## The Merkel Mail

Thursday, August 5, 1982...Merkel, Texas

25 cents

# ATTEND THE 3rd ANNUAL **MERKEL** VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT 'S PANCAKE SUPPER FRIDAY -- 6 p.m. at HERITAGE HALL

## Looking back to 1909

Editor's Note: The following stories appeared in 1908 editions of The Merkel Mail.

Merkel now has two Missionary Baptist churches, duly organized and constituted according to the law and practices of the demonination, the organization of about forty into a new church called the Central Baptist Church of Merkel, having been formally perfected Wednesday evening by the adoption of the articles of faith

and electing officers.

Rev. J.M. Joiner of Baird was present and assisted in the work of organizing. Officers were elected as follows: J.M. Williams, clerk; W.A. Scott, J.M. Williams and J.M. Rister, deacons. W.A. Scott was designated as Sunday School Superintendent and Miss Willie Wheeler organist.

Merkel experienced her first upheavel in 1898. The erection of the First National Bank building was the signal to get busy, and there has been something doing ever since. Not even the disastrous fire of a year later put a restraining hand upon the upward and onward stride. Few towns can boast of such a substantial growth.

Merkel Prizes Best in State- The cotton season

## Six Flags, football, coach

by Cloy A. Richards

There's not much time left before the kids are back in school. Maybe that's why you see a lot of parents smiling more and more these days.

If you are thinking about taking the kids to Six Flags this season, drop by The Merkel Mail first. We have discount tickets available that will save \$3 off of each admission or you can buy a two day ticket for the same price as a one day

The offer is good through November.

Richard Beaver and Greg Beasley, both Trent High graduates turned in good efforts at the recent Texas Six Man's Coaches Association

Beaver scored two touchdowns for the winning West squad and Beasley tossed a TD pass. The West won that game 68-32.

We had a very unique and interesting letter from Harlan Burneal Merritt of San Francisco this week about Pat Montandon, a former Merkel resident and now a prominent socialite and columnist for the San Francisco Examiner.

She was born here in 1929 and both her father and mother were ministers. She moved away from Merkel at an early age and grew up in Waurika, Okla.

Ms. Montandon was recently in the national news when she and her husband went through divorce proceedings last year and a district court ruled she was not in favor of a majority of the property she and her husband held because she had signed a prenuptial agreement.

Her column in the Examiner appears three

times per week.

The Merkel Volunteer Fire Department will be

tor 1908-1090 was opened last Saturday when J.W. Teaff of the Salt Branch community brought to town the first bale of the fleecy staple. A close second was that of J.L. Alexander of Tye who hauled another into the city Monday. The first bale weighed 496 pounds and was bought by the Anchor Hardware Company at 11 cents. This netted the grower \$54.56 and he received 65 per cent of the Commercial Club premium making a total of \$144. The second weighed 537 pounds and with 25 percent of the premium money amounted

These premiums and price make the best money given by any town in the great big state of Texas, according to newspaper reports.

Our sister city to the west has added another valuable institution to her growing list of enterprises and one which will be an important factor in her future growth and the development of the rich agricultural land surrounding her on

The organization of the Farmers State Bank was completed this week and the institution will open for business upon receipt of the charter from Autin, probably the first of December.

holding their annual pancake supper at Heritage Hall Friday night starting at 6 .p.m.

For some good laughs and some good grub, yopu should be there.

The following comments are from Merkel

athletic director Eddie Lang.

"due to some criticism I am getting from some town people I would like to express: Our school board has voted to begin baseball, I was not asked by any town people before it was brought up in the meeting and I have been approached by very few since the decision was approved, on my feelings toward the sport.

Some people have taken it upon themselves to inform the town I am against baseball. I would like to inform these people that I am NOT against baseball. Three out of the seven schoools I have coached at had baseball in their athletic program. We won district two out of three years in both baseball and track using the same athletes. I was head track coach and assistant baseball coach all three years.

I have never been against baseball in Merkel as long as the board understands the cost in equipment, travel and officials. I want to have a good program in all areas in Merkel and to do this costs money and lot of positive feelings from

the students and supporting fans.

I don't understand why some people want to keep things stirred up instead of getting behind our youngsters and impress on them the success they can have with their hard work. I hope if I can accomplish nothing elese in Merkel, I can get the people that have controversial questions to come to the coaches, not the cofee shop.

My office door is always open, we will gladly talk about anything that might improve our program if you just let us hear from you."

