# The Merkel Mail

Thursday, April 14, 1983...Merkel, Texas

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# City ok's paving bid, Lone Star Gas increase, hears proposed budget

The Merkel City Council "reluctantly" allowed a 5.59 per cent rate increase for Lone Star Gas, formally awarded the paving contract to Nobles Construction for paving, saw the preliminary city budget at their regular session at City Hall Monday night.

Council also heard a police report and were introduced to the town's new patrolman, Al Turner

## Paving Progress

City consulting engineer Billy Jacobs told council Monday he had gone over the bids adn saw no reason why the contract shouild not be awarded to Bob and Bobby Nobles of Colorado City for paving between 100 and 120 blocks in target areas on both sides of Merkel.

Thier low bid of \$215,903.30 for 70 blocks of paving was \$150,000 under budget and early estimates from the engineer and the contractor range from 30 to 50 additional blocks will be paved. Merkel City Manager J. A. Sadler told council that meant the North side should be "close to 100 per cent paved."

The paving will be a double penetration because of the type of streets and lighter traffic patterns. Although the Nobles have verbally agreed to pave the additional blocks at the same per block rate on their 70 block bid, paperwork still must be approved by Department of Housing and Urband Development officials in Dallas.

Sadler said he saw no reason why the additional blocks would not be approved, as long as the paving was done in the original target area.

## LSG Rate Increase

Lone Star Gas received their requested 5.59 per cent rate increase as council passed the increase "reluctantly"

Tom Sliter, representing Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church requested an extension on their permission to hold their Bingo games at Heritage Hall and that request met opposition.

Sadler told council there had been some instances of minor damage and abuse of Heritage Hall and city council member James McKee said he would be in favor of allowing them 90 days to find another place to hold their games, but 90 days hence "I'd have to vote no."

Council agreed that Heritage Hall was not constructed as a Bingo Hall and said they would allow the church a 90 day extension on the agreement.

### Police Report

Merkel Police Chief Ray Packdave his report of police activites for March. His department worked three phone harassments, three reckless damage and destructions, one emergency mental committment, two run-aways, one indecency with a child, one posession of marijuana, two posessions of dangerous narcotics, two stolen social security checks, five prowlers, eight routine patrol requests, ne aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, seven accidents including a fatality, nine dog calls and caught five dogs, three attempted burglaries, three thefts, nine burglaries, five DWI's, four drunk in public, five family disturbances, 17 citations issued, five misdemeanor and seven felony arrests. Of \$8,413.00 in stolen property in March, \$1,611.00 was recovered.

## 1983-84 City Budget

The most striking features in the preliminary city budget deal with an increase in water rates the city pays Abilene, costs of city street lights, costs for a fourth patrolman and below average

The city got started spending some of it's clean up money under the HUD program and destroyed two old service stations at the intersection of

Loop 39 and FM 126 here. City employee Donnie Cloyd leveled the buildings Monday. The property is owned by the Farmers and Merchants National Bank.

# Bomb scares interrupt school

For the second time in as many days, classes at Merkel Middle School were interrupted by a bomb threat.

A threat was called in to the Merkel Middle School at 6:30 a.m. Monday morning by a male caller saying a bomb would go off at 9:05 a.m. Students were sent to the high school gym while lockers were inspected and a search for the bomb

### made.

Tuesday morning, Middle School officials had another male caller saying a bomb would go off. The bomb dog squad from Dyess Air Force Base responded and found no explosive devices.\$ Hawley schools were also interrupted by a bomb scare Monday afternoon but locla officials do not think the cases are related.

J. A. Sadier told council he had eneough faith in Lone Star Gas to believe the way they arrived at their money needs and said he understands full well the price of doing business continues to increase

If council had rejected the increase, LSG would have filed for a hearing with the Texas Railroad Commission, and the costs of that rate case (attroney fees and travel) would be paid by LSG customers in the long run.

That rate will show up on May bills.

LSG district manager Marthe Harmon said her company is trying to work with people hard pressed to pay gas bills and said their office has come up with a bill averaging procedure that will take the bite off of high bills in heating months. Tom Sliter representing Our Mother of Mercy

Heritage Hall Request

tax collections.

The city of Abilene raised it's price 11 cents a 1,000 gallons, a 22 per cent increase and that means the city will pay \$152,750.00 for water in 1983-84 and paid \$122,832.78 in 1982-83.

