

The Merkel Mail

Thursday, June 21, 1984...Merkel, Texas

Our 96th Year



The following are the Merkel Little League All-Stars. [Back row from left] Kyle Doan, Montie Griffin, Mike Payne, Shawn Le-

amon, Lee Hunt, David Thomas, Chris Gaona, Steven Bauer and coach Frank Rodriguez. [Bottom row from left] Manager Juan Biera, Chance Ferguson, Randy

Toombs, Jamie Masonheimer, Shawn Miller, Cory Chick, Stevie Biera, Brandon Rice, Kevin Watson. [Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards]

Fun Day tickets available

Plans for the annual Fun Day are moving along well as many local groups and organizations have already reserved booths and ticket sales started last week.

Prizes will be donated by local merchants for drawings to be held and proceeds from ticket sales this year will be used to plant trees around Merkel.

The grand prize in the drawing this year will be a trip for one to

Mexico, according to The Merkel Chamber of Commerce.

Tickets are 50 cents each or 3 for \$1 and are available from all-time Fun Day ticket selling champ Johnny Starbuck, and are also available from Hazel Pack. Others selling tickets include Hi-Val, Ben Franklin's, Braggs, Hicks Auto, P & L Auto, Merkel Drug, The Merkel Mail and at Starbuck's.

Groups interested in reserving a spot should call either 928-5712 or 928-5722. People making reservations are asked to provide the Chamber with what type of food, or booth will be offered so that duplication of items can be kept to a minimum.

Further information is available by calling the Merkel Chamber of Commerce at 928-5722 or Melanie Richards at 928-5712.

Riding club sets playday, horse show, queen contest here

by Patricia Boyd-Gorbett

The things Texas is famous for will be featured here Friday and Saturday. The events will take place at the Merkel Riding Club arena. Beginning at 7 p.m. Friday will be an Open Playday with four age groups; 8 & under, 9 through 12, 13 through 17 and 18 and over. Events are barrel racing, flag race, pole bending and goat tying. While watching the fast horses and riders in action, spectators will have the opportunity to enjoy the chuckwagon barbecue. Cowboy sized portions of bar-b-que'd brisket and sausage, flanked by frijole beans and potato salad and topped by delicious homemade cobbler will make up the menu. Cost for the bar-b-que will be \$3.50 for adults and \$2 for children under 12.

To add beauty and excitement to the event, a queen's contest has been added. The competition is open to any riding club member under age 18. The girl who sells the most tickets to the barbecue will be declared Queen. Contenders for Queen include:

Angela Armstrong, daughter of Danny and Janice Armstrong of Abilene. Angela is five years old and has won many belt buckles and tack items. She competes in all events on her registered quarter horse mare, Lady. The pretty, red-haired cowgirl adds to any rodeo or horse show (photo not available).

Kaci Bland is the daughter of Rex and Kathi Bland of Trent. Kaci loves to ride and has just now begun competing at the riding club. Kaci comes from a family of rodeo participants, father Rex is a member of the PRCA. She has two brothers, Brandon and D.J. who also rides. Kaci is three years old.

Laramie Boyd Gorbett. Laramie has two ponies, Spotty and Penny who she looks forward to riding every day. She also likes to play with her many dogs and cats. Laramie lives on a ranch near Sweetwater and can't wait until she is old enough to work cattle with her father Ace. Laramie accompanies her mother, Patricia to many barrel races and rodeos and sometimes even gets to participate. Laramie also has a brand new baby sister, Lauren Blair.

Candice Henslee, 14 she has already received many honors with her mare Lady. The pair recently qualified for the state 4-H horse show finals, for the second time. She was also named overall Hi-Point at the 1983 Merkel FFA horse show. Candice has a younger sister Dawn. Their parents are Gloria and John Henslee of Merkel.

Jeanette Lanford is the pretty 4 year old daughter of Mr. & Mrs. John Scott Lanford of Merkel. She will be entering kindergarten this fall. She loves all animals and has been riding for two years. She would like to be queen and be able to present the awards to the winners.

Julie Lanford is also the daugh-

ter of John & Jayne Lanford. She is 7 years old and has been riding for 4 years. She enjoys her Brownie group and sewing. Julie's mother, Jayne is the secretary of the riding club.

Kerri Kennedy. A student at Clyde High, she is 16 years old. She has ridden in competition barrel racing and related events for several years. She has also won her share of buckles and blue ribbons. Kerri and her uncle James have also won many local team ropings and Kerri is one of the most consistent heelers. She would like to be queen and promote the riding club. Her supportive mother is Sharon Kennedy of Clyde.

Jessie Niell is the pretty daughter of Thomas and Melinda Niell of Blair. She likes to ride her horse, play with her brothers and sisters and enjoys soccer and playing on her swing set. Her favorite thing to do is to come to the riding club on Saturday night. It looks as though she could easily be a future champion barrel racer.

