

# The Merkel Mail

Thursday, July 2, 1981...Merkel, Texas Merkel's 100th year USA's 205th Year 15 cents

## Fun Day set Saturday; fun, food, games, more

by Martha Sue Justice

We are now on the count down for one of the largest celebrations in Merkel history, Fun Day-Centennial 1981. Time is 10:00 a.m. til at least 10:00 p.m., Saturday, July 4th.

Food and drinks of all description will be available plus games and contests for all ages. Music is scheduled throughout the day and night along with water polo exhibit at 3:00 p.m. and General Auction at 5:30.

Congressman Charles Stenholm and wife, Cindy, will be visiting with us between 5 and 6 p.m. We know they will be welcome and enjoy our many activities.

If you haven't bought tickets, do so today. The city of Merkel crews are working extremely hard constructing our restroom facilities at the park, so we must join together in paying for this project. Remember, when you buy a ticket, you also have a chance for the many prizes to be given away July 4th. The following prize list is not complete. We will have quite a few more on hand for the drawings Saturday. Allen, Cypert Tax Service- \$10 off; Things In General- \$10.00 free merchandise (2 certificates); F & M- Loud Mouth II; Super Taco- 2 mexican dinners; Hicks Auto Supply- 2 carskin reconditioners, 1 engine air power tire pump, 1 rally cream wax; Handy Food Store- 1 case Dr. Peppers, 1 case Cokes; Pug and Leo's- 1 lb. sliced Bar-B-Que Brisket, 1 lb. Bar-B-Que Sausage; Merkel Locker Plant- 5-2 lb. pkgs. sausage; Pat's Beauty Salon- 2 curling brushes, 2 hair spray; Bishop Shell- 1 free car wash; Hi-Val- Hack saw, lantern flashlight, 1 set open end wrenches; Consolidated Plumbing- 1 set of Valley II, two handle washerless faucets; Taylor Telephone- Presto (air) popcorn popper; Sybles Beauty Nook- 1 hair cut with shampoos and set and 1 can hair spray; Luskey's- 1 pair Tony Lama Boots; Starbuck Furniture- Hassock;

Stanfords- LCD Quartz Digital Clock am-fm radio; Mrs. Patterson, Watkins Products- Bar-B-Que Gift Set; H & B Plumbing- Certificate for a kitchen or bath faucet-installed; Candy's Cakes- (Certificate) one 9 x 13 sheet cake; Merkel Brick and Lumber- 1- 2 gal. water cooler; Terry's Auto Supply- Certificate- 8 oil filters and 5 quarts of oil; Walls Factory- Insulated coveralls; Cal-Tex- 2- \$10 Beef certificates; Lone Star Gas- Convertible 3 in 1 chair and Alladin pump a drink gallon jug; Merkel Pipe and Supply- 10 gallon cooler; Wilson Jewelry- Flower arrangement; American Testing- 6 caps; Farrington Fina- certificate for 15 gallons of gas; Merkel Mail- Life subscription to the Merkel Mail; Tessie's Snack Bar- 2 chicken fried steaks ala carte; Carson's Super Market- 2 overnight cases, 2 ice cream machines; Amway Distributors- Edgar and Barbara Graham- 2 packs Amway Gifts and 1 set Hoctess Knives; Merkel Auto Parts- 2 glass cleaners and 2 armor all.

To all persons with booth reservations: Come down to the park Friday to check booth locations for Saturday, bring your own shelters and set ups, and bring an American flag for display. Anyone wishing to build their shelter Friday is welcome to do so. Everyone signed up for electricity, please bring an extension cord.

Everyone is encouraged to bring lawn chairs, blankets or whatever for your own comfort that day.

Johnny Starbuck is still the number one ticket seller in Merkel. Johnny has worked extremely hard to help us pay for our restrooms and is to be congratulated for going beyond the call of duty.

All bands are urged to contact Ray Pack after 7 at 928-4916 for schedule times.

Put your glad rags on and get set for Saturday, July 4th, Fun Day Centennial Celebration 1981. The largest fun filled event to ever take place in Merkel, Texas!!



Ray Pack & Halfbreed will again be featured at Fun Day

## Wheat season good, price bad

The wheat season is over at Jack South Elevators, but Henderson Grain is still taking in a trickle or two.

Both Jack South and Walter Whisenhunt agreed on their opinion of the current price, both saying it's lousy. The price Tuesday morning was \$3.60 and sliding.

South said he believed the price is bad because poor demand, a 24 per cent worldwide supply increase and the high dollar costs.

South ended the season with 480,000 bushels and said they have had no transportation problems and the operation went smoothly.

South also said, "It's been a good year, not as good as we expected and we weren't looking for the lousy market, but overall, it's been a good year."

At Henderson Grain, they took 15 million pounds this year and they still have 12 grain cars to ship, but they don't have the rail cars to ship the grain out.