The city estimated it will spend \$16,500 for street lights this year and that is the largest single expenditure in that department.

The fourth patrolman for the Merkel Police Department will have a total cost of about \$16,000 per year according to J. A. Sadler and council has not made up their mind on the fourth man.

The city collected 78 per cent of the property tax for the current year and that threw the budgeted income off \$17,000 this year.

The city proposed budget calls for expenditures of \$226,395.00 in 1983-84, which is about \$3,000 less that last year's budget.

Council will have the budget adoption on the agenda at their next scheduled meeting.

# FFA fares well in district

The Merkel FFA walked away with the lion's share of the awards at the Big Country District Meet held Monday night at Jim Ned.

For the 7th year in a row, the Merkel Chapter was named the superior chapter in the district and four werew named Lone Star State Farmers. According to assistant FFA director J. T. Naron, only two per cent of the state's enrollment earn that title. Merkel Lone Star Farmers this year include Jay Bibson, Brenda Hohhertz, Denise Pack and Brooks Boyd.

The Merkel Chapter also won the Texas Energy Award for their classes on energy conservation and proper usage, sponsored by the Investor Owned Electric Group of Texas.

Individuals honored Monday night include Jay Gibson Lone Star Farmer, Lyle Baker 2nd Star Chapter Farmer, Gibson 1st in public speaking, Chris Mashburn received the district nomination for state president, Chuck Peterman was elected district officer and will run for president.

Also, Brenda Hohhertz won 1st for scrapbook, Chris Cutler won crop production, Dusty Farmer won diversified livestock production, Jay Gibson won beef production, Tommy Hays won swine production, Lyle Baker won the slaes and service award, Stephanie Boyd won horse production, Shane Smith 2nd in fruit and vegetable production, Chuck Peterman 2nd in sheep production, Chris Cutler 3rd in public speaking, Dusty Farmer 4th in public speaking.

Also, Kevin Mitchell won third Star Greenhand, Barbie Conner 2nd poultry production, Cloy A. Richards, The Merkel Mail 1st in newspaper publicity, Robert Harris won the honorary Lone Star Farmer degree.

Winners in the district meet will compete in the area contests May 12 at Stephenville.

# Congrats, goof, paving...more

## by Cloy A. Richards

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Congratulations are in order to Robert Harris for being elected president of the Mid-West Texas Firemen and Fire Marshall's Association.

He was elected at their meeting in Snyder Saturday.

We made a couple of goofs in last week's paper we need to clarify.

In the interview with Merkel mayor pro-tem Ted Smith we quoted him as saving as many as 120 streets could be paved for the bid money. That should have read blocks. And we reported that Jack Ferguson had been elected MISD board secretary, and the man with the job is Jack Riney

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We apologize for those errors.

The city does not officially have the good news but it looks like between 110 and 120 blocks, total will be paved under the HUD funded program. program.

The city will know exactly how many when the engineer and the contractor settle on a price for the additional paving and The Mail will have another graph at that time to show what streets will be paved.

The Merkel Citizens for Better Government didn't get off to a great start at their organizational meeting Friday night as 11 people attended. They will try again Thurday at 7:30 p.m. at Tessie's Snack Bar and will call themselved the Merkel Concerned Citizens.

# Girls finish track season

The Merkel High school girls ended their track season last Tuesday at the dirstict meet. Scoring from Merkel werc Sandy Forehand 5th

in the shot put, Debra Carey 5th in the triple

jump and Barbara Kinder 6th, Carey third in the 800 and Kinder 4th, the 800 meter relay team was third, Kelly Stovall was third in the 200 and Kinder was 4th in the 1600 meter. The 1600 meter relay team was third.

vice president, Bill Lawson of Stamford and 2nd

vice president, Perry Thompson of Rotan as 3rd

vice president, Melvin Thompson of Roby as 4th

vice president, Tom Watson of Haskell as

secretary-treasurer and Monte Jones of Colorado

Fire officials from 12 towns attended the

# Harris named fire group head

Robert Harris of Merkel was elected president of the Mid-Texas Fireman and Fire Marshall's Association at their 89th semi annual meeting held April 9 in Sweetwater.

Harris told the Mail Monday Merkel would host the April 1984 meeting, with between 200 and 250 people attending.

Other officers include Kenny Wood of Snyder as

# Boys getting ready for district

The Merkel Boys track team competed in their final meet before the district meet set Monday in Hamlin.

