Ann has worked with. Duke Pack did all the guitar work on the session. Gene Stephens, (Mildred Ann's brother) and Merle David play twin fiddles. Johnny Lackey does the bass work and Larry Popham on drums. The steel guitar is played by Bruce Brooks who is now with Ronny Milsap's band.

The vocal harmony is done by Lisa Ramsey who lives here and is Mildred's neice. She has been singing harmony with Mildred for about 3 years. She does some shows with Mildred when she can.

Mildred Ann sings with the Boothill Express band. They play for shows and dances all around the big country area.

Radio stations in Sweetwater, Stamford, Coleman and Abilene are playing the record and record sales are going well. Records are on sale at Handys here.



Middle school releases honor roll

Merkel Middle School honor roll:

6th Grade (A) Ronna Casey, Alyse Ferguson, Amy Irvin, Kelly Riney, Keith Watson, Clay Carey (A-B) Cammie Bright.

Newsbriefs

Gayle Landeros, Gina Stuckey, Lucretia Wade, Matt Cain, Kevin Coker, Kevin Mitchell, Robert Oden, Edwin Etheridge 7th Grade (A) Kelly Stovall, Dar-

ren Pack, Becky Teague (A-B) Donny Brady, Jerry Davis, Ken Hogan, Tim Jacobs, Renee Stamper, Mum Prasarn, Shelly Sherrill, Nanci Stevens, Cindy Williams, Cheryl Dunn, Tami Elliott, Jennifer Roby, Lori Reynolds 8th Grade (A) Bonnie Anderson,

Brenda Hohhertz (A-B) Ray Walters, An-

gie Allen, Lisa Conner, Brenda Kinder, Kathy Mitchell, Denise Pack, Kimberly Pack, Cindy Sims, Melinda Riney, Judy Jinkens, John Ybarra, Guy McGee

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Lerma announce the birth of Jeffrey Bryan Lerma. Jeffrey was

born March 16th at Anson Hospital

Maternal grandfather

lene. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lerma of Merkel.



Stith club

The Stith Extension Homemakers met March 12, 1980 with the

of Beta Sigmi Phi will be around to collect from local merchants who wish to sponsor a

Representatives from

Booster club

A Badger Booster Club meeting has been

Items that will be discussed include the All Sports Banquet which has been scheduled for

ing his proposed athletic program for the 1980-81 school year. Persons who are inLerma's have new son



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Census confidential?

y Harold Boyd History was made over again in Tye. We operienced our first jury trial with positive results f a conviction. Thursday, March 13 a jury trial was eld at the Community Center regarding a speeding cket, which was appealed to higher court after onviction by Municipal Court of Tye. So you can ee, we do have a due process of law and means of morcement. Secondly, bids were accepted for a new ity hall which is long over due. This facility will dve us more room to operate our city hall and be an meet to the city of Tye in beauty, efficiency to petrons. Lone Star Construction Company of Abilene was low bidder in the amount of \$34,010 to include everything we will need for the next 10 years. The facility will be of brick nature with the latest energy saving devices, restrooms and plenty of working space for each office or department, plus a good size meeting room. Building to be built on a 2 32foot by 50 foot cement slab and should be completed by July 4 give a day or two.

Your city council met in regular session on March 11 with a long adenda of items to cover. All council members were present. All reports were read and accepted as is. Election Judge Mrs. Webb was appointed by the Mayor for the city and school election to be held April 5 at the Tye Elementary School with two assistants. Renewal of CDC's was approved. City streets ... the city council approved the purchase of several tons of material to be put on the streets to give it added base where it is needed. Market Street is the property of the city and with the heavy vehicles traveling it has caused it to become very unsafe due to the newly created pot holes. The city will try to get it back into shape and try to keep it that way. This will have to be done with help from Dyess and parties responsible for tearing it up. The city of Tye has another polie officer to add to the payroll for the sum of one dollar per year. Donnie Dearman, former certified police officer has accepted the job on a part-time basis. You say one dollar per year, well this man must keep his certificate active or he loses it thus later if he should elect to go back into law enforcement at a later time he'd have to start over.

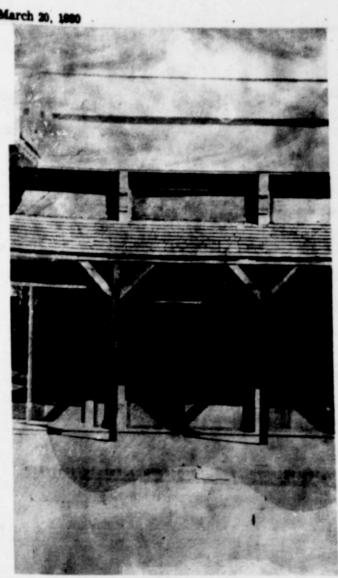
Animal control ordinance 73-2 has been repealed by state law under house bill 3-13. This is now state law where as all city, county animal control ordinances are now not in effect. This law will have its second reading next month and in May of 80 will b be adopted by the city of Tye and enforced as it is staed in the law. This law covers everything from the control of domesticated animals and their care throughout the state of Texas. The fines or penalties are spelled out for violations of said law, for example. If your dog is caught running loose on first violation, you are subject to inpoundment fee ten dollars a day, plus vaccinations, registration and fine, the second violation is doubled up to a two hundred dollar fine. Should you like to read the law, a copy is on file with the court clerk at city hall. It is

a good and needed law for the safety of everyone. Hey, mark your calendar for March 29th! On that

day all candidates are welcomed to appear before the citizens to state thei platform for the offices that they are running for; city, school and county offices. Starting at 6 p.m. everyone is encouraged to bring a covered dish to pass, hear the speakers and after that maybe 42 games, etc. So again, if you have any questions you want to ask the candidates this will be your chance prior to the following Saturday, April 5. Then you can decide as to how you want to vote. Mark your calendar March 29, 6 m., Tye Community Center, you be there.