On the year he said, "It was a little shorter than 1979, but we had a good year. We have appreciated the business we did receive. The price situation is pitiful. The price may fall to \$3 by the time they get the Nebraska wheat harvested."

## Centennial Edition on sale now

by Cloy ... Richards

Three years ago this week, my father and I traveled here to see the first edition of "my" paper roll off of the press.

For an enlisted type in the U.S. Air Force, it was a moving experience. I guess the date had something to do with it (July 4th), the way it was printed, it being my first edition and all.

I kinda had some of those same feelings Monday night when Cathy Pack and I put the Mail's Centennial Edition to bed (that's newspaper slang for finishing touches).

It was a great experience working on this edition. I read virtually every newspaper printed back through 1916 working on the weekly updates. I had a chance to learn what kind of people got this community started and what they went through making it happen.

The Centennial Edition, which all subscribers receive free this week, and is on sale at the office for 50 cents and will be available Fun Day, is made up mostly of family histories that were

submitted to us.

We have also included general historical information. It is a chronicle of Merkel and it's people and we are proud of the product.

I decided to dedicate the edition to my father. There are so many reasons for that decision, I will not go into all of them. The main reason is he believes in me. He has stood behind me since that first edition rolled off the press both mentally and financially. He provided me the opportunity to do what I like best for a living and for what I will always be grateful.

It was a real challenge for a staff of three full timers to pull this edition off. It was the equivalent to putting out three and a half Merkel Mail editions in one week.

We hope you will sit down and take the time to read the Centennial Edition. You may find that you learn a few things and I guarantee one thing, you will know a little bit more about Merkel and Merkelites when you are through.

That oughta be worth 50 cents anyway.

## Fun Day, reunion, Centennial Edition

by Cloy A. Richards

This is the weekend we have been waiting for. Fun Day-1981 will be something different from any future Fun Day in that it is being held during our Centennial Year.

Historically speaking, there won't be much going on at the Park. Good Old Fashioned Fun, food and games will be the fare of the day.

Last year's crowd of 1,400 to 1,700 bewildered most observers and this year's crowd should be as large or larger.

It's an event we can look forward to with pride. Lot's of folks have helped plan the event, but none more so than Martha Sue Justice. For the second straight year, she took the bull by the horns and planned Fun Day. For that, we all owe her a debt of gratitude.

Plan to attend as much of Fun Day as you can. It will be a show you won't want to miss.

Merkel must have a thing for July 4th, it seems that major events take place surrounding that date.

Twenty-five years ago, Merkel held gala ceremonies marking the town's 50th anniversary and the 75th year of it's founding. During those ceremonies, it was announced the water from Abilene was being turned on and the crowd went wild.

This year, one week before Fun Day, the Department of Housing and Urban Development announced final approval of a \$1.3 million grant for general community upgrading.

That ain't bad. It's not very often you celebrate a Centennial or a 75th anniversary, and Merkel has come up with some very unique and productive ways to commemorate those facts.

I told ya'll last week the story about General Dodge's allowing his daughter to name one of the towns along the T&P line would start some historical arguments.

One person was so adamant about the story being inaccurate, she wanted to read the Mail article about the general's death before believing it.

We are not saying that is how Merkel got it's name, but that story is just as believable as any

other.

Had a great family reunion this past weekend in College Station. One of the highlights had to be the fishing expertise exhibited by my uncle's daughters.

My dad and I seined some crawdads from a nearby ditch and the bass seemed to like them very well.

Marty, the older girl, caught a respectable bass of about two and a half pounds and that catch seemed to inspire Randy, the younger girl. Thirty minutes later, while ol' Cloy was still cleaning fish, Randy came running up to the house with a heck of a load. She had hauled in a bass that weighed between 4 1/2 to 5 pounds.

I didn't mind cleaning that one a bit.

Congratulations are in order to the boys and girls who have made all-star teams from Merkel Little League and the United Girls Softball.

Attend Fun Day. It's an event you will not want to miss.

Somehow, the Dale Hammond signature was left off of the Centennial commemorative T-shirts. Dale did the art work for the shirts, as I am sure most of you Hammond fans can tell.

We just wanted to make sure he got proper credit. The shirt design is also in this week's Centennial Edition. It just happens to be the cover.

Speaking of Centennial Edition, each Mail subscriber received one free, but folks who buy their papers at the stores around town will have to go out of their way to get a copy.

The Mail is selling Centennial Editions at 50 cents each and they are available at the Mail office and will also be on sale at Fun Day.

It's not too late to buy those Fun Day tickets, so purchase yours today. Johnny Starbuck will again be the top seller, easy with his \$600 in sales already. If he hasn't already hit you up to buy tickets, you've done a darn good job of hiding.

## Roping-barrells set this weekend

A team roping and barrel racing is set for 1 p.m. Sunday at the Merkel Riding Club.

The team roping will be three head for \$30, progressive after one. A buckle will be given to the champion header and heeler.

A WPRA and WTBRA approval barrel race will be held with \$250 added money in the purse.