This weekend at Brady, Mike McCoy continued his winning ways as he won the long jump, and was third in the 220. He jumped 21'10" and ran a 22.67 in the 220.

James Wright was 5th in the mile with a time of 5:01.65 and the mile relay was sixth but they set a school record. Running on that relay were

# Riding club meets

The Merkel Riding Club held it's monthly pot luck supper and business meeting Wednesday night. Forty-nine members were present, including the newest members Miss Chelsey Mae Payne, new daughter of Ann and Milton Payne and Ashley Sipe, new daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mac Sipe.

The club voted to begin their playdays April 16 at 8 p.m. weather permitting. We will continue to have our business meetings at 8 p.m. the 1st Wednesday of each month.

The club ordered a new electric timer. The club will also start holding roping each Tuesday from 7

# Kindergarten registration

Pre-registration for children who will enter Kindergarten for the 1983-84 school year at Merkel Elementary will be held April 20 from 9:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the Elementary school office.

It is requested that no one come in

until 10 p.m.

The club is selling 4' X 4' signs to be installed at the arena to area businesses for \$50 each.

City as chaplain.

meeting.

Patricia Boyd Gorbett will be holding four jackpot barrell races and ropings the last three Fridays in May and the 1st Friday of June. She will also host a 2-day event of barrell racing beginning at 1:30 each day on May 21 and 22. The Taylor County Expo Center is holding a trail ride to benefit the new horse barn. It will start at Buffalo Gap State Park on April 16 at 8 a.m. Charges will be \$5' each for the ride and the meal.

to register before 9:30 due to regular school business that must be tended to early in the day

To attend Kindergarten, a child must be ta least five years old on or before Sept. 1, 1983 and the nerollee must bring a birth certificate and proof of required immunizations.

McCoy, Sammy Tumlinson, Russell Lucas and Jimmy Mendez.

Track Coach Eddie Lang told the Mail Monday he felt he had three events in which the Badgers could end up in the state meet. They include McCoy in the long jump and the 220, and the mile and sprint relay teams.

The regional meet will be held May 5, 6 and 7 in Odessa.

Oil and gas

## discoveries

Railroad Commission Chairman Mack Wallace announced that Texas operators reported 95 gas and 89 oil discoveries in March.

In Marcin, uperators reported 575 exploratory and field tests wound up as dry holes. New applications for permits to drill oil and gas test wells totaled 2.621 in March, compared to 3,002 in March compared with 3,154 in the same period last year.

Applications to drill. deepen, plug back and for service wells in March amounted to 3,002 against 3,529 a year ago.

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# 7th grade boys win

The Merkei ich grade boys track team won their third track meet in five tries this year as they won at McMurry Saturday

Scoring for Merkel were Ricky Doan, 2nd in the pole vault, long jumpHe won the high jump and 120 vard high hurdles. Chris Biera was 4th in the shot put and Ramon Moreno was third in the long jump, 2nd in the high jump, won the 330 low hurdles, Kenneth Jowers was 4th in the high jump, won the 880, 2nd in

business

girls softball team

will be Ray Pack.

Also, the sprint relay team was second and the mile relay team won. Tommy Nix was 4th in the 880 and 5th in the 1320. David Bugg was third in the 120 high hurdles, Albert Chavira was 2nd in the 100 and second in the 220. Rodney Sitler was Ist in the 440, Mike Farthing was third. Sitler also won the 1320.

Merkel racked up 184, outscoring Clyde, their nearest competitor by 60

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soring a Little League team and a

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5 until 6:30 p.m.. The package will

#### is Saturday pageant Beauty

Lambda Beta, Beta Sigma Phi will again sponsor the Miss Merkel Beauty Pageant.

Miss Merkel will be selected Saturday at 7 p.m. in the High School Auditorium.

The divisions are pre-school, Kindergarten through 2nd grade, 3rd through 5th grade, 6th through 8th grade and Miss Merkel will be picked from High School girls. Each girl is being sponsored by a local

held

Church.



# Bagby's operating fishing camp

A Merkel couple is currently managing a fishing camp on the Colorado River about three and a half hours from here near the community of Bend, Texas. With little or no advertising, the camp attracts thousands of people each year with the drawing card millions of white bass that move up the Colorado River from Lake Buchanan to spawn. The fishermem come and wait patiently for the "run

Winston and Elsie Millican opened the camp to the public in 1961. After the death of Mr. Millican, their son and daughter operated the camp until Jack and Bernice Bagby of Merkel took over.