1980 Census.....confidential??? You should be getting yours in the next few days or so and when you do, read all instructions and let yourself be the judge of the questions asked. I, in my opinion have the question of the questions asked. The government hasn't ever kept anything confidential that didn't or hasn't been used against us later in life. A person who has any intelligence can figure out one's holdings, income, etc. from the questions asked which, I in my opinion is an invasion of one's private life. The Census is what I feel is taking a physical inventory of humans now living in these United States and not of how many bathrooms one has, what is your monthly rent; we all rent till the final montage is paid, question H-12 page 3 Pg 10, question 22A & B. Did this person work anytime last week? How many hours. Now I ask you, just what do these questions mean and just how far is the government prying. We have other sources for these answers such as the Dept. of Labor or aren't they doing their iobs....No, I'm not down on anyone but I wonder what are all the thirteen departments in Washington doing when questions of these are asked by the Census. Yes, we are paying for this booklet of questions plus the people who collect the information , put it into the computer and will or how will this information be used against us later. As the booklet states "Your answers are confidential" by law (title 13, U.S. Code) employes are subject to fine and or imprisonment to any disclosure of your answers. Only after seventy-two years does your information become available to other government agencies or the public. The same law requires that you answer the questions to the best of your knowledge unquote. Youth Center opens gathering this information due to the many people collecting this information, hands it goes through, or where you'd blame the leak of information on. On the other hand if you don't reveal this information, I'm sure you'd be convicted for not giving this information. I am in process of reading this law, for I feel this information could be released by law by the next Congress if they desired to and then what. Trust in God is my only belief, not the people elected in Washington nor some of its laws. We've been promised, lied to and turned around, big business our government is but still we have many leaks of confidential information. You judge the booklet and its questions and then drop the editor a letter of your beliefs.

For another week, take care, mark your calendar March 29 for the pass the dish supper and welcome all candidates to hear them. Take care and support your advertisers and tell them you saw it in the Mail.



Sonja's Beauty Salon here was recently remodeled in Merkel and greatly enhanced the appearance of the place. Now if the owners could get the Mail to do something about their building, that portion of town would look good. (Staff photo)

The Merkel Youth Center is open again and is open to all school-aged children beginning after school and closing at 5:30 each afternoon, according to Mrs. Leon Harris, director.

Mrs. Harris told the Mail Tuesday that the Abilene Community Action Program had delivered a slate pool table and that foosball, ping pong, bumper pool, table games and comic books are the main attractions for local youths.

Mrs. Harris also said that the roof has been repaired of all leaks but the ceiling is in pretty bad shape and needs work.

She also said that if people are going through their homes and are about to toss out any table games or comic books, to tote them to the Youth Center and make a donation.

New tax districts

Creation of single ap-praisal districts in many counties across Texas provides one of the greatest opportunities facing local government in the 1980s, according to the executive director of the School Tax Assessment Practices Board.

Ken Graeber of A tin, speaking at the recent County Judges and Commissioners Conference h e r e , briefed officials on the recent revision of the property tax system es-tablished by the state legislature.

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SBA Application-Preparation

Merkel ISD teachers set meeting

ATTENTION: All Merkel Teachers We will be meeting Monday, March 24, 1980

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at 4:30 p.m. in the auditorium. There are a few things that have happened recently in

which many teachers most important meetfeel that some sort of ings that has been had. action needs to be taken. Please-everyone plan This will be one of the to attend.

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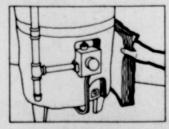
\$5 Energy Investment Yields \$20-\$70 Return

Today's energy-saving suggestions from the U.S. Department of Energy cost less than \$5. Together, they can save \$20 to \$30 per year in homes with gas water heaters, and \$45 to \$70 with electric heaters.

These savings are based on costs of 5 cents per kilowatt hour for electricity and 37 cents per therm for gas.

Cutting the Losses Off at the Tank

A good way to save money is to add an extra layer of insulation around the outside of the water



heater tank to cut heat loss. This should save \$20 a year for electric water heaters, and about \$10 a year for gas. You can buy enough regular foil-backed insulation and tape to do this job for less than \$5,

Wrap the insulation so that it completely encircles the tank and also covers the top. It goes around the tank ift wrapping on a

package - the shiny foil on the outside. Seal the seams with duct tape. A circle can be cut for the top and attached to the insulation on the sides of the tank with tape.

Cover all exposed surfaces of the tank, except for certain critical areas that must be left free to "breathe." On electric water heaters it is best not to cover the drain faucet, the thermostat access panel, or the relief valve that comes out of the top of the tank. On gas water heaters, a crucial warning must be heeded: Do not cover air inlets, pipes, controls, relief valves, or the flue

at the top of the heater. If you are unsure about the various crucial openings on gas and oil water heaters, you can buy a manufactured insulation jacket kit with holes precut for the critical areas. It is also important that the insulation be affixed to the tank so that it can't slip and cover the openings later. A mistake here could cause a fire or even an explosion.

Cooling the Wash

A switch to a lower temperature on the washing machine can have a major impact on utility bills. It takes

about 35 gallons of water to do a full wash and rinse, or about 17 gallons for each cycle. How much of that water is hot depends on which button you push. A hot wash and warm rinse combination, the highest setting on most machines,



requires 25 gallons of hot water. A load a day on such a setting, for electric water heaters, could easily cost \$100 a year. Changing the rinse water to cold, which experts say does not affect the results of the wash, will save 8 of those gallons per day, or \$25 a year. By changing the wash setting from hot to warm, you could save another \$25. If you have a gas water heater, the savings would be \$10 a year for each strategy.