Entry fee is \$32. The \$500 Novice race carries a \$13 entry fee, the \$250 Novice race carries a \$8 fee and the \$150 also carries a \$8 fee. The open barrel race carries a \$13 fee.

Team roping will start at 1 p.m. and the barrel races will follow. For further information, call 862-6180 or 862-6332.



The 1981 Merkel Little League All-Stars were announced last week and they include (front row, left to right) David Doan, Danny Santee, Britt Pursley, Ricky Doan, Wayne Johnson, Todd Yaddow, Lee Leverich, and Ted Seymore. (Second row) Willie Brazelton, Chris Simpson,

Eddie Biera, Ramon Moreno, Russell Morgan, Maury Oler, Dean Franklin, Gary Sutterfield. Coaches are (left) Tony Trevino and Richard Hernandez. The All-Stars will play July 13th at 8 p.m. at the Abilene North Little League Park against Winters. (Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards)



The Division III All-Stars include (Kneeling, left to right) Denise Pack, Cindy Williams, Nancy Brenem, Leslie McGlothlin, Tina Bicknell, Mandy Guenther. (Middle row, left to right) Janie McGlothlin-Manager, Tammy Swinney,

Marsha Tutt, Leigh Ann McGlothlin, Debra Williams, Lugenia Knight-scorekeeper. (Back row, left to right) Henry Guenther-Coach, Jerry Cowin-Coach, John Davis-Alternate Coach. (Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards)



# Obituaries

## William Richardson

The Rev. William Garrett Richardson 79, of Merkel a longtime area minister died at 3:20 a.m. Monday at Starr Nursing Home after a long illness. Services were at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Starbuck Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Joe Davis of Calvary Baptist Church officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Born Sept. 17, 1901, in Adamsville, he had

lived in Merkel since 1935. He had been a member of Calvary Baptist Church and had been minister of several churches in the Merkel area before he retired in 1972. He married Lillian A. Davis May 25, 1942 in Abilene.

He was preceded in death by five brothers and six sisters.

Survivors include his wife; and several nieces and nephews.

## Jimmy Riggan

Jimmy Donald Riggan, age 45, of Merkel died 5:15 a.m. Friday of injuries received in an oilfield accident. Services were at 3 p.m. Sunday at the First Baptist Church in Merkel with Rev. P.T. Stewart and the Rev. Lynward Harrison officiating. Burial was in the White Church Cemetery.

Born Aug. 2, 1935 in Mulberry Canyon, he had lived in this area all his life. He was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church. He had married Dodie Jones April 28, 1956 in Sweetwater.

Survivors include his wife; three sons, Derrell Wayne, Jerrell Don and Danny Jay all of fMerkel; two brothers, Murrel of Merkel and Venzil of Sweetwater; two sisters, Elsie Swinney and Betty Lu Satterwhite, both of Merkel; his mother, Grace Riggan of Merkel. Preceded in death by a brother Carl and two sisters, Geraldine and Lola Mae Bartlett.

Pallbearers were Lee Tucker, Harold Sloan, Corky Land, Derrell Farmer, Oscar Vaughn, Bobby Toliver.

## Mary Walker

Mary Buntin Walker 75, of Hodges died at 5:15 p.m. Tuesday at West Texas Medical Center after a long illness. Services were at 2 p.m. Thursday at First Baptist Church in Merkel. Rev. Clyde Cook, pastor of Central Baptist Church in Stamford and the Rev. Ausie Watson of Abilene officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery in Merkel.

Born Oct. 27, 1905 in Big Spring, Mrs. Walker has lived in the Abilene area since 1937. She was a mem-

ber of the Stith Baptist Church. She married Raymond Buntin on Dec. 31, 1923 in Abilene. He died in 1964. She then married Stanley Walker June 2, 1975 in Roby.

Survivors include her husband; a son, Beauford Buntin; a daughter, Elouise Burson of Abilene; three stepsons, C.J. Walker of Irving, Robert of Plainview, and Dave of Abilene, 18 grand children and 11 great grandchildren.

Grandsons will be pallbearers.

## Edna Coats

Edna Ruth Coats, 71, of Merkel died at 7:30 Wednesday, at her home of a sudden illness. Services were 4 p.m. Friday at the Starbuck Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Ray Elmore officiating.

Born April 25, 1910 in Eastland County, she had lived 15 years in Midland and in Merkel the past two years. She was a Methodist and married Lendon

Coats Sept. 1st, 1934 in Clyde.

Survivors include her husband; one daughter, Elaine McCarty of New Mexico; one brother, Wayne Coward of Wichita Falls; Edith Magee of Kingsville, Myrl Childress of Odem; three grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Arthur Lee, Ronnie Lee, Joe Cypert, Junior Clark, Bernard Clark and Robert Higgins.

## Gage promoted to senior airman

Eitnel F. Gage, son of Evelyn R. Reeb, of Route 2, Trent, Texas, has been promoted in the U.S. Air Force to the rank of senior airman.