The camp has rustic but modern cabins and trailer hook-ups. Along the three mile river fron there are shady campsites and a spring fed swimming pool

If you would like more information, call or write the Bagby's at Sulphur Springs Fishing Camp, Bend, Texas 76824 or call 915-628-3252.

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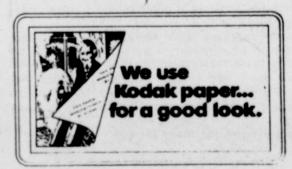
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## THE MERKEL MAIL Hightower, Lyon push agriculture bonds

AUSTIN -- Agricultural Conunissioner Jim Hightower said last week that, in addition to agricultural production, Texas farmers and ranchers should be encouraged to move into food processing and marketing, "because that's where the money is."

Hightower said that "the overall food economy is a very rich pie, but out-of-state processors and marketers have been taking most of the good stuff and leaving us the

old stale crust. Texas is losing hundreds of millions of dollars annually because we find ourselves in the unenviable position of exporting raw agricultural products at a cheap price and importing processed food and fiber at a high price."

To help keep more of these "value-added" dollars in the Texas economy, Hightower put the Texas Department of Agriculture squarely behind a legislative proposal offered by Senator Ted Lyon (D-Rockwall). Developed in close consultation with legislative staff, bond attorneys, lending institutions and commodity groups, S. B. 866 by Lyon authorizes issuance of tax exempt "Agricultural Development

Bonds." Lyon said the bonds will create a substantial and reliable pool of , lending capital that will be available specifically and solely to agricultural cooperatives. joint ventures and other primarily producer-owned entities, in order to move Texas farmers and ranchers directly into the more profitable processing and marketing stages of the food delivery system.

The bonds would not be backed or in any way guaranteed by the state, but their tax exempt status, you said, provides an incentive which will make loans available to these innovative producer-owned enferprises cooperatively-owned mill in Littlefield. Instead of selling cheap cotton to buyers who sell to mills that sell to Levi

or less that they now receive. Texas onion growers are. interested in building a facility to make onion rings--a process that converts an 8cent onion to about a \$1.33 box of rings at the wholesale market. This targeted pool of capital could allow commercial fishermen to become part from their experience. In

El Paso County, for example, a small group of chili-pepper growers got tired of selling their chilis for 50 cents a pound to processors in California, who then converted them into a dollar's worth of chili powder. So,

"S.B. 866 doesn't cost the government a cent." he added "nor does it encourage questionable loans--each project must make it on its own as an individual business enterprise. The bill simply makes sure that there will be a steady supply of investment capital earmarked for the

for food. That was too little, in my view, but now we're down to 28 cents and plummeting toward disaster.

"Farmers and ranchers have got to go after the 72-Texas House Of Representatives cent chunk of the pie that\_ middlemen are now taking, and Senator Lyon's legisla- AUSTIN -- This week I tion will offer some of our would like to give you a brief staaggressive producers the tus report on some proposed legmeans to do that. Not only islation which has been promithat have been flowing out of tain merchandise on consecu-

our economy," Hightower tive Saturdays and Sundays. said

makers, wheat producers to of Houston in 1893. -- from the law.



with a special federal loan of AGRICULTURE COMMISSIONER Jim Hightower, right, tells a Capitol press \$250,000 they formed a conference that Texas farmers and ranchers "currently receive only a pittance of the dollars cooperative and built their consumers pay for food." He says they could get more of the consumer dollar by forming own processing facility. Now, their own cooperative processing and marketing enterprises. As an example, Hightower they're not only growing said that instead of having to take 8c a pound for a raw onion, the growers could make \$1.33 chilis, but they're also a pound by processing them into frozen onion rings. Hightower is pictured with Sen. Ted employing Texans, making Lyon (D-Rockwall), who is sponsor of an Agricultural Development Bond bill that would chili powder . . . and making provide low-interest financing to farmers for building such facilities.