Thank you

## Merkel police county deputies

## clear 26 rural, city burglaries Monday

The Merkel Police Deapriment and the Taylor County Sherriff's Department cleared 26 city and rural burglaries with the arrest of three persons

Charges against the three were being prepared

Tuesday by the district attorney's office. The burglaries, strung out over a two year period include break ins at Trent, and Jim Ned Schhols as well as many residential burglaries. Most of the items missing in those crimes were recovered according to Merkel Police Chief Ray

Also, the Merkel Police Department made five arresis July 28th and filed three counts of criminal mishief, one burglary and one theft charge against five local juveniles.

They are now in the custody-care of the Taylor County juvenile department.

## WTU raising Taylor Electric's rates

Taylor Electric customers might be paying an additional three per cent for electrical service if the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission approves a increase from West Texas Utilities. WTU filed that request Monday and the

proposed rate will effect 17 WTU customers. The increase will provide WTU with an additional \$2.1 million in income and will go into

effect Jan. 1, 1983, if approved by the energy commission.

The last increase WTU filed for similar to the new one went into effect in February of this year. In a news release, WTU officials said the new rate was necessary to bring the Company's revenues from wholesale cutomers to a level equal to the cost of providing the service.

## Cloyd, King, Craft at school

Three members of the Merkel Volunteer Fire Department attended the 53rd annual Fireman's Training school at Texas A&M University in

College Station last week.

Donnie Cloyd, Merkel's assistant fire chief and
Ray King and Jimmy Craft attended the week ong school. More than 2,900 firemen from more than 20 states attended. It was A&M's largest class to date and the school is the largest of its kind in the United States.

Cloyd took classroom instructions in state

inspections, state laws and fire prevention techniques while King and Craft attended sessions at the 60 acre fire fighting training facility in fire fighting techniques. Included in that instruction was six hours of actual fire fighting including apartments, warehouses, & home fires.

The city will receive points towards a lower key rate, the rate used to figure cost on homeowners fire insurance because of the attendance from Merkel.

## 4 Merkelites finish Paramedic training

Four members of Merkel's Emergency Medical Association have recently completed Paramedic Training at TSTI in Sweetwater.

Mitch Atkinson, John Davis, Vernon Wade and Cynthia Cassady completed the training by taking their state test Thursday. The results from that testing won't be back for two weeks.

The group will start another EMT course in Septmeber and TSTI will start another Paramedic Course in September. Scheduled to take the course from Merkel are Donnie Cloyd, Ann Wade and Connie Harris.

For more information on either course, contact Vernon Wade or TSTI.

## Farmers warned of 'knock-out' claims

Farmers being solicited by telephone to buy Knock-Out pesticide are warned to be aware that the product may be grossly misrepresented, Agriculture Commissioner Reagan V. Brown said

"We have received several calls from scattered locations in the state from farmers who have purchased the pesticide after telephone solicitations and have found that it does not live up to the sales pitch," Brown said.

The telephone salesman have stated that it is as good as or superior to another well-known, commonly used herbicide (Roundup). The most recent telephone solicitation have been from Alpine Farm Products in Long Island, New York. Knock-Out is registered for sale with the Texas Department of Agriculture with a label specifying a 1.8 percent active ingredient. "There is nothing illegal about selling this product, but its performance is being misrepresented. The pesticide being compared contains 41 percent

Brown urged farmers before ordering such pesticides from out-of-state firms to compare the active ingredient percentage on products formulated for the same purpose. "There is still no assurance that the contents meet label specifications on purchases resulting from such telephone solicitations.

They should also check the local prices. "The cost of the product is often the same or more than they would pay locally.

Pesticides sold by such out-of-state dealers could lack the proper precautions for use on the lael. There is no assurance that the pesticides are not contaminated or that they have not been

Brown advised farmers to buy from dealers they know, "ones that they can complain to if the product does not work as it should."

If farmers have purchased pesticides from this company and still have the containers, they are requested to notify the Texas Department of

## Texas Farmers Union-national group blasts 1983 wheat program

Texas Farmers Union President Mike Moeller joined with the National Farmers Union in support of legislation introduced by Congressman Tom Foley (D.Wash.) as the only feasible plan currently before Congress to aid the depressed farm economy and provide relief for hard pressed grain farmers. "The only way we will be able to reduce grain inventories and increase prices is to provide our farmers with a realistic

incentive rather than the empty shell offered by the Reagan Administration," Moeller said.

The TFU was critical of the proposed 1983 wheat program announced by Agriculture Secretary John Block calling for voluntary set-asides in wheat. "For the fourth year in a row, producers are being told they will lose. row, producers are being told they will lose money and the Administration provided no feasible proposal to change that situation," Moeller noted. Latest USDA estimates show the 1982 wheat crop of 2.71 billion bushels will be nearly the same as 1981, 2.79 billion bushels, demonstrating the failure of a voluntary

Under the Foley plan, the bill will combine an acreage set-aside with a paid diversion. Also, price support loan rates will be increased slightly for both wheat and feed grains in 1983. Wheat provisions call for a 25 percent set-aside

with a 10 percent paid diversion. The diversion payment would be \$3.50 per bushel on lost production, half of which would be paid at the time the producer signed up for the program. The wheat loan rate would be increased from \$3.55 to \$3.80 per bushel. For corn and other feed grains, a 20 percent

acreage reduction program, including a 10 percent paid diversion, would be established in the event 1982 corn production exceeds 7.6 billion bushels. The corn loan rate would be increased to \$2.71 per bushel.