Gage is a parachute

specialist at Wurtsmith Air Force Base, Mich., with the 379th Field Maintenance Squadron.

He is a 1978 graduate of Trent High School.

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**The Consumer Alert**  
 by Mark White  
 Attorney General

AUSTIN—Vacation time is here again and many people will be leaving their homes in search of fun in distant places. There is always the possibility that you may find serious problems when you return if you fail to take certain precautions before you leave on your trip this summer.

It is this time of year, with the migration away from the home in full force, that law-enforcement experts say is the prime time for burglaries in residential areas.

To offset this flight from the suburbs, they suggest that you burglar-proof your home before leaving, so the odds of your being burglarized while you are away will be reduced and you will not return to find yourself the victim of a burglary.

The following check-list is suggested as a vacation crime-prevention measure:

1. Check with your local police if you plan an extended vacation trip; many police forces offer a "close patrol" of homes where persons are known to be away on vacation. You will need to tell them what cars or persons, if any, will be making authorized visits to your home.
2. Avoid mentioning to casual acquaintances or strangers that you will be on vacation. Also, avoid telling your newspaper society editor of your trip until you have returned.
3. Stop mail, newspaper and other delivery services.
4. Have someone come by every few days and pick up any circulars that might accumulate.
5. Leave a few lights on or buy an automatic timer that will turn certain lights on and off after dark. The newest timers on the market can switch on and off at different times each night.
6. Cut your lawn before you leave, and if you will be gone for a long time, make arrangements with someone to have it cut periodically during the course of your vacation.
7. Lock all windows and doors securely. A sliding glass patio door can be more securely fastened by wedging a stick or metal instrument at the top or bottom of the door.
8. Leave blinds, shutters or curtains open or partially open. Windows that are tightly covered all day, every day, are an indication no one is home.
9. Tell a neighbor or your apartment manager that you will be gone and ask them to keep an eye on your place for you.
10. Before leaving, engrave all valuables in your home and those you will be taking with you in the car with your drivers' license or social security number. Some police forces will lend you an engraver to mark your belongings, so register your number on their master list and they will give you a bright sticker for a window or door which shows that you are protected. This may discourage burglars from taking your goods, and it will make identification of recovered items much easier.
11. Keep a list of all items of value with an estimate of their cost. Many insurance companies suggest this be done and that photographs be taken of the valuables as well. This can be of major importance if you have to file a claim for loss with an insurance carrier. Your insurance agent can provide you with information on how frequently such lists should be updated.

If you'll take the time to follow the above check-list, you can at least have the benefit of knowing that you have done everything in your power to insure a burglar-free home upon your return from your vacation. Don't do criminals a favor by making their task easier for them.

# Garden Club thanks donors

Members of the Merkel Garden Club wish to take this opportunity to express our appreciation for the untiring efforts and dedication of Lola Cox who was chairman of the Garden Club Cemetery Fence Fund for many years. In her memory a number of memorials have been donated to the Fence Fund. They are as follows: Lou Ella Hughes, Ada N. Clark, Peggy Black, Mrs. George Peachey, Fortnightly Study Club, Merkel Garden Club, Louise Boaz, Lula B. Smith, Fannie B. Richardson, Evelyn B. Scroggins, Frank Grimes, Lila Touchstone, Mary Sears, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Breaux, Mr. and Mrs. Grady Knight, Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Pribble, Elmo Dick, Rose Davis, Ruth Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Berlie Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Hicks, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Thomas, Mrs. Irvin Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Laney, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gregory, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Walker, Mrs. Evelyn Stribling, Mr. and Mrs. O.J. Reynolds and Bob.

Other donations listed are: Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Boaz honoring T.E. Collins, Dr. and Mrs. W.T. Sadler in honor of T.E. Collins, Ted and Hazel Pargament and Minnie Coats honoring Mae Seago, Lottie Everett and Mary Russom in memory of Mabel Bickley, Alice King honoring T.E. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Boaz honoring Jack Benningfield, Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Boaz honoring Lilly Pratt Brown, A.D. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Fox honoring Nola Mae Pursley, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Black honoring Nola Mae Pursley, Ted and Hazel Pargament and Minnie Coats in memory of Nola Mae Pursley.

Anyone wishing to make a donation to the Merkel Garden Club Cemetery Fence Fund may do so at the F. and M. National Bank in Merkel. It should be designated for the Merkel Garden

Club Cemetery Fence Fund to avoid confusion. The Fence Fund is a Savings Account to be used to add another section of fence.

## Assembly of God singing

There will be a Gospel Singing, Friday night, July 10 at the Assembly of God Church, N. 2nd and Runnels. The singing will start at 7:30. Everyone is welcome. Come and take a part in this singing.