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cense has been forfeited for violicense for one year. by Gib Lewis, Speaker

House Bill 73, by- Rep or, punishable by a maximum Doyle Willis, D-Fort Worth fine of \$1000. and up to one would repeal the Blue Law year in jail, for possession of Redfish or Speckled Trout with-

statewide. House Bill 185, by Rep out keeping documents now rewill the program help them, nent in the news in recent weeks. Mary Polk, D-El Paso, would re-quired by law with those fish. industries, generating additional jobs and holding state's so-called "Blue Law" and then call for local elec-Debald Hill, D-Austin, and millions of dollars in Texas which prohibits the sale of cer-that have been flowing. Debra Danburg, D-Houston, state the law in that particular would prohibit the catching of Redfish and Speckled Trout political subdivision. by persons on commercial fish-

For background infor- House Bill 1009, by Rep ing boats with the exception "There are a touple of good mation, Texas has had the Don" Lee, D-Harlingen, ex of non-commercial charters. working examples of farmer- Saturday-Sunday Law since empts the 14 counties closest House Bill 1573, by Rep. owned processing enterprises the Legislature adopted it in to Mexico -- Brewster, Hugo Berlanga, D-Corpus in Texas, and Senator Lyon's 1961, although a law prohibit- Cameron, El Paso, Hudspeth, Christi, would prohibit bond proposal is drawn in ing all work on Sunday except Jeff David, Kinney, Maverick, shrimpers to use a trawl for exporters of processed fish, "works of necessity and char- Presidio, Starr, Terrell, catching Redfish or Speckled grape growers to become wine ity" was adopted by the City Valverde, Webb and Zapata Trout or retaining them.

House Bill 2012, by Rep. build their own export Today, Texas is only one of House Bill 33, by Rep. Allen Hightower.

# 3 to regional UIL events

Three Merkel High students qualified for the Region 1 UIL Academic meet this Saturday in Odessa. Dusty Farmer was first in the district in informative speaking, Bill Admans was second in persuasive speaking and Wayne Horton was

first in typewriting. Ronna Casey was qualified as first alternative in number sense and Shelly Sherrill as first alternative in typewriting. Sponsors for these students are Robbie Hicks, Gayle Baker and Lance Morton.

## Former Merkelite buried in California

Robert L. Smith, 49 of Huntington Beach CA., formerly of Merkel, died at 4 p.m. Friday after a lengthy illness. Services are pending in California.

He was born March City, Ok .: six sisters 2. 1934 in Merkel and Mary Loughlin of Sogrew up here. The son nora, Loree Hill of

For the most part, I want to make a public profession as a weekness for Jesus Christ. He has made some promises and I believe he is able to to 20, as well as setting new pen- perform and He did say those the alties for violation of these Father have given Me, no man is ablbe to put them out of My hands. House Bill 1403, by Reps. So I want my hometwon people to know that I believe the Scriptures, I Ray Keller, R-Duncanville, love Jesus Christ and there is no way Fred Agnich, R-Dallas, and that we can be ashamed of those we that we can be ashamed of those we George Pierce, R-San Antonio, love. I am working on a 500 acre prohibits any person whose li- irrigated land which is of course is worth considerable money. At this lation for the possession limits time, I am looking for some loans, from receiving another fishing NOT DONATIONS, but loans that will be repaid with interest. You House Bill 1406, by Rep. may be an individual, a business Brad Wright, R-Houston, man, or the church, but whoever is makes it a Class B Misdemean- led by the Lord to make this loan or

of Mr. and Mrs.M. W Smith, he was an architect and builder. He is survived by his wife, Marie of the home; his mother, Minnie Smith of Crockett; two brothers William of Choctaw, Ok. and Carl of Midwest

Paso Robles CA., Jeannie Ballinger of Sweetwater, Jean Griffith of Lexington, Lovetta Mayhugh of Lexington and Ora Vee Smith of Midwest City. Ok

He was preceded in death by his father. M. W. Smith and two brothers, Wallace and

a portion of it, they will be repaid in the near future with whatever terms or interest they may wish.

You can send these loans to the Oscar McLean account at the F & M Bank here. I want to say that I belong to the Lord and all that I have belongs to him and if there should be someone else who would like to run an ad in The Merkel Mail saying precisely what I have said, I will pay for the ad.You should make your donations as soon as possible or I might lose the land deal. The people that help out with this will always have a certain percentage set aside for their church or other organizat-Thank you and may God bless you





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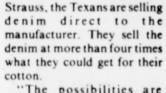
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"The possibilities are virtually unlimited," Hightower said. "We've talked with cattlemen about developing rancher-owned slaughterhouses and meat markets, which would give them a bigger bite of the \$3.68 steak price than the 72 cents

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facilities and corn growers to

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producers," Hightower said.