The TFU, and the NFU are supporting the Foley plan as the best alternative to the previously endorsed Farm Crisis Bill which failed in the House Agriculture Committee. "The longer we delay on taking action on providing a decent price for producers while reducing the surplus, the more costly it will be for both farmers and the government," Moeller stated.
"Though not as comprehensive as the Farm
Crisis Bill, we hope the Congress and the Regan
Administration will get behind Congressman
Foley's bill which will help raise commodity
prices, reduce inventories and lessen the cost to
the government," the TFU President concluded.

## Newsbriefs

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Survivors include a

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and two sisters, Mrs.

Elton Dowell of Hobbs

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Rev. Johnny Dowell.

### EMT class

### set here

An Emergency Medical Technician class will be offered here beginning Sept. 8th.

All perrsons interested in attending the course should contact Vernon Wade or TSTI.

### Trent homecoming meeting set

Trent homecoming meeting will be held Sunday Aug. 8th at 8 p.m. at the Trent school cafeteria. Everyone is urged to attend to plan the homecoming events.

### Smith honored

Staff Sgt. William C. Smith, son of Virginia L. Horton of 2529 Dubard St., Columbia. S.C., has been decorated with the U.S. Air Force Commendation Medal at the Pentagon, Washington.

The Air Force Commendation Medal is awarded to those individuals who demonstrate outstanding achievement or meritorious service in the performance of their duties on behalf of the Air Force.

Smith is a telecommunications control technician with the Air Force Data Services Center.

His wife, Elizabeth, is the daughter of retired Air Force Chief Master Sgt. James D. and Anita S. Allen of 1401 Heath St., Merkel, Texas.

The sergeant is a 1971 graduate of Wagner High School, Clark Air Base, Philippines.

### Class of 1971 news

Members of the Merkel High Class of 1971 need to send their newsletter information to Buster and LeeAnn Tarpley before Labor

Their address is Rt. 1 Box 157, Merkel. Call at 928-5362.

### Heritage Hall

### Senior Citizens

Over 140 people are now registered at Heritage Hall senior citizens and the meal attendance has been good.

Volunteers are delvering meals to shutins, although more vounteers are needed.

Activities are meals, speeched, exercising, reminiscing, and cha-

tting.
All senior citizens are encouraged to attend.

## Smith reunion

The Ford Smith annual reunion will be held Aug. 6, 7 and 8 at the Buffalo Gap State

The family has extended an invitation to family and friends to bring a picnic lunch and join in the fun and fellowhsip.

### Softball tourney

A mixed 3-2 softball tournament has been set for Aug. 20 & 21 to benefit the M-T Softball Association. Entry fee will be \$5 per person and you may register with Gaston Thomas at Merkel

Upholstery.
Teams will be pos-ted at the softball field

Aug. 19. The M-T Division 2 girls took third in the recent regional tour-nament held in Odes-

The girls downed Andrews and Lovington before losing to Sweetwater in extra

innings and Clyde, wno won the tournament. The Division 1 girls lost to Colorado City

and Sweetwater. Shelly Boles made all tournament for Division 1 and Michelle Woodard and Sheri Riney made the Division 2 all tournament

### Cypert engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Cypert have announced the engagement of their daughter, Jeannessa, to Dusty Green, son of Mr. and mrs. R. H. Schindler of Abil-

The bride elect is a 1980 gradaute of Merkel High and is employed by the Westgate TG & Y.

The prospective bridegroom attended Abilene High and is employed by Willis Pool and Chemical Co. The couple plans a

Sept. 25 wedding in the home of the bride's parents, 807 Ash here.

### Riding club

Merkel Riding Club July Prize Winners are as follows: 8 and under; 1st-Jason Flowers, 2nd-Julie Lanford, 3rd-Josh Mashborn,4th Shayla Hardy, 9-12 1st-Candice Henslee, 2nd-Tony Roberts, 3rd-Mar ty Flowers, 4th-Denise Pursley. 13-17 1st-Kerry Kennedy, 2nd-Dayna Pursley, 3rd-Denise Pack. 18 & over 1st-Ronda Low, 2nd-John Lanford, 3rd-Doug Tucker, & 4th-Jerry

### Obituaries

### W. D. Ramsey

William Dewey Ramsey, 84, of the Compere Community, a retired minister, died at 10 a.m. Sunday at his home after a lengthy illness. Services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the United Methodist Church

Elder Billy Lawrence of Fort Worth, Elder benny Evans of Ranger and the Rev. Joe Allen, pastor officiated. Burial was in Compere C e m e t ery North of Merkel directed by the Starbuck Funeral Home.