To increase the savings even further, use a cold water detergent, and wash and rinse with cold water. You may be well satisfied with the cleaning results.

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Miscellaneous

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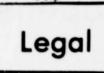
positions designated as FOR RENT: 3 bedroom

doublewide Mobile Home, place to keep horses, 41/2 miles northeast of Merkel. Call 928-5549 after 6:00 p.m. 4-3tp **Garage Sales**

CARPORT SALE: 204 Ash, Friday and Saturday, weather permitting Starts at 9 a.m. 4-1tp BIG GARAGE SALE: Saturday and Sunday, clothes and shoes all sizes; misc. 710 Avondale. 4-1tp GARAGE SALE: Friday, 605 Haynes (west of Little League field)

Good boys and girls clothes, toys and misc. 4-1tp GARAGE SALE: 112 Locust, Thursday, March 20, 9-5. Lots of

nice childrens clothes, drapes, dishes and misc. Weather permitting. 4-1tp



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

dant, Greeting: 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 Place 3 and Place 4. (Por la presenta la junta de regentes del

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distrito escolar independiente nombrado ordena y da aviso que se llevara a cabo una eleccion el dia 7 de abril de 1979 con el proposito de elegir un regente a cada puesto designado por numero 3

ABSENTEE VOTING by personal appearance will begin on Monday, March 17, 1980 and man continue through Tuesday, April 1, 1980 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm on each day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or an official state holiday. VOTACION EN AU-SENCIA en persona comencera en Lunes el de marzo de 1980 continuara hasta Martes el de abril de 1980 desde las 8:00 am hasta las 5:00 pm en todos los dias que no sean sabado, domingo, o dia oficial de vacaciones estatales.) Tax Assessor Collector, 107 Lamar, Merkel, Texas, is the address of the place for absentee voting in person and to

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The POLLING PLACE designated below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on the day of the election. (Los sitios de votacion indicados abajo se abriran desde las 7:00 a.m. a las 7:00 p.m. el dia de la eleccion.) Location (Colocacion) Trent City Hall.

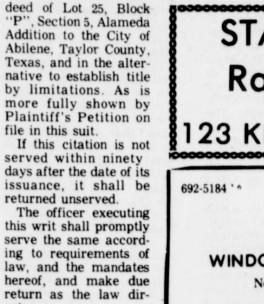
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THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: George W. Eastburg and Betty Jean Eastburg or the unknown heirs of George W. Eastburg and Betty Jean Eastburg, if they be deceased, Defendants, Greeting: YOU ARE HEREBY

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 10th day of March A.D. 1980, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 10th day of March A.D. 1980, in this cause, numbered 36,568-A on the docket of said court and styled Ray J. West, Plaintiff,

vs. George W. Eastburg and Betty Jean Eastburg et al, Defendants. A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Suit to establish lost, destroyed or carried away



ects. Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 10th day of March A.D. 1980

Attest: Irene Crawford Clerk, 42nd District Court, Taylor County, Texas. By Johnnie Woodard, Deputy. 4-4tc

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Plaintiff prays for title and possession of property herein described: Small two bedroom Lot 5, Block 28, Original Trailor House For Rent. Town of Abilene, Taylor furnished at 512 Rose St. County, Texas, as is Contact Margie Baker. 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 under. my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 14 day of February A.D. 1980 Attest: Irene Crawford, District Clerk, 42nd Di-

strict Court, Taylor County, Texas. By Judy Smith, Deputy. 1-4tc TRUSTEE ELECTION

ORDER AND NOTICE ORDEN Y AVISO DE ELECCION DE R E-GENTES) The Merkel Independent School District Board of Trustees hereby order and gives notice of an election to be held on April 5, 1980, for the purpose of elect-ing one trustee each for

the first Monday next Location (Direccion) after the expiration of Merkel High School forty-two days from the Gym, South 3rd and date of the issuance of Ash; Tye Elementary this citation, same being School Cafeteria, Tye, the 31 day of March Texas. A.D. 1980, to Plaintiff's Charles Jacobs, Leroy Petition filed in said Teaff, James Boyd, court, on the 14 day of Larry Dudley, Pat Cas-February A.D. 1980, in tille, Kenny Hogan, this cause, numbered Dink Whisenhunt 36,516-A on the docket of 4-1tc said court and styled Lonelle Whitley, Plain-tiff, vs. A.P. Fakes, TRUSTEE ELECTION ORDER AND NOTICE Emma Fakes, if living, (ORDEN Y AVISO DE and if dead the unknown ELECCION DE REheirs and devisees of GENTES) Emma Fakes, Defen-The Trent Independent School District A brief statement of the nature of this suit is

eleccion.

County

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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. (Por la presente la junta de regentes del distrito escolar independiente ordena y da aviso que se llevara a cabo una eleccion el dia April 5 de 1980 con el proposito de electing three members to the Board of Educa-

tion. 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 Saturday, Sunday, or an official state holiday. (VOTACION POR AU-SENCIA en persona comencera el Monday el March 17 de 1980 y continuara hasta el Tuesday el April 1 de 1980 desde las 8:00 a.m. hasta las 5:00 p.m. en todos los dias que no sean sabado, domingo, o dia oficial de vacaciones estatales.)