Wilson's face

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on Sunday sales.

Affairs Committee and have been sent to subcommittee for further study: House Bill 55, by Rep. Bill

Carolina are the others

Ceverha, R-Richardson, would allow voters on a local option basis to decide whether or not they want to continue the Blue Law in their respective communities.

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six states in the nation -- Ala- Bobby Valles, D-El Paso, D-Huntsville, proposes to bama, Louisiana, Oklahoma, would exempt only El Paso strengthen existing law relating Rhode Island and South from the law. to transporting Redfish and Also sent to subcommittee Speckled Trout into Texas for -which strictly enforces bans for further study by the House commercial use by requiring ve-Environmental Affairs Commit- hicles used for that purpose to In 1961, only nine states tee are six bills designed to fur- be clearly marked with identifi-

did not have Sunday closing ther strengthen state laws cation prescribed by the Texas laws which affected retail sales. passed in 1981 regulating the Parks and Wildlife Commis-Since 1961, blue laws have taking of saltwater Red Drum sion. It would also require "a been repealed in 21 of the and Speckled Sea Trout. copy of the bill of lading to acstates, four have had their House Bill 1376, by Rep. company all imported Redfish laws declared unconstitutional, Stan Schlueter, D-Killeen, re- and Speckled Trout

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## Thursday, April 14, 1983

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## Thank You

We would like to express our appreciation for the kind and sympathetic acts shown us in the loss of our loved one. May God pless you. The Minnie

Howard Family

## CITATION BY PUBLICATION +THE STATE OF

TEXAS TO IGNACIA GAVIA Address Unknown, Respondent: GREETINGS:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to ap-

quirements 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 7th day of April.

1983. RILLA MAHONEY Clerk, 326th District Court, Taylor County. Texas by JoAnn Lackey, Deputy.

## 6-1TC Public Notice § Public Notice is he-

reby given that the City of Merkel is requesting voluntary proposals submitted by the owner in response to this public invitation or solicitation for offers for park land in the City. The sale must be on a voluntary basis and if a mutually satisfactory agreement cannot be reached, the City will not acquire the property.

Kent Satterwhite Mayor



look like could save your life. These blasting caps can be dangerous. Explosives are useful tools to construction workers, miners and the like, but they can be destructive in the hands of children or untrained adults. If you ever see something that looks like the blasting caps pictured here, don't touch it. Call the police, or fire department. A free poster and helpful information about blasting caps is available from the Institute of Makers of Explosives, Dept. N, 1575 Eye Street, N.W. Suite 550, Washington, DC 20005.



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ed May 4, 1981 and to ask the Court to determine the exact amount of child support to be paid by the father and the mother of the children. Said child, Reubon Jiminez, was born on Aug. 10, 1970 in Abilene, Texas Said Child Geneva Jiminez was born on Jan. 4, 1973 in Abilene, Texas Said Child Jose Jiminez, was born on Feb. 12, 1975 in Abilene, Texas. The Court has au-

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then and there to

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Taylor County Child

Welfare Unit, Movant,

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1983, against Ignacia

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The Interest of REU-

BON JIMINEX\* et al.