Grayson County, he

University.

Born July 7, 1898 in had moved to the

and had lived in the area since. He attended school at Compere and taught there four years. He also attended Simmons College. now Hardin-Simmons

He was a minister in the Primitive Baptist Church for more than 48 years. He married Fannie Childers, July 3, 1921 in Merkel Survivors include a

wife, a son Lee Roy Ramsey of Carlsbad, N.M.; a brother Frank Ramsey of Stephen-

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### Recent Merkel Pauline Hays of Lubbock, Grace Lee Harris of Midland and Betty Lou Mayes of cemetery donors Abilene. Pallbearers included

Hayden Harrell, Geo-Recent Merkel Cemetery Association donations rge Pierce, Clyde Chare as follows: Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Irvin, Alice ancey, Clyde Allred, King in memory of the O.W. Reeds, Jane Smith, Ross Merritt and Tim Mr. & Mrs. A.J. Greenfield Jr., Mary & Opal Derstine, Harold DeMoss, Eelon Harrell, Comegys & Leach, Beth Hall, W.C. Story, Gail Gaither, Harvey Davis Dessie Kirk, Mr. & mrs. Burton L. Jones, Roy Baccus, Mrs. G. B. Finch, J.O. Lusby, Mrs. Nora M. Hendrix, Mr. & Mrs. M.C. Alston, Christine Services for Harvey Collie, Mrs. J.C. Paul, Mrs. W.C. Rhoden, Bobby Davis of 910 North Cochran, Hobbs, N.M. N. Frazier, Bobby N. Smith, Floy Eva Smith, Mrs. Chester Hutcheson, Mr. & mrs. B.E. were held Saturday Houghton, Gladys Dunn, Causseaux Gunn Estate, at 10 a.m. at the A.D. Hill, Maudie U. Douglas, Harlin Hobbs, Est. Griffin Funeral Home of N.S. Daniel, W.R. Bond, Loneita Teaff & G.W. chapel with Rev. Che-Teaff, Walter Barnett, Vernon Horton, & Mr. &

Mrs. H.E. Childers. A.C. Terry, Mrs. Jack Chennault, Mr. & Mrs. O.R. Gladdon, Mr. & mrs. Fred Guitar, Mr. & Mrs. Jim Reid, Rue Satterwhite, Tracy Campbell, Nell Groene, S.N. Williams in memory of Nora Williams, Essie Lee McConnell, Mr. & mrs. Lon Robertson in memory of Eula B. & Charlie Davis, Fred E. Allyn, Mrs. Frank L. Carr, C.A. & Lena Gardner, Gladys Burleson, O.R. & Murphy Dye, Mrs. J.J. S. Smith, Mrs. J.H. Fulton in memory of E.H. & Bertie Patterson, Mr. & Mrs. W.J. Hutcheson, Mr. & Mrs. Baylor Amason, Suzy Bird, Mr. & Mrs. Berniel Teaff, Raymond & Thelma Earthman, Mrs. Joe Risinger, Mary Anna Mayfield, J.O. McMurry, Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Leon Toombs, Sr. & T.J. Toombs Estate, Mr. & Mrs. A.A. Reagan, Mr. & rs. Cecil Justice, & J.O. McMurray.

INVITATION FOR

BIDS The Housing Authority of the City of Merkel, Texas will receive bids for the following: PROJECT TEXAS

158-1 Comprehensive

Rennovation of 24 Living Units and Support Buildings until 2:00 P.M. on Thursday, August 26, 1982, at the Community Room, Pleasantville Apartments, 731 Norht First Street, Merkel, Texas, 79536, at which time all bids will be publicly opened

and read aloud. Contract Documents

for bidding are on file

at the office of the Housing Authority. Contract Documents may be obtained from the office of Reynolds & Stone, Architects, 8585 Stemmons Freeway, Suite 626 South, Dallas, Texas, 75247. Qualified Contractors may obtain complete sets of bid documents upon payment of a \$50.00 refundable deposit, plus \$10.00 postage and handling for each set (\$60.00 total). All SUBCONTRAC-

TORS and BIDDERS, upon returning the CONTRACT DOCU-MENTS in good condition, will be refunded \$50.00, and any non-bid der upon so returning the CONTRACT DOC-UMENTS will be refunded \$40.00 per set.