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102 EDWARDS 928-5379 Auto, Property, General Liability Crop, Health, Life, Disability, Tax-sheltered retirement, Educational plans FARMERS UNION SERVICE POINT * PRE-PAID FUNERAL PLANS CEMETERY HEADSTONES BURIAL INSURANCE LIFE INSURANCE STARBUCK FUNERAL HOME **KEN'S RADIO & TV KEN KRAATZ - OWNER REPAIR ALL MAKES & MODELS** OF TVs & RADIOS F.C.C. LICENSED **REASONABLE RATES** PICK-UP & DELIVER CALL 862-3501, TRENT Toombs **Keal Estate** FREDDY TOOMBS (Broker) 116 EDWARDS PH. 928-5921 RES. 928-5696 PEGGY DENNISON RES. 672-6727 GENEVA WATTS 928-5534 3 bedroom, 1 bath, refrigerated units on Sunset 4 bedroom, 3 bath, 2 apartments at rent, 2 story house on southside. 2 bedroom, 11/2 bath on 2 acres, water well, storage shed, North of Merkel. Two lots on FM 126 North, close to Country Club. Excellent building site. VACANT LOTS FOR SALE: For trailer and buildings in all sections of town. Reduced for quick sale. WE HAVE BUYERS

Thursday, March 20. 1980

Elementary honor roll out

The Merkel Elementary School Honor Roll is as follows **1ST GRADE**

(A) Coby Archa, Dustie Baldree, Brandon Boyd, Jenny Boyd, Lois Campbell, Melissa Cuellar, Jayma Goldsmith, April Griffith, Collin Jacobs, Cara Kelso, Sean Leamon, Micheal Mc-Fadden, Brandon Toombs, Phuong Thao Tran, Daniel West, Debbie Whitaker

(A-B) John Boswell. Amber Buckley, Bobby Dillon, Devin Ely, P.obert Frazier, Shellie Hecker, Betsy Hellums, Michael Moreno, Tonya Moreno, Destry Pack, Lupe Quintero, Maria Uribe

2ND GRADE (A) Bridget Acuna, Lisa Cannon, Angela Carson, Robynn Dudley, Melissa Hallford, Cassandra Moreno, Penny Smith, Harold Welty

(A-B) Sabrina Boswell, Kyle Doan, Misti Doan, Carla Dorrell, Toby Dupont, Chance Ferguson, Susan Hammond, Heather Henson, Stephen Jacobs, Sandra Melendez, Denise Moreno, Tricia Newsom, Keith Oden, Staci Pack, Kevin Pilgrim, Brandon Rice, Gay Lynn Robertson, Eric Teaff, David Thomas

3RD GRADE (A) Michele Dudley, Richa Hill, Anissa Jones, Wade Toombs, Diem Tran (A-B) Michelle Barnett, Walter Best, Camilla Bright, Norma Cuellar, Jennifer Davis, Mary Dillon, Howard Kelley, Pam Neff, Kim Richards, Chris Shugart, Amber Whisenhunt Chris Wright

4TH GRADE (A) Mark Aldrete Shelle Doan, April Dun can, Kristy Elliott, Stac Ferguson, Jerry Flow ers, Tammy Hecker Angie Moreno, Ramor Moreno, Ted Seymore. Todd Smith, Mindy Stewart, Amy Stuckey Krista Toombs, Misty Vaughn, C.J. White (A-B) Doug Bauer, Chris Biera, Ray Browning, Angie Cannon, Kyle Coker, April Dupont, Randy Graham, Melissa Harris, Lynn Hays, Jamie Heyen, Lee Leverich, Aretha Mc Kinney, Karrie Rich, Jill Strickland, Michael Ybarra **5TH GRADE**

(A) Tracy Bicknell, Abby Irvin, Sheri Riney, Danny Santee, Angela Thomas, Fondale Watson, Michelle Woodard (A-B) Suzan Alberts,

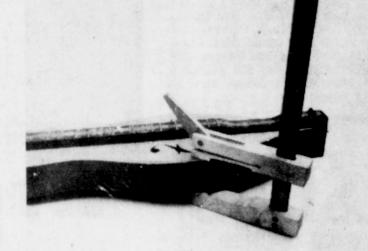
Henry Howk, Tina Ja-ramillo, Debbie Pack, Brent Pierce, Brit Pursley, David Ray, Shane Reagan, Sherry Rhone, Tod Strickland



State Department of Highways and Public Transportation

WOODWORLD PROJECT PLANS

Make Your Own Cam Clamps



Oh, put a clamp on it! How many times have you needed a clamp only to find them all in use or nowhere to be found. If you are like most wood- and exert pressure. workers, you ne er have enough clamps.

You can make your own cam clamps easily and inexpensively. It takes only a tiny amount of lumber and one evening to make a dozen clamps.

Select any strong, straight grain wood such as ash, beech, hickory, rock maple or white oak. Cut the stock to size.

Drill all holes except those in the bar. Then with the jaws couldn't use a few dozen (or clamped, cut the recesses and more) of these ingenious har slots. Ves, you even need a

clamp to make clamps. Next, cut the groove for the cam lever and the slot which allows the lever to bend the jaw

Assemble all parts and glue cork on the jaw faces to protect the wood you will clamp in between. To use, simply slide the jaw to

the desired opening, place the piece to be clamped in between the jaw faces and trip the cam lever.

With a flick of the wrist you can exert 200-300 pounds of clamping pressure. There isn't a workshop in the world that

help.

Theresa-Ann Stevens Bozycki and Vernon (Lynn) Wade, Jr. were married Friday, Feb. 7th in the home of the groom's parents. Judge Henry Guenther, Justice of the Peace, officiating,

Bozycki-Wade wed

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Galbraith of Tye. Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Wade of Merkel.

The matron of honor was Tina Goode of Merkel and junior bridesmaid was Lucretia Wade, sister of the groom.