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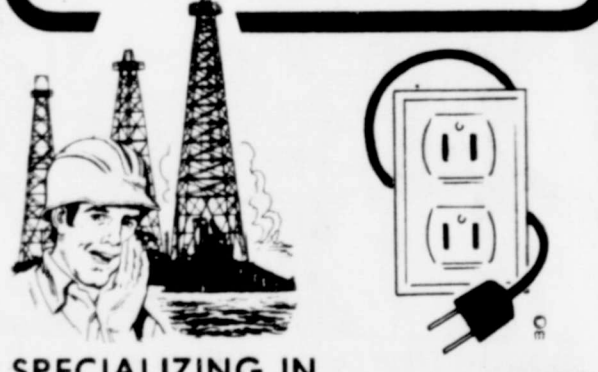
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29-14	5 Gallon Hydraulic Oil (R & AII, Plastic)	\$14.30 - 5 Gallon
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The 1981 Little League Champs are the Bankers, after they breezed through the season with a 13-0 record. Team members include (front row, left to right) Michael Ybarra, Terry Trevino, Stephen Ross, Tony Trevino, Brandon

Rice, David Doan. (Second row) Mark Aldrete, Ricky Hernandez, Ramon Moreno, Dean Franklin, Jeremy Judge, Brent Pierce. Not pictured is Stephen Faulkner. Coaches are (left to right) Tony Trevino, Sr. and Richard Hernandez. (Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards)

**Top Tye news & events**

Whats Happening In Tye  
by Harold Boyd

Been a week or two since we've had a column in the Mail. Time is overriding this writer due to the other interest, but also the lack of news. So if you don't see the column every week, you guess it no real news.

To start off will be Merkel's 2nd Annual Fun Day at the city park. Everything starting at 10 a.m. with more things to see, do in 12 hours than one could find anywhere else, but in Merkel, Texas. Meet old friends and make new ones, 11 bands to entertain you, all day long, several food booths, prizes to be given away to lucky ticket holders. Admission is free, tickets that are purchased will give you an opportunity to win prizes and help build needed restroom for the city park. Don't miss it, a fun 4th of July at Merkel, Texas, see you there.

What's with the clearing along the railroad tracks? Concerned citizens are cleaning up the town and our railroad right always are the ugliest along with other areas. Cleaning this up is a start and it is hoped that a few trees, flowers, shrubs will eventually be there in the future. Tye can be an inviting community only we can clean up and take pride in one of the nicest towns

around.  
Say, Jim Snowden, is it true you enjoyed acting a municipal judge while the regular judge was on vacation. Our mayor was acting as judge, while Dennis Hodges was on vacation and by the reports, the police department didn't give him any rest. His phone worked overtime and at all hours. Just part of the job of being mayor. Jim wears many hats, Mobile Service Station, Mayor, Small Engine Mechanic and what ever else that comes along.

Chief Leon "Adair" was bestowed a birthday party last Thursday at the Rinky Dink and was escorted by the police department. Chief Leon "Adair" Van Gorp celebrated his birthday under a false arrest and several friends honored him on his 38th birthday with cake, etc.

Coming up this weekend will be another three day holiday, the 4th of July. Safety should be everyone's watch word. Be careful with your driving, setting off your fire works, your boating, just keep the simple rules alive and yourself. Drive careful, keep good out look for the other drivers and the alike hazards. Overloading of boats, speed, wearing of life preservers. What ever your plans, do have a safe, enjoyable 4th of July Holiday.

**Legal Notices**

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF RUBY NELL BRITT, DECEASED  
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The residence of such Executor is Taylor County, Texas.  
The post office address is 2501 Campus Court, Abilene, Texas 79601.  
All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and manner prescribed by law.  
DATED the 29th day of June, 1981.  
H. L. Hays, Jr.,  
ATTORNEY FOR

**Football camp scheduled**

A football camp has been scheduled here for July 6, 7, 8. This football camp is for next year's sixth, seventh and eighth graders from 8 until noon each day. There will be no contact equipment used. Emphasis will be placed on fundamentals. Registration starts Monday from 8 until 8:30. There will be a \$10 fee per student.

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: WAYNE WELCH, Respondent GREETINGS: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable 326 District Court, Taylor County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said County in Abilene, Texas at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of Janice Riley Brewster and Larry A. Brewster, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 12th day of June, 1981, against Wayne F. Welch, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 5758-C on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Interest of Tammy Jene Welch, a Child", the nature of which suit is a request to Termination and Adoption.

Said child was born the 14th day of December, 1972, in Breckenridge, Texas.

The Court has the authority in this suit to enter any judgement 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 he mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this 5th day of June, 1981.  
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11-4tc CARD OF THANK: Thank you for all the acts of kindness shown for our loved one. All the prayers and comforting words are all appreciated. The family of Tom Watson.

15-1tp Jewell Dunagin and family would like to thank you, dear friends of Merkel, for your prayers, cards and flowers. We love you all. Jewell is recuperating at her daughter's home. Dorothy McCraw, Rt. 6 Box 423, Abilene.