BID BOND: A bid security in the form of Acceptable Bid Bond, executed by Bidder, shall accompany all bids. Certified checks are not acceptable. This security shall be in an amount equal to five percent (5) of the submitted base bid.

PAYMENT AND PERFORMANCE BONDS:

The successful bidder shall furnish and pay for 100 percent Pay-ment and Performance Bonds, upon signing Contract and prior to performance of any work on project EQUAL

**EMPLOYMENT** AND WAGES Attention is called to the provisions for equal employem e n t opportunity, and pay-ment of not less than minimum salaries and wages as set forth in the specificat ions must be paid on this

project. The Merkel Housing Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities or irregularities in the bidding.

No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the opening of

THE HOUSING **AUTHORITY OF** THE CITY OF MERKEL, TEXAS FOR: Mrs. Annette Clark, Executive Dir-DATE: 20 July, 1982.

## **JOHN DEERE**



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300-hp 8850:	\$8,200	110-hp 4240: \$2,300
235-hp 8650:	\$6,400	90-hp 4040: \$2,200
185-hp 8450:	\$5,700	80-hp 2940: \$1,800*
228-hp 8640:	\$4.500	80-hp 2940: \$1,400*
179-hp 8440:	\$4,000	70-hp 2640: \$1,300
180-hp 4840:	\$3,600	60-hp 2440: \$1,200
155-hp 4640:	\$3,400	50-hp 2240: \$1,100
130-hp 4440:	\$2.800	40-hp 2040: \$ 900

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it's easier to fit banking into your busy schedule. Take advantage of our two convenient drive-up banking windows--It's another way we're serving you better

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## Recent Merkel cemetery donors

The following are recent donors to the Merkel Cemetery Association.

Wayne Baccus, Louis Carson, Deavenport Trusts, Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Lineweaver, Mr. and Mrs. George Beddingfield, Mrs. S. T. Bird in memory of Carroll Benson, Mrs. Finus Cade in memory of Carrol Benson, Mr. and Mrs June Hogan in memory of Carrol Benson, Mr. and Mrs. Paxton Hays in memory of Carrol Benson, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lassiter in memory of Carrol

Also, West Texas Utilities, Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Deavers, Mary Kate Campbell, Fredlyn Farmer, Fannie Boaz Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Whisenhunt, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Toombs, Eula Dunn Jenson, Linnie Fisher, Evelyn Scroggins, Mrs. Glenn Brown, Joe Hester, Henry W. Coit.

Also, Mrs. Bennie Anderson in memory of Bennie Anderson, Mrs. M. P. Roberts, Mrs. Delmer McLeod, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Tracy in memory of Rev. Bill M. Stinson, Ruth Martin, Ray and June Spurgin, Mrs. Helen Willingham, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Chancey, Mrs. Robert Higgins, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hamm in memory of Carrol Besnon, Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Evans in

memory of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Pursely Also, Fred Jackson, Hazel R. Sewell, Ruby J. Daniel, Lee and Barbara Reynolds, Mrs. D. L. Wohnford in memory of Alma McMurry, Mary Grimes in memory of Carrol Benson, Mrs. T. R. Bicknell in memory of Bobby Lyn Jinkens, Mrs. H. B. Merritt, S. P. Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. Bertis Long, Lt. Col. Noel D. Addy.

Also, Johnmy Blair in memory of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Blair, Homer Williams, Jr., Annie B. Sledge in memory of Willard Sledge, Mrs. Leo Mashburn, Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Mitchell in memory of Carrol Benson, Mrs. L. H. Ballard, Vergil L. Perkins, Dee McCollum, William W. and Mary Barry, Eula M. Murdock, Irene Irvin,

Mrs. Nim J. Teaff in memory of W. I Taylor.
Also, Mr. and Mrs. Jarrett Pinckley in memory
of W. I. Taylor, Hack Hicks and Billy West, Mr. and Mrs. Pack Hays in memory of W. I Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hester in memory of W. I. Taylor, E. Yates Brown, T. O. Massyet Jr., Mrs. Mary Jo Leverett, Joe and Joy Alred, Ralph Russell, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. Riggs Sheppard, Mr. and Mrs. D. R. DeRusha, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Bowen in memory of Carrol Benson.

## Beware of 'easy money' ads

As the economy of tight money, high unemplyment and other financial pressures cause many people to seek alternative incomesor even "instant wealth," some will fall prey to con artists, warns Bonnie Piernot, a family resource management specialist.

"In numerous cases, the persons offering 'get rich-quick' schemes, are, in fact, con artists operating for personal gain rather than to assist othrs," she says.

Piernot is on the home economics staff of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

How do you spot a fraudulent scheme-and how can you be sure?