Best man was Jerry Goode of Merkel and Ray Pack furnished the music.

Parents of the groom hosted the reception in the home

The bride is employed at the Abilene Truck Stop in Tye. The groom is a senior at Merkel High School and employed by Carson's Supermarket.

After a short wedding trip, the couple plan to make their home in Merkel.



AFAM exhibit opens

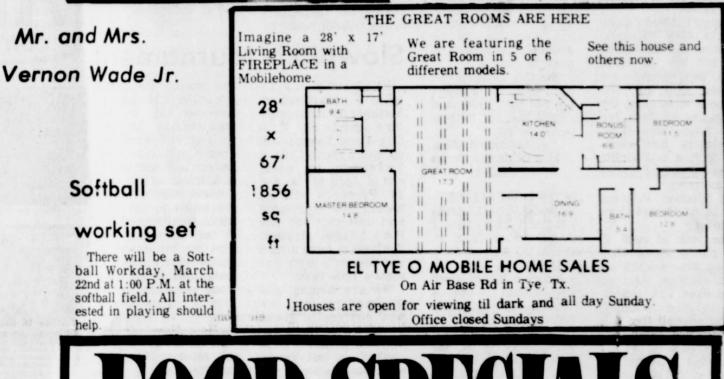
On March 23, the exhibit, "Western Art from the Sid Richardson Collection" opens at the Abilene Fine Arts Museum. The exhibit, consisting mainly of original art works by Charles Russell and Frederic Remington, depicts the last days of the Old West during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. These works are on loan from the Sid Richardson Collection on deposit at the Amon Carter Museum of Western Art in Ft. Worth.

Among the 36 works on display, paintings such as Remington's "The Sentinel" recreate the drama of the West. Russell's "Man's Weapons are Useless when Nature Goes Armed", on the other hand, depicts the kinds of humorous situation a frontiersman might encounter.

Through their art, both Charles Russell and Frederic Remington preserved a record of their experiences while working on ranches in the West. As Remington wrote, "I knew wild riders and the vacant land were about the vanish forever. And the more I considered the subject the bigger the forever loomed. Without knowing exactly how to do it, I began to try to record some facts around me, and the more I looked the more the panorama unfolded."

Russell and Remington created the image of the Old West which Hollywood moviemakers would later glorify. In conjunction with the current exhibit, the museum will hold a series of films and lectures on the West. Such films as the original version of Stagecoach and The Great Train Robbery will be shown free of charge to the public.

Partial funding of the exhibit and its programs is made possible through a grant from the Texas Commission on the Arts. The exhibit of Western art works will continue at the museum through May 7. Admission is free. The museum, located in Oscar Rose Park, is open 9-5 Tuesday through Friday, 1-5 Saturday and Sunday, and is closed on Monday. For more information, call the museum at 673-4587.



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Like a reliable flashlight with a fresh set of batteries. And your telephone.

Unlike regular electrical appliances, your telephone won't go dead during a blackout. That's because it's backed up by a secondary power system consisting of batteries and a standby generator. But these batteries are

unlike anything you'll find in a flashlight. Ours are large enough to fill a room.

The batteries are kept in constant charge by commercial power. Then if there is an outage they're switched on automatically until our standby generator has time to take over.

Naturally this system is more expensive than one relying solely on regular commercial power. But it helps make your phone sys-tem more dependable, particularly in the event of an emergency.

And we think it's important that you can depend on your telephone during the times when you depend upon. it most.

17 Continental Telephone of Texas You can always call on us.

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Thursday, March 20, 1980

SATURDA Fortnightly club holds meeting

Mrs. Charles Eager was hostess for the March 11 meeting of Fortnightly Study Club at the Big Country

During the business meeting plans were made to work with Cancer Fund Drive in Merkel. Several wigs were also brought to be donated to M.D. Anderson Hospital in Houston.

Mrs. S.C. Dixon, program chairman, introduced the program a Book Review by Mrs. Don Dudley, and led members in repeating the Club Collect.

Mrs. Dudley reviewed Erma Bombeck's book "If Life Is a Bowl of Cherries What Am I Doing in the Pits". This book is about survival in our everyday hectic lives. She answered the question of how, by relating the day by day events in the life of Erma Bombeck while she was raising her family. As Mrs. Dudley so humorously told these stories, it brought back vivid memories to each one.

Those attending this delightful program were Mrs. C.B. Brown, Mary Collins, Mrs. Johnny Cox, Miss Avis Deavers, Mrs. S.C. Dixon, Mrs. Don Dudley,



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Legal and public notices

NOTICE OF CITY OF-FICERS' ELECTION AVISO DE ELECCION DE FUNCIONARIOS DE LA CIUDAD) Merkel. Texas

Notice is hereby given that a City Officers' Election will be held on the 5th day of April, 1980, in the above named city for the purpose of electing the following officers for said city: three Commissioners. Said electtion will be held at the following polling places in said city

In Election Precinct No. 24, at Merkel Gym Building.

The polls at each of the above designated polling places shall on said election day be open from 7:00 o'clock a.m. to 7:00 o'clock p.m. The absentee voting for the above designaled

election shall be held at City Hall Building, in

until 5:00 P.M. the 3-27-80, at the City Hall, 107 Lamar Street, Merkel, Texas. Said bids to be for one pre-owned 1977-1979, 4-door sedan, aut., power steering, air, (white). To be available for inspection prior to bidding.