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Temporary Order dat-

Gavia, Respondent,

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## **Rusty** Toney 6-2TC

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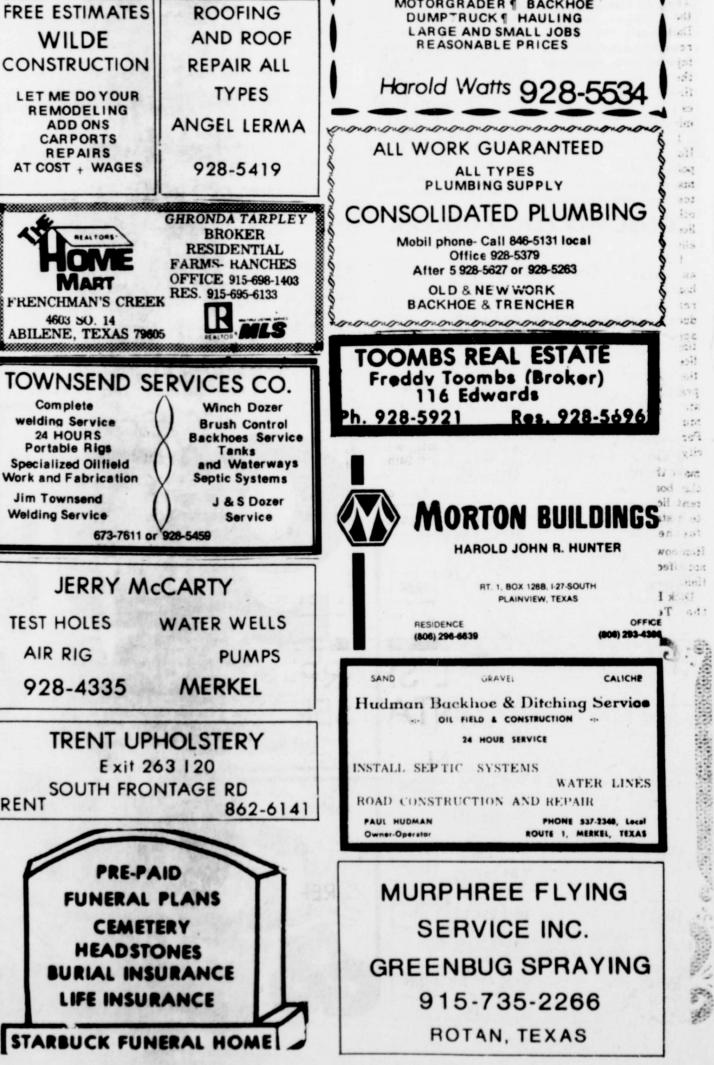
Five acre nome site one half mile from City limits. Merkel city water, electricity, and phones. Restricted to homes built on site. Owner will finance. Call Cyrus Pee at 928-5613. 49-TFC For Sale: 14 X 78 Fleetwood mobil home 3 bedroom, 2 bath, large living room, good condition, Must sell Call 862-6322. Has underpinning. 3-2TP For Sale: Five acres in south central Colorado, close to San Luis Color. For Sale or trade for property of equal value in the

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# Welch has mare in sale

proposal. "It meets a

justifiable need. It is a

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makes the regulation of

business as painless as

possible. It is a good solu-

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having to have 25 or 30

different licenses to stay

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Independent Electrical

Contractors said that

there would be no cost to

the State to administer

the licensing program.

The cost would be paid

through fees for licenses.

"The consumer is the

person who saves. The

cost of doing business is

less and can be passed on

to the consumer. The con-

sumer also is assured that

Bradley Bryan, execu-

in business."

Buster Welch of Merkel will once again consign a quarter horse mare to the 1983 Western Heritage Sale, the foremost sale of the art, cattle and horses in the U.S.

## Electrical Licensing Would Benefit Public League, the organization of the state's cities, said the TML supported the

AUSTIN - Legislation that would help protect the public from loss of property and possible injury because of inferior electrical wiring methods has been passed by the Texas House State Affairs Committee.

HB 296 would license electrical workers on a statewide basis. It now goes to the House for approval.

Rep. Charles Evans (D) of Fort Worth, sponsor of the legislation, said another of the objectives of the proposal was to rectify a situation under which electricians must receive separate licenses from each city where they work. In Tarrant County. there are 38 municipalities. Electricians who work countywide must get 38 licenses. The same problem is true in other areas of the state.

The State Fire Marshal's Office of the State Board of Insurance said that in the last six months of 1982 more than 1,500 fires in structures were directly attributed to short circuit ground faults or electrical distribution failure in electrical equipment such as wiring in meter boxes.

The Texas Fire Incident Reporting System covers reports of 200 fire departments in the state. representing 33 per cent of the state's population. The reports do not include the metropolitan areas of Dallas and Houston. The report indicates 49 injuries and two deaths by the reported electrical fires. Dollar loss was estimated at almost \$6 million. In hearings before the House committee, it was pointed out that while many cities have strict testing procedures, in other municipalities the licensing is only a formality. Under the proposed bill, an appointed licensing board would have the responsibility of conducting examinations of applicants at least four times each year. Persons licensed under the legislation would be eligible to practice anywhere in the state without further municipal examination. Persons who have passed city examinations which meet the requirements of the board and hold current licenses are entitled to a state license without further testing.

The mare will be offered for auction May 13-14 at the Shasmrock Hilton hotel in Houston. Each year, the sale traditionally generates between \$3.5 million and \$4.5 million in total sales.

R.L. McCarty of Ahi-Wheels lournament held April 9 and 10 in Following a wedding Abilene.