15-1tc I wish to extend sincere thanks and appreciation for the many cards, gifts and flowers that were sent to me from my many friends during my stay in the hospital. Trula Cox

15-1tp PUBLIC NOTICE As of April 21st, this year, Rod Kennedy, of 212 West, Merkel, is no longer in partnership with D.B. Electric.

13-4tc NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF CECIL A. CHILDERS, SR., A PERSON OF UNSOUND MIND

Notice is hereby given that original Temporary Letters of Guardianship for the Estate of Cecil A. Childers, Sr., were issued on June 5, 1981, in Cause No. 15,036, pending in the County Court of Taylor County Texas, to:

Charles Michael Childers The residence of such Guardian is Taylor County, Texas. The post office address is: c/o Whitten, Haag, Cobb & Hacker P.O. Box 208 Abilene, Texas 79604 All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to

present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 24th day of June, 1981.

Whitten, Haag, Cobb, & Hacker P.O. Box 208 Abilene, Texas 79604 915-672-7824 by Gary L. Hacker State Bar Card No. 08667250 Attorneys for the Estate 15-1tc

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF ARTHUR A. WADLE, Deceased

Noticed is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Arthur A. Wadle were issued on June 22, 1981 in Cause No. 15,066, pending in the Probate Court of Taylor County, Texas, to:

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DATED the 2 day of July, 1981.

by Lindsay Sharpe Attorney for the Estate 15-1tc

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: Unknown father, respondent. GREETINGS: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said County in Abilene, Texas at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of Christian Homes, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 4th day of June, 1981, against Unknown Father, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 5691-C on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Interest of Baby Boy Harold, a Child", the nature of which suit is a request to Termination of the Parental Rights between the unknown Father and the said child.

Said child was born the 3rd day of June, 1981, in Abilene, Taylor County, Texas. The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgement 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 con-

servator with authority to consent of 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 herof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of the said Court at Abilene, Texas, this 22nd day of June, 1981.

Irene Crawford Clerk 326th District Court Taylor County, Texas By Johnnie Woodard, Deputy 16-1tc



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# Butman family holds reunion at Butman Methodist Camp

On Father's Day June 21, 1981, the descendants of the late Sam Butman Sr. and Madge Belle Butman met at Butman Methodist Camp. About 60 were present. A delightful swim along with other activities was enjoyed by all.

Will Butman, age 93, was the oldest member present. Mica Merrell, age 10 months, daughter of Mark and Judy Merrell, was the youngest and Mrs. Rick (Beth) Latrell of Lubbock, traveled the longest distance. Mary Russom read a poem

"One day is definitely not enough for Father's Day."

A moment of silence was observed for the ones who have died during the year, namely Nonnie Goodwin, age 15, daughter of Bob and Paka Goodwin, Chad Wilson, age 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wilson of Nolan, and Louis Butman, age 87, of Abilene.

Those present were, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Ray and son David, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Bob Neff,

Tammy and Handy, Jerrell Butman, Joe Swinney, Harold Swinney and son Kyle, Donny McAnally, Chris Cutler, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Swinney, Tammie, Darla and Manie, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Riley, Billy Ray and Ricky, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Palk, Midland, Beth Litrell, Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brnovak, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Merrell and Mica, Mrs. Sam Butman, Jr.,

Tommy and Jacky Swinney, Mary Russom, Lottie Everett, Mrs. Ruby Shipman, and son Darrell, Rev. and Mrs. Russell McAnally, Mr. and Mrs. A.D. Scott, Mrs. Barry Scott, Holly, Carolyn, Daniel, Amy, Kelly, and Taylor, Jeff and Spencer Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Will Butman, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Wilson and Mrs. and Mrs. Mike Ray, Jamie, Mindi and Tommy Russom.



The 1981 Division II All-Stars were recently named. They include (front row, left to right) Sheila White, Cammie Bright, Amy Irvin, Missy Simpson, Tina Jaramillo, Michelle Woodard. (Kneeling) Krista Toombs, Sherry Riney, Angie Moreno, April Dupont, Mandy Pack. (back row) Duke Pack, Shirley Dupont, Gaston Thomas, and Ginny Yaddow. (Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards)

### Smith's attend reunion

The family of Mrs. Minnie E. Smith had a great time at Lake Eufolla. Picnics, fishing, boat rides were enjoyed by all. There were 38 grandchildren and children present.

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## Dunlap, Castille wed here

Rebecca Ann Dunlap and Jamie Lee Castille were married Friday, June 19, in a double ring candlelit ceremony held in the First Baptist Church of Merkel with the Rev. David Bugg officiating.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride is the daughter of Jeff Dunlap and Gerrie Jinkens Dunlap.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R.L. Castille.

The bride was attended by her sister, Angela Dunlap, as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Christi Brady, Vicki Campbell, and Tammy Davis, all of Merkel.

The flower girl was Shayla Hardy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Hardy of Merkel.