The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and award the bid to best serve the city. Lou David Allen, Mayor of Merkel, Texas

4-11c NOTICE TO ALL PER-SONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ES-TATE OF JAMES P DUNIGAN, DE-

CEASED Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of James P. Dunigan, Deceased, this tournament. Prowere issued to us, the ceeds from last year's undersigned, on the 11th day of March, 1980, in the proceeding indicated below our signatures hereto, which is still pending, and that we now hold such Letters. All persons having claims against said Estate, which is being administered in the county below named. are required to present the same to us respectively, at the address below given, before suit upon same is barred by the general statutes of limitation, before such Estate is closed, and within the time prescribed by law. The residences of the undersigned Gary J. Willingham, George D. McDonald and Jimmy R. Morris are in Taylor County, Texas, and the Post Office address of all of us is P.O. Box 3237. Abilene, Texas

any citizen who so re-Public Notice: The 1979 annual report of The quests within 180 days after publication of this Campbell Foundation is available at Room 201. notice of availability. The principal manager 1218 N. 4th St., Abilene, is T.C. Campbell. Texas, for inspection during regular hours by

Slowpitch tournament

READY!! It's Slowpitch Softball Tournament time again !! The Triwishing to donate any City Pony League will sponsor a Men's Class B Tournament the weekend of April 18, 19, and 20. Proceeds will go toward new equipment and uniforms for our Pony League players. We hope to have a men and women's tournament a little later. We are hoping and planning to have our new concession stand completed in time for

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4-1tc this project. The blocks are at the field and A.C. Asencio will do the construction. Anyone

"much appreciated volunteer time and labor" is welcome to help us! Local men's teams are urged to get your teams together and join in the tournament fun that we all enjoy so much. There will be a 24 team limit, so get your teams registered early! For information, call Nita or Walt Harris at the Big Country Inn, 928-4723, or after 6 p.m. call Janet or John Vin-



said city, and said place of absentee voting shall remain open for at least 8 hours on each day of absentee voting which is not a Saturday, Sunday or an offical 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 between the hours of 8:00 o'clock a.m. and 5:00 o'clock p.m.

Dated this the 17th day of March, 1980.

(Se da aviso por la presente que se llevara a cabo una Eleccion de Funcionarios de la Ciudad el dia 5th de April de 1980, en la ciudad arriba mencionada para el proposito de elegir a los siguientes funcionarios para dicha ciudad: 3 Comisionados. Dicha eleccion se llevara a cabo en los siguientes lugares de votacion en dicha ciudad:

El Precinto Electoral Num. 24 en el Edificio Merkel Gym.

Los sitios de votacion arriba designados para dicha eleccion se mantendran abiertos en el mencionado dia de elecciones de las 7:00 a m. a las 7:00 p.m.

La votacion ausente para la elección arriba designada se llevara a cabo en el Edificio City Hall, en dicha ciuda.' y dicho lugar de volacion ausente se mantendra abierto por lo menos ocho horas en cada dia de votacion ausente no siendo sabado, domingo o dia festivo oficiai dei Estado, principiando 20 dias y continuando hasta el cuarto dia anteriores a la fecha de dicha eleccion. Dicho lugar de votacion se inantendra abierto de las 8:00 a.m. a las 5:00 p.m. Fechado esta dia 17th de April de 1980.) Lou David Allen Mayor (Alcalde)

79604 DATED this 12th day of March, 1980.

Gary J. Willingham ments. Wills are most George D. McDonald important to the entire Jimmy R. Morris family. They must contain what you want Independent Executors of the Estate of James done, signed before wit-P. Dunigan, Deceased nesses, and notarized to No. 14,580 in the County be legal. Wills are most Court of Taylor County. important to couples Texas 4-11c

tournaments were for son, 928-4748

Compere club meets

would have to be ap-The Compere Extension Homemakers Club pointed, so long as they met March 12 at the remain minors, a will Stith Community Center permits the surviving with Stith club hostess parent to carry on without a guardian. and Compere and Refreshments were Goodman clubs furnishing refreshments for a served to twenty-six la-

dies and two gentlemen. special meeting. The meeting was Everyone enjoyed the social hour. called to order by Mrs. The meeting was Dickerson, Stith club president. Mrs. Fletcher called back to order by Jones gave the opening prayer. Mrs. C.M. the Stith president. A game was played. The gift of appreciation from Brown introduced the speaker, Mr. Roger the three clubs was

DANCE

FRIDAY & SATURDAY

Music By

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QUEENA HEARTS CLUB

TIM, DON & LARRY

Garrett, attorney from presented to the speaker at this time. Abilene. He spoke on "A Woman's Rights, and The drawing for hos-Wills." His information tess gift named Mrs. Belvie Butler as winner. on the changes made are beneficial to women. from Goodman.

Both signatures of a The Compere and couple are required in a Stith clubs will meet with Goodman Club in house transaction, to Mrs. Vivian Winter's buy or sell. Each is responsible for the payhome April 11 for a special meeting on Safety

Those attending the meeting from Compere club were Mrs. Hugh Taylor, Ab Hunter, Dewey Ramsey. Don Adair Clyde Chancey. Clyde Mims, Clayton Dillard with young children. and Mrs. Clayton Dil-Without a will a guarfor the children lard

THE MERKEL MAIL

Trent News

Thursday, March 20, 1980

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Legal notice

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NOTICE TO ALL PER-SONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ES-TATE OF VIOLET M. KEITH, A PERSON OF UNSOUND MIND

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Guardianship for the Estate of VIOLET M. KEITH, a person of unsound mind, were issued on February 21, 1980 in Cause No. 14,557, pending in the County Court of Taylor County; Texas to FLO ANNE KEITH.

The residence of such Guardian is 100 Atlantic,

Pippins will

celebrate 50th

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pippin of Trent, will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary Saturday, March 22, from 2 til 4 at their home in Trent. The celebration will

be hosted by their children Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pippin Jr., Mr. and Mrs.