"Being informed" is the most important protection agianst gyps and frauds, Piernot

"Don't confuse 'being informed' with being educated," she cautions. "Even a well-educated person can be deceived by the con artist." 'DE-CODE' ADS

An informed person is one who can read and interpret or "de-code" advertisements and promotional literature. Reading the copy, asking questions and reading between the lines are all important here.

For example, if something is "free," there should be no cost at all to the consumer--postage, handling fee should not cost the consumer anything, either.

CHECK UP ON AD CLAIMS Advertisements should prove-or justify claims of instant wealth, success, so-called "big cutomer demand" for the product and product value. Or you should be able to check out the aims vourself locally - by contacting lacal retailers, the Better Business Bureau or the

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at Abilene, Texas, this

the 3rd day of June,

Rila Mahoney, District

326th District Court,

Taylor County, Texas.

By Judy Bennett, De-

CITATION BY

**PUBLICATION** 

THE STATE OF

TEXAS

TO: Mei-Chu Toucey,

YOU ARE HEREBY

COMMANDED to ap-

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fore the Honorable 326

th District Court, Taylor County, Texas, at

the Courthouse of said County in Abilene, Tex

as, at or before 10

o'clock a.m. of the

Monday next after the

expiration of 20 days from the date of ser-

vice of this citation, then and there to

answer the petition of

Christopher Scalon

Toucey, Petitioner,

filed in said Court on

the 23rd day of July, 1982, against Mei-Chu

Toucey, Respondent, and said suit being

numbered 7637-C on the docket of said

Court, and entitled "In

The Matter of The Marriage of Christo-pher Scalon Toucey

and Mei-Chu Toucey'

the nature of which

Respondent:

GREETINGS

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child's adoption.

CITATION BY **PUBLICATION** THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: HAROLD LEON HAYES, Respondent: GREETINGS

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable 326 th District Court, Taylor County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said County in Abilene, Tex as, 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 Taylor County Child Welfare Unit- Texas Dept. of Human Resources, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 3rd day of June, 1982, against Harold Leon Hayes, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 5926-C on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Interest of Mar-sha Hayes, a Child", the nature of which suit is a rquest to Terminate the parentchild relationship between Elba Glover Newman and the child. Petitioner prays that the Court determine what parentchild relationship exist between the child and any other persons and that all such parent child relationships be terminated. Petitioner prays that the Taylor County Child Welfare Unit be appointed temporary managing con-servator of the child.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the child's interest which will be binding upon you, in-cluding the termination of the parent-child

Said child was born

the 15th day of Febru-

ary, 1971, in Abilene,

Texas Employment Commission.

In addition, remember that if a product or service is worthwhile and valuable, it still will be available after you have conducted an investigation of the product and the seller-so don't rush into the scheme before you have taken those precautions, Piernot says.
ASK QUESTIONS

Ask questions. This is important when considering many of

the "get-rich-quick" schemes.

Everyone should aks about the following

1) any restrictions of a "satisfaction guaranteed or your money back" procedure,
2) service provisions for a faulty product in cases of starting your own business to sell another company's product,

### Ladies set tourney

The Merkel Ladies golf association is sponsoring a ladies handicap tournament Aug 16 through Aug. 31.

The tournament will be played under a double elimination set up and the entry deadline is Aug. 10. The ladies are ask-

ing that all the lady golfers sign up so they can be flighted into three groups.

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The officer execut-

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326th District Court,

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Deputy.

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have at least ten score posted for nine holes before flighting.

On Aug. 2nd the ladies held their Monday play day. They played a low ball partnership. The winners were Jo Ann Smith and Wanda Hendricks, followed by Melanie Richards and Faye Robertson, Brenda Jackson and Janet Deen and Sonja Toli-

John W. and Ruby Sessions Hammond celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary Sunday, August 1, 1982 hosted by their children and grandchildren in the fellowship hall of the \*

First United Methodist Church of Merkel, Texas. The Hammonds were married July 29, 1932 in Wells, Texas at the home of her parents, Mr. & mrs. Rube Sessions. They lived the first year in El Paso, Texas. In 1933, they moved to Arp, Texas where Mr. Hammond became the Sales Manager for Sessions Lumber Company. In 1941, the Hammonds purchased the Ben Franklin Stor of Merkel, Texas on Edwards Street from Doyle Nutt. He served in the United Sates Army from 1943 to 1945.

The Hammonds have four sons, Johnny Wayne, Sessions M., David and Robert. Johnny Wayne lives in Merkel and works with his father and brother at the Ben Franklin Store.

Sessions is married to the former Betty Raye Chancey. They have three sons, Leslie, Kyle and Joel. Leslie is married to the former Linda Jordan and live in Hawley, Texas: All three sons are attending ACU in Abilene, Texas. Sessions is Sales Manager for the Faulks Pump-Jack Company of Hawley. Betty Raye is employed in the Accounts Payable Dep. of ACU.