Doug Mifflin of Odessa, was the best man. Groomsmen were Steve Castille of Cisco, Jason Castille of Merkel, both brothers of the bridegroom and Kelly Wolf of Merkel.

Mrs. Roy Davis, of Merkel, was the organist. Musical selection were "You Light Up My Life", sung by Donna McCartney, "If" sung by Rena Reeves and "The Twelfth of Never" sung by Patty Wellborn of Houston, sister of the bridegroom.

The bridegroom's parents hosted the rehearsal dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mickey Gregory of Abilene, sister and brother-in-law of the bridegroom. The reception was hosted by the bride's mother in the reception hall of the First Baptist Church. Servers for the reception were Patty Wellborn, Sue Gregory and Judy Castille, who are sisters of the bridegroom and Carolyn Gilmore and Beverly Helmer, who are cousins of the bride. Also serving were Tara Edwards, Lori Sloan and Laura Cochran.

The bride is a 1981 graduate of Merkel High school and is a former employee of Merkel Drug. She plans to attend Midland College in the fall.



The bridegroom is a 1979 Merkel High School graduate and attended Texas State Technical Institute in Sweetwater. He is currently employed by Eastman Whipstock in Abilene and will begin work at Texas Instruments in Midland in the latter part of June.

The couple plan to live in Midland following a wedding trip to Dallas-Ft. Worth.

## Hensley gets Dupont award

This award was first given in 1979. The Dupont award is given to the student who has achieved the greatest academic average of the graduating class. This award goes to Reinette Hensley, who achieved an academic average of 3.77.

Reinette is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Clyde Morgan of Abilene and daughter-in-law of Don and Charlene Hensley. After graduating from Abilene Christian High School in 1975, Reinette attended Abilene Christian University where, in 1979, she received a bachelor of science degree in education with a major in physical education. During this time, she had two honors, that of being in the education honor society of Kappa Delta Pi, and that of the honor society for Christian women, the W Club.

Other activities in college included being a member of the student education association, Delta Theta Social Club, Women's Basketball Team, Women's Track Team, Women's Tennis Team, and the American Softball Association.

Over the years she has coached both girls and boys team in basketball and track. Reinette has

worked as a playground attendant, a lifeguard, and as a swimming instructor. In 1978, the recipient of this award married Scott Hensley.

Reinette is now employed at Radiology Department as a X-Ray technician.

## Harris named Fireman sweetheart

Melissa Ann Harris was recently elected Sweetheart of the Texas Fireman's Auxiliary to the Texas Fireman's and Fire Marshalls Association.

Attending the 105th convention held in San Antonio were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harris and brother, Kristofor and Fire Chief and Mrs. Waymon Adcock.

Melissa will be in the 6th grade, a member of the Rhymatic Choir of First United Methodist Church, U.M.Y., plays the saxophone, piano, and softball. She is an associate member of the Merkel F.F.A. and shows duroc and chester white pigs winning 13th at Dallas State Fair, a 4th and Grand Champion at Merkel show and 3rd in county, 5th in Regional.

She is in partnership with her grandfather, Joe McCarthy, in the M & H Breeders farm south of Merkel.

Melissa's serve as sweetheart for the coming

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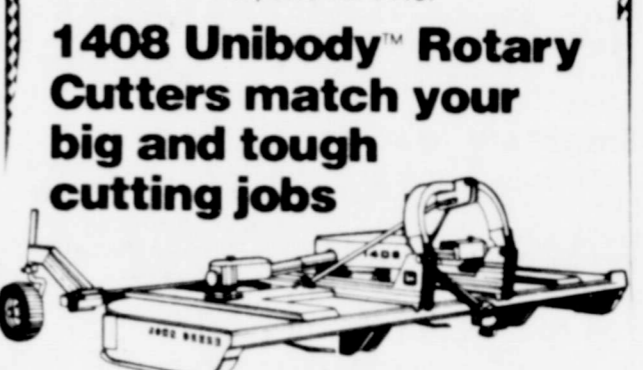
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Southwestern Bell, in accordance with the rules of the Public Utility Commission of Texas, hereby gives notice of the company's intent to implement a new schedule of telephone rates in Texas effective July 21, 1981, unless otherwise determined by the Commission.

It is expected that the requested rate schedule will furnish a 15.8 percent increase in the company's intrastate revenues.

A complete copy of the new rate schedule is on file with the Public Utility Commission in Austin, Texas, and with each affected municipality served by Southwestern Bell, and is available for inspection in each of the company's public business offices in Texas.

Notice to Customers of Other Telephone Companies

The filing includes, but is not limited to, proposals to increase rates for interexchange private line and foreign exchange (FX) service. Changes in such rates would also affect customers of other telephone companies because such companies provide interexchange private line and foreign exchange service in accordance with rates specified in Southwestern Bell's tariffs.

### Aviso Público

Southwestern Bell, en conformidad a las reglas del Public Utility Commission (Comisión de Servicios Públicos) de Texas, por la presente hace saber su intención de establecer un nuevo arancel para servicio de teléfono en Texas con vigencia a partir del 21 de Julio de 1981, a menos que la Comisión haga otra determinación.