Mrs. Raymond (Earlene) Childress, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Pippin. Friends are invited to attend **Trent seniors**

Bobby Pippin, Mrs. Do-

ra Langford, Mr. and

Mrs. Joe (Geraldine)

Jennings, Mr. and Mrs.

Jester Pippin, Mr. and

Making the trip are

The juniors are also

touring coast

Nine Trent seniors are NBC Studios, Universal City and Las Vegas. off on the trip of a lifetime as they tour the Trent High seniors Deb-Los Angeles area, Disneyland, and Las Vegas bie Jackson, Cheri Patterson, Sherry Jackson, on their senior trip.

Tammie Hicks, Teresa The Trent seniors left Brazelton, Kim Richlast Wednesday and will ardson, Herbert and return March 20 or 21. Gilbert Beaver, Danny Their agenda called Freeman. Sponsors are for stops at Disneyland, Brenda Jackson and Knotts Berry Farms, Coach Campbell.

Jrs. raising money

Trent Junior Class sign up on a permanent members are hoping to basis or for the April 5th clean up, literally as a trash haul, by calling fund-raising project. Rebecca Sipe at They are sponsoring a 862-2041.

trash haul on April 5th. Persons may sign up to collecting aluminum have their trash hauled cans and David Reed is at Carriker's, Carl Edin charge of that prowards, or Home State ject. You may call him Bank. Trash haulings at 862-3402 and he will will be held every six to arrange to have your eight weeks and you can aluminum cans.

them within the time Administrator is 4649 and in the manner pre-Bruce Drive, Abilene, scribed by law. Taylor County, Texas. DATED the 11th day All persons having of March, 1980. claims against this Es-By: Gary H. Shahan, tate which is currently Administrator being administered are 4-1tc required to present



AUSTIN-In spring, young people's thoughts turn to romance: homeowner's thoughts, unfortunately, are more likely to turn to the more immediate realities of putting in a garden, adding top-soil, planting trees, shrubs and flowers--and, more importantly--finding someone else to do the work so our "natural" spring fever can be allowed to run its course.

There are many reputable yard care services doing business throughout the State. They provide a highly useful service to homeowners who, because of a lack of time, physical capacity or interest do not want to do their own yard work. Many homeowners find they are able to save money by hiring a yard care service since these businesses normally have the expertise and specialized equipment to do the job correctly the first

Unfortunately, the attornevs in the Consumer Protection Division warn that some yard care services are run by itinerant "con men (or women)" who appear each spring to prey on homeowners, then leave for another town after extracting a substantial sum of money for work that may be incomplete or

unsatisfactory.

payment until the work is

completed as agreed. Finally.

if you are solicited by a yard

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your doorstep, remember that you have three days in which to think over the transaction before you are required to pay

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Less reliable firms, however, have been known to supply poor quality stock which often fails to grow. much less look like the lavish color picture advertisements in some newspaper supplements and magazine mailorder sections.

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Profitable Turn-Offs Save Energy Dollars

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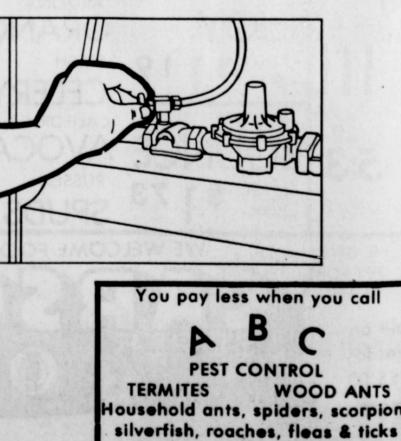
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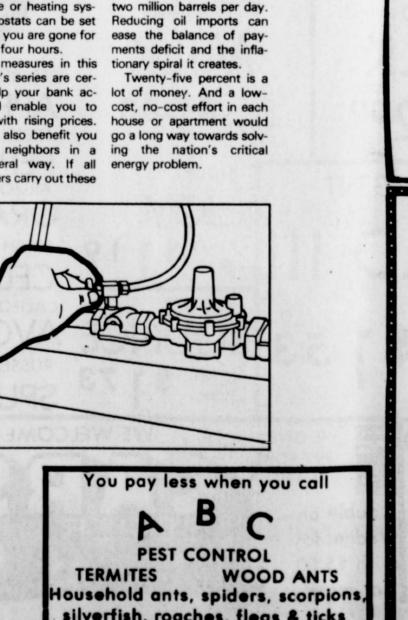
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Legal and public notices

NOTICE OF CITY OF FICERS' ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION DE FUNCIONARIOS DE LA CIUDAD) Merkel. Texas

Notice is hereby given that a City Officers' Election will be held on the 5th day of April, 1980, in the above named city for the purpose of electing the following officers for said city: three Commissioners. Said electtion will be held at the following polling places in said city

In Election Precinct No. 24, at Merkel Gym Building

The polls at each of the above designated polling places shall on said election day be open from 7:00 o'clock a.m. to 7:00 o'clock p.m.