David is married to the former Barbara Hendrick. They have three children Dava Lynne, Jason and Lori. David is a Radiation Physicist for Baylor Medical Center in Dallas. Barbara is a substitute teacher for Richardson ISD. They live in Richardson, Texas

Bob is married to the former Mychele Reed of Floydada, Texas. They have two daughters, Dana and Shera. Bob is manager of the Ben Franklin Store in Merkel. Mychele owns & operates the Hammond Ins. Agnecy of Merkel, Texas.

The Hammonds were honored with a garden dinner party on Saturday July 31st at the home of Sessions Hammond at Hawley, Texas. Those attneding were the immediate family, and also Mr. & Mrs. Woodrow Hammond of El Paso, Texas, Mr. & Mrs. David Murray & Jessica, Garland, Texas, Mr. Frank Hammond, San Diego, Ca., Miss Roanna Hammond of Anthony, New Mexico, Mrs. Waldo Cavendar, El Paso, Texas, Mr. & Mrs. L.M. Anderson, Pollock, Texas, Mr. & Mrs. Aubry Gresham, Pollock, Texas, Mrs. Albert Arnold, Wells, Texas, Mrs. Billy Arnold, Tyler, Texas, Mrs. Jerry White, Columbus, Texas and Mr. & Mrs. Dan Hammond of El Paso, Texas

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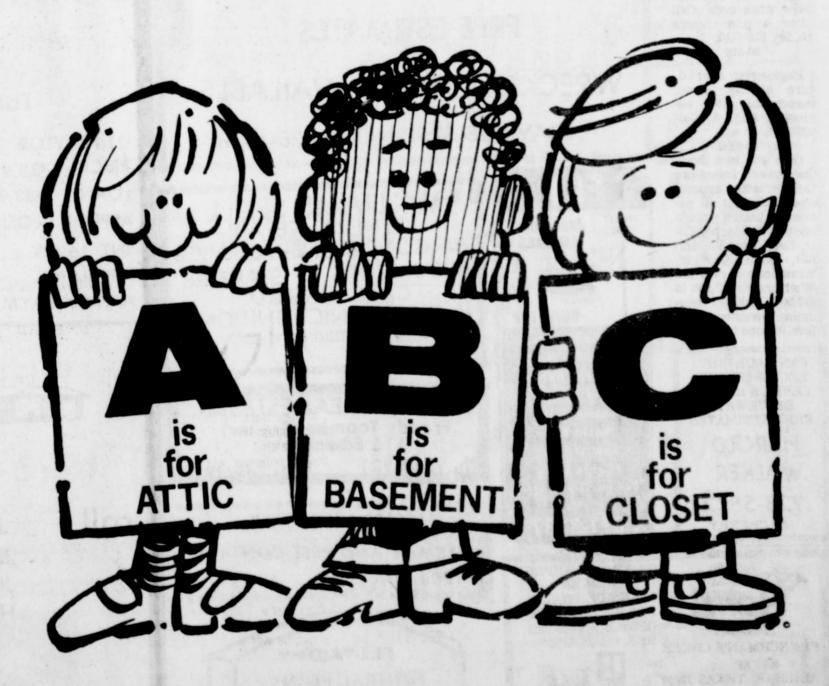
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22-1tc Garage sale in Trent Friday only, 8 until 3, 2 blocks East of the Trent Post Office. Furniture, clothes, mens suits, some antiques, household items, misc.

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22-1TC Garage Sale 1526 Sunset, Thursday and Friday, clothes, radio, record player, nicnacs & misc. 9 a.m. 22-1TC

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We want to thank the wonderful people who brought so much food and the flowers were simply beautiful. The words of encouragement and love you showed to us all was so helpful.

We want to thank

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## Crenshaw among LaJet entries

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"These early commitments are a positive indication that pro golfers are excited about playing in the LaJet Classic.

Players that have made commitments so far include Geroge Archer, George Burns, Frank Conner, Fred Couples, Ben Crenshaw, Keith Fergus, Mike Holland, Don January, Mark Lye, John Mahaffey, Gil Morgan, Bob Murphy, Mark O'Meara, Don Pooley, Greg Powers, Tom Purtzer, Mike Reid, Jack Renner, Joe Rassett, Jim Simons, J. C. Sneed, Dave Stockton, Ron Streck, Lanny Wadkins, D. A. Weibring.

Professionals will compete six days for a total purse of \$350,000. This is the third LaJet Classic and the second as a stop on the PGA tour. The tournament benefits the West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

## Brooks reufion held here

The Brooks reunion was held July 24-25 at the Senior Citizens building here. Saturday afternoon was spent visiting and playing 42. The evening meal was enjoyed by about 30 relatives.