There were 30 teams trip to Niagra Falls. the couple will live at entered. The Merkel the Haystack Apartments in Abilene. Softball

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# Art group

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The Merkel Art Association met April 5th at Taylor Telephone. After a treasurers report the members voted to have Abilene artist Barbara Kemp to give a demonstration on portrait painting. Her model will be KTAB newsman Jim Curtis.

### Thursday, April 14, 1983

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CITATION BY
  PUBLICATION
 THE STATE OF
TEXAS
 TO: DONALD WA-
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YNE WEEKS' Respondent. GREETINGS: YOU ARE HEREBY

COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable District Court, 63rd Judicial Dstrict, Val Verde County, Texas at the Courthouse of said County in Del Rio, 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 RICHARD BEITEL AND WIFE . FRAN-CISCA B. BEITEL\* Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 31st day of March, 1983, against DONALD WAYNE WEEKS' Respondent, and said suit being numbered 10,829 on the docket of said the Interest of BILLIE DAWN WEEKS'a Child," the nature of which suit is a request to terminate the parent-child relationship. Said child was born the 29th day of January, 1974, in Germany. The Court has authority in this suit to enter and judgement

or decree in the child's interest which will be binding upon you, including the termination of the parentchild relationship, the de------

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termination of paternity, and the apointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the chi-Id's adoption, and to transfer these procedures for final hearing to the 326th District Court of Taylor

County, Texas. Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Del Rio, Texas this the 31st day of March, 1983 Dixie Connolly, CI-

erk of the District Court of Val Verde County, Texas. 6-1TC

## CITATION BY PUBLICATION + THE STATE OF TEXAS

+TO: Todd Lane Franks, Defendant, 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 is-suance of this citation, same being the 9th day of May A. D. 1983, to Plantiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 12th day of August A. D. 1982, in this cause, numbered 37,650-A on the docket of said Court and styled IN-TERFIRST BANK ABILENE" N. A. Plantiff, vs TODD LANE

FRANKS' Detendant A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: Plantiff prays that Defendant be cited to appear and answer herein, that upon final hearing it have judgement in the amount of \$39,283.87 plus past due interest, attorney's fees and all costs of suit, and for all other relief, both legal

and equitable, general or special, to which this Plantiff may show itself entitled as is more fully shown by Plantiff's Petition on file in this suit. If this citation is not served within ninety Page 5

days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officier server.ut ing 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 March A. D. 1983.

Attest: RILLA MA-HONEY Clerk, 42nd District Court Taylor County, Texas By Kel ly Gandy, Deputy. 6-4TC

Extended Coverage

by Chris Young

Most states require every automobile owner to carry liability insurance. Nevertheless, there are drivers on the road who are uninsured, or who carry the bare minimum

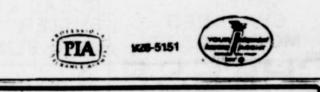
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Does your auto policy offer all the protection you need? Let's talk it over at Boney-Young Insurance Agency, 1022 North 2nd, Mekel, Texas.



iel Moreno, Frank Rodriguez, Don Whisenhunt, Bobby Windham. The team is coached by Bob Hook

team included Steve Butts, Tommy Casey, Mackey Crossman, Donnie Doan, Phillip Doan, Gary Hicks, Ronnie Holmes, Dan-

Homeowner permits are not affected by the legislation.

Dick Brown, director of the Texas Municipal

New officers for the group are Ruth Cox, president Pat Byrd, vice president, Evelyn Stribling secretary, Ruth Hogan, reporter, Ruth Buster historian and Marie Beaird and Ethel Pee are the telephone committee. Members at the meeting included Ruth Cox, Evelyn Stribling, Marie Beaird, Ruth Buster, Frankie Smith Ann Doan, Betty Toombs, Loraine Lee, Ethel Pee and Ruth Hogan.

Their next meeting and demonstration wi-Il be held at Taylor Telephone.

## Wedding

Kay I. Amerine a 1981 graduate of Merkel High and Kelly Johns McCarty a 1980 Wylie graduate were married March 24th. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Amerine of merkel and is employed by Pediatrics Associates. The groom attended Angelo State and is employed by McCarty Equipment. He is the



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We are happy to be a part of this area, where our roots go back 110 years! Thanks again!!

J. B. Terrell, Jr.

**Terrell Oil Company** 50 Southeast Second Street

**Terrell Operating Company** Hamlin, Texas 79520

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