The absentee voting for the above designated election shall be held at City Hall Building in

until 5:00 P.M. the Public Notice: The 1979 3-27-80, at the City Hall, annual report of The 107 Lamar Street, Mer-Campbell Foundation is kel, Texas. Said bids to available at Room 201, be for one pre-owned 1218 N. 4th St., Abilene, 1977-1979, 4-door sedan, Texas, for inspection aut., power steering. during regular hours by air, (white). To be available for inspection

prior to bidding. The City reserves the EVERYONE GET right to accept or reject READY !! It's Slowpitch any or all bids and Softball Tournament award the bid to best time again !! The Triserve the city. City Pony League will Lou David Allen, sponsor a Men's Class B Mayor of Merkel, Texas Tournament the week-4-1tc end of April 18, 19, and

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any citizen who so requests within 180 days after publication of this notice of availability. The principal manager is T.C. Campbell. 4-1tc

Slowpitch tournament

this project. The blocks are at the field and A.C. Asencio will do the construction. Anyone wishing to donate any "much appreciated volunteer time and labor" is welcome to help us! Local men's teams are urged to get your teams together and join in the tournament fun that we all enjoy so much. There will be a 24 team limit, so get your teams registered early! For information, call Nita or Walt Harris at the Big Country Inn. 928-4723, or after 6 p.m.

said city, and said place of absentee voting shall remain open for at least 8 hours on each day of absentee voting which is not a Saturday, Sunday or an offical 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 between the hours of 8:00 o'clock a.m. and 5:00 o'clock p.m.

Dated this the 17th day of March, 1980.

(Se da aviso por la presente que se llevara a cabo una Eleccion de Funcionarios de la Ciudad el dia 5th de April de 1980, en la ciudad arriba mencionada para el proposito de elegir a los siguientes funcionarios para dicha ciudad: 3 Comisionados. Dicha eleccion se llevara a cabo en los siguientes lugares de votacion en dicha ciudad:

El Precinto Electoral Num. 24 en el Edificio Merkel Gym.

Los sitios de votacion arriba designados para dicha eleccion se mantendran abiertos en el mencionado dia de elecciones de las 7:00 a m. a las 7:00 pm

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undersigned, on the 11th day of March, 1980, in the proceeding indicated below our signatures hereto, which is still pending, and that we now hold such Letters. All persons having claims against said Estate, which is being administered in the county below named. are required to present the same to us respectively, at the address below given, before suit upon same is barred by the general statutes of limitation, before such Estate is closed, and within the time prescribed by law. The residences of the undersigned Gary J. Willingham, George D. McDonald and Jimmy R. Morris are in Taylor County, Texas, and the

Post Office address of

all of us is P.O. Box

3237. Abilene, Texas

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Compere club meets

The Compere Extension Homemakers Club met March 12 at the Stith Community Center with Stith club hostess and Compere and Goodman clubs furnishing refreshments for a special meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Dickerson, Stith club president. Mrs. Fletcher Jones gave the opening prayer. Mrs. C.M. Brown introduced the speaker, Mr. Roger Garrett, attorney from Abilene. He spoke on "A Woman's Rights, and Wills." His information on the changes made are beneficial to women. Both signatures of a couple are required in a house transaction, to buy or sell. Each is

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permits the surviving parent to carry on without a guardian. Refreshments were served to twenty-six ladies and two gentlemen. Everyone enjoyed the social hour.

The meeting was called back to order by the Stith president. A game was played. The gift of appreciation from the three clubs was presented to the speaker at this time.

The drawing for hostess gift named Mrs. Belvie Butler as winner, from Goodman.

The Compere and Stith clubs will meet with Goodman Club in Mrs. Vivian Winter's home April 11 for a special meeting on Safety.

Those attending the meeting from Compere club were Mrs. Hugh Taylor, Ab Hunter, Dewey Ramsey, Don Adair Clyde Chancey. Clyde Mims, Clayton Dillard and Mrs. Clayton Dillard

FRIDAY & SATURDAY Music By TIM, DON & LARRY FRI 8-12 SAT 9-1

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Pippins will celebrate 50th

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pippin of Trent, will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary Saturday, March 22, from 2 til 4 at their home in Trent.

The celebration will be hosted by their children Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pippin Jr., Mr. and Mrs.

Bobby Pippin, Mrs. Dora Langford, Mr. and Mrs. Joe (Geraldine) Jennings, Mr. and Mrs. Jester Pippin, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond (Earlene) Childress, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Pippin.

Friends are invited to attend.

Trent seniors touring coast

NBC Studios, Universal Nine Trent seniors are off on the trip of a City and Las Vegas. Making the trip are lifetime as they tour the Los Angeles area, Dis-Trent High seniors Debneyland, and Las Vegas bie Jackson, Cheri Patterson, Sherry Jackson, on their senior trip. Tammie Hicks, Teresa

The Trent seniors left Brazelton, Kim Richlast Wednesday and will return March 20 or 21. ardson, Herbert and Gilbert Beaver, Danny Their agenda called for stops at Disneyland, Freeman. Sponsors are Brenda Jackson and Knotts Berry Farms, Coach Campbell.

Jrs. raising money

Trent Junior Class sign up on a permanent members are hoping to basis or for the April 5th clean up, literally as a trash haul, by calling Rebecca Sipe at They are sponsoring a trash haul on April 5th.

862-2041 The juniors are also collecting aluminum cans and David Reed is in charge of that project. You may call him at 862-3402 and he will arrange to have your aluminum cans.

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AUSTIN-In spring, young people's thoughts turn to romance; homeowner's thoughts, unfortunately, are more likely to turn to the more immediate realities of putting in a garden, adding top-soil, planting trees, shrubs and flowers--and, more importantly-finding someone else to do the work so our "natural" spring fever can be allowed to run its course.

There are many reputable yard care services doing business throughout the State. They provide a highly useful service to homeowners who, because of a lack of time, physical capacity or interest do not want to do their own yard work. Many homeowners find they are able to save money by hiring a yard care service since these businesses normally have the expertise and specialized equipment to do the job correctly the first time

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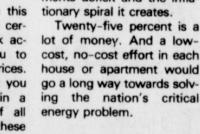
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