Sunday, the attendance increased to about 50. Everyone visited, took pictures and looked at different photo albums. The highlight of the reunion was the beautiful oil painting of the Brooks Family tree, painted by Laverne Brooks.

It will be reporduced so each person can have a

copy.
Relatives attended from Waco, McLean,
Spearman, Dallas, Abilene, Trent and Merkel.
Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Brooks of Abilene was this
year's hosts.

Next year, everyone will travel to McLean to be with the Earl Brooks family.

A cemetery donation was made by the Brooks' children in memory of loved ones.

## Blended cotton sales increasing

Score one for David. But Gonath is not out by a long shot.

In the Biblical story, David delivered the knockout punch to Goliath, a formidable foe.

In cotton country, David is the cotton producer and Goliath, the synthetic fiber industry, a much larger, better financed competitior who wants cotton's business.

However, the cotton producer is finally making gains against the synthetic industry, helped by his Cotton Incorporated Research and Promotion program.

It's coming at a time though when some producers who fund America's largest self help program are sturggling to survive financially.

"We recognize that the primary concern to cotton producers is restoring profitability," said Edwin Gerik of Whitney, Texas. "I know beacasue I am a producer myself," he added. He is a member of the Cotton Board which administers the Cotton Incorporated Reasearch and Promotion Program.

"But the fact is that producers need to know they are getting a return on investment through larger markets for cotton," he added. "That's why I personally feel that support of this program is essential to the long-term profitability of cotton."

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Robert Charles Rose Whereabouts Unknown, Respondent: GREETINGS:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable 326 th District Court, Taylor, County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said County in Abilene, Tex as, 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 Linda Kay Pardue, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 19th day of July, 1982, against Robert Charles Rose, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 7610-C on the docket of said Court, and entitl-ed "In The Interest of Robert Shane Rose & Ronald Chris Rose, Children", the nature of which suit is a request to change the surnames of her minor children from Rose to Pardue, so that the children's names will be Robert Shane Pardue and Ronald Chris

Pardue, and that such

change will be in the

children's best inter-

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the child's interest which will be binding upon you.

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 29th day of July, 1982.

Rilla Mahoney Clerk,

326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas. By JoAnn Lackey, Deputy. Cotton's making gains in the form of cotton-rich blends that are increasingly appearing on retail shelves at the expense of mostly synthetic apparel items.

For example, cotton used at retail since the mid-1970s has had a 56 per cent gain overall by weight in women's apparel, and a 43 per cent gain for cotton in men's dress shirts, a doubling of cotton's share in men's slacks and a 35 per cent increase for cotton in men's sports shirts.

Cotton Incorporated has helped change consumer attitudes about cotton by researching, developing and promoting higher cotton blends which have helped increase consumer purchases and improving markets for cotton.

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## Goodnow, Sharp wed in Austin

Miss Maureen Ingrid Goodnow and Reverend Jarrell Virgil Sharp will be married on Sunday, August 8, at 4:00 p.m. in St. John's United Methodist Church in Austin, Texas. Dr. Jarrell Sharp, pastor of St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Midland, will officiate.

Miss Goodnow is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kent Goodnow of Austin. Rev. Sharp is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Jarrell H. Sharp of Midland. Siters of the couple will serve as honor attendants. Alison Goodnow, of Austin, will be the maid of honor. Shari Sharp, of Midland, will serve as her brother's honor attendant.

Both Maureen and Jarrell are honor graduates

of Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas. She was graduated in 1981 with a Bachelor of Business Administration, He graduated in 1980 with a Bachelor of Social Science degree in sociology and a Bachelor of Arts degree in history.

Rev. Sharp will be a senior student in the Master of Divinity degree program at Emory University, Candler School of Theology in Atlanta, Georgia. He is a Deacon and

### Football workouts scheduled

Football work outs to begin Monday, August 9, 1982. Varsity & J.V. workouts - 7:30 a.m. - Monday, Wednesday, Friday. 7:30 p.m.-Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday.

Freshmen-workouts will be each afternoon at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday.

Thursday, Friday.
All High School Foot ball Players must have physicals before Monday, August 9th. Parents are welcome to all practices.

### TAX OFFICE CLOSING

Merkel ISD Tax Office is closing officially, Wednesday August 4, 1982. Persons with questions

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Richard Petree
Tax Assessor-Collector
P. O. Box 1800
Abilene , Texas 79604
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Patsy Blair
Tax Collector

Probationary Member of the Northwest Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church. He ispresently serving as Summer Assistant Pastor at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, Midland. Rev. Sharp's grandparents are residents of the Merkel community, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil

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