Se espera que el nuevo arancel que se ha solicitado rendirá un aumento de 15.8 por ciento en los ingresos intrastatales de la compañía.

Una copia completa del nuevo arancel se ha archivado en las oficinas del Public Utility Commission en Austin, Texas, al igual que en cada municipalidad afectada y servida por Southwestern Bell, y cada una de las oficinas de la compañía para negocios con el público en Texas tiene una copia para lectura pública.

Aviso a los Clientes de Otras Compañías de Teléfono

El registro incluye, pero no se limita a, propuestas para aumentar las tarifas para servicio de línea privada entre centrales telefónicas (interexchange private line) y servicio de central telefónica extranjera (foreign exchange FX). Cambios en dichas tarifas de servicio también afectarían a clientes de otras compañías de teléfono porque dichas compañías proveen los servicios ya mencionados en conformidad a tarifas especificadas por Southwestern Bell.

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## We believe in self government, freedom on 205th birthday

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"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

These words, of course, are from the American Declaration of Independence, the 205th anniversary of which we celebrate this July 4.

Thomas Jefferson once described these words and the Declaration of Independence itself as an expression of the American mind. Having composed the Declaration, Jefferson devoted the remaining years of his life to explaining these self-evident truths and drawing out their consequences for the experiment in self-government that he and his compatriots had begun. It is a fitting occasion to reflect upon Jefferson's life's work and his ideas, which remain in their essence an expression of the American mind today.

All of Jefferson's political principles flowed from the fundamental fact, the "self-evident truth," of human equality. Because men were equal, no man could claim by nature or by the grace of God any rightful power over any other man. Because men were created equal, therefore, they were created free. "The God who gave us life, gave us liberty at the same time," wrote Jefferson. Furthermore, because no man had a natural right to rule over his equals, government could be justly established only if men agreed to establish it. As Jefferson wrote in the Declaration, "Governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed."

Men could form various kinds of government through consent, but Jefferson had no doubt about which was the best form. As he wrote, "From the moment that to preserve our rights a change of government became necessary, no doubt could be entertained that a republican form was the most consonant with reason, with rights, with the freedom of man."

What is the defining characteristic of republican government? "The first principal of republicanism," wrote Jefferson, is that majority rule "is the fundamental law of every society of individuals of equal rights." "This law once disregarded," he warned, "no other remains but that of force."

Equality, freedom, consent, majority rule—these were the elements of Jefferson's understanding of self-government. "Every man, and every body of men on earth, possess the right of self-government. They receive it with their being from the hand of nature." Nevertheless, Jefferson understood that men did not automatically know how to exercise their right of self-government. "The qualifications for self-govern-

ment in society are not innate. They are the reward of habit and long training."

If men were to respect the rights of others, they had first to learn to subdue their own selfish passions. This was an extraordinary demand and would indeed take habituation and training if men were to comply with it. But every man had to learn to govern his passions, if a nation's self government were to survive. Even majority rule, "the fundamental law" of republicanism, was not a law unto itself. In his first inaugural Jefferson spoke of the "sacred principle, that though the will of the majority is in all cases to prevail, that will, to be rightful, must be reasonable, that the minority possess their equal rights, which equal laws must protect." Self-government meant ruling those passions that would otherwise lead men to ignore the rights of others and to subject the minority to inequality before the law.

Jefferson believed that the American people were capable of self government, and so he worked with his fellow patriots to put the government into their hands. In so doing, however, Jefferson did not feel that he was acting only for Americans. "It is impossible not to be sensible that we are acting for all mankind; that circumstances denied to others but indulged to us, have imposed on us the duty of proving what is the degree of freedom and self government in which a society may venture to leave its individual members."

More than 200 years after Jefferson and his compatriots began our experiment in free government, the experiment and the duty is still ours. In fulfilling this duty we may take comfort in the words of the last letter that Jefferson wrote in his life. Too ill to attend the celebration in Washington of the fiftieth anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, Jefferson, who would die on that anniversary, wrote to the Mayor of Washington that "all eyes are opened, or opening, to the rights of man...The mass of mankind had not been born with saddles on their backs, nor a favored few bootied and spurred ready to ride them legitimately, by the grace of God. These are grounds of hope for others. For ourselves, let the annual return of this day forever refresh our recollections of these rights, and an undiminished devotion to them."



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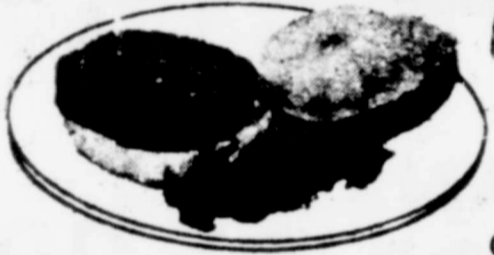
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