Bridgett Vaughn. Bridgett will be in the 8th grade here next year. Her parents are Oscar Dale & LaVena Vaughn. Bridgett is a member of the WTBRA and places in many of their barrel races. Bridgett has also won many belt

buckles and trophies at the Merkel riding club and other horse shows. Along with her younger sister, Coty, the two are valuable assets to the riding club.

Debra Williams of Trent is the daughter of Lloyd & Pat Williams. A member of the WTBRA, she has been running barrels for three years. She rides a five year old mare who is the granddaughter of Easy Jet, the world's leading sire. Debra is already winning many barrel races. A graduate of Trent High, she was very active in FFA and has shown many champion steers, lambs and pigs.

Tickets are still available for the barbecue, any person interested in purchasing tickets may contact one of these girls to help fulfill their dream of becoming queen. The Queen will be presenting the buckles given to the Hi-Point at the Playday and also for the horse show on Saturday.

The horse show is open to any horse of any age or breed and the club would like to welcome anyone to bring their horse out for the show. Proceeds from all events will be presented to the Merkel Riding Club Arena fund.

So, put on your boots and hat and come out to the Riding Arena for a weekend of fast horses, pretty girls and West Texas Bar-B-Que.

Solutions sometimes worse than the problem

by Russell McAnally

In this column, we have talked about storms, trash, bad habits, dogs, friends, promoted rain with no results and other varied interests. I would like to offer a little help solving a world problem. World problems seem to be such a big thing, but most of the time, only a small solution to those big problems is required. It is not world problems we deal with because we are still face-to-face with individuals. Some of us get into trouble by making the proposed solution to the problems cause more troubles than the original problem. For instance, we do something that is wrong—we have a problem. Our solution to the problem is to tell a lie about it and then we have more than doubled our original problem.

The Russians shot down a passenger plane over their territory—after warning the plane. Our Secretary of State said, "I am meeting with..." the Russian State Representative and called him by name, "and he is going to give an account to me and he is going to answer all my questions." The meeting was held but the Russian simply walked out and has not been back. He was forced to do so by the name calling and the threat. The right or wrong of either side is not the issue. Our President stated about two years ago when a new leader in Russia

was installed, "He" and then called the man by name, "is a liar and a murderer." That statement and name calling made further communication between the two impossible.

Our proposed solution to the arms race is "We will build such bombs and guns that Russia will be forced to give in, knowing she can't win, and will be forced to the negotiations table by our terms." We have made this as a public statement and called Russia by name. Our solution to the problem has made our problem much worse because Russia answered by making more and more destructive missiles and is not headed for the conference table. This makes us have to defend our position, instead of our cause, as it is always done when there is name calling and threats.

It is the name calling and threats that cause me concern. If you have a problem with a neighbor, and you talk about it over town, you have to be careful. It would be better to say "I have a neighbor who does such and such and I am going to have a settlement with him." This leaves room to act and talk. When we say, "My neighbor, Mr. Soandoo is causing me trouble and I am going to have it out with him," he has

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Newsbriefs

Women's softball league forming

Women interested in participating in a local softball league will be meeting Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at Taylor Electric.

All interested are urged to attend.

Visitors

Mr. & Mrs. Royce Watkins and son of Hobbs, N. M. visited his grandmother, Mrs. O. J. Reynolds & Bob last weekend.

They went to Buffalo Gap for a visit and ice cream supper with Doug & Pam Watkins. Doug has bought the old foundry building from Dr. Lee Rhodes and is moving his business there from Snyder. They have also purchased a home at Buffalo Gap.

2 on HSU list

Dennis W. Burt and Norma Jean Frazier,

both of Merkel, were named to the honor roll at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene for the spring semester.

Soccer meeting

A soccer meeting will be held June 25th at 7 p.m. at the Taylor Electric room.

All interested parents should attend or send a representative. The meeting will be held to determine the interest of youth soccer here.

Thanks

The Trent Volunteer Fire Department would like to thank the following people for their contributions to our organization and for their interest in the community of Trent.

They are J. P. Dunagin, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Adams, Mr. & Mrs. Othell O'Kelly, Eddie Adams, Mr. & Mrs. Owen O'Kelly, Trent

Cemetery Association, Mr. & Mrs. Zed Bright, Mr. & Mrs. Ronnie Freeman, Mr. & Mrs. Mike Jones, Mr. & Mrs. John Swinney, Trent Community Club, Lettie Hamner, Mr. & Mrs. Billie W. Hamner, Mr. & Mrs. Ken Kraatz, Trent Baptist Church, E. M. Simpson, Trent Church of Christ, Carson's Grocery and Cojler Survey of Abilene.

Elsie Perry services held

Essie Braunell Perry, 71, of Merkel, died at 9:10 a.m. Saturday at her home. Services were held at 2 p.m. Monday at the First Baptist Church here.

The Rev. Wayne Keller, pastor, officiated. Burial followed at Rose Hill Cemetery here under the direction of the Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born Nov. 11, 1912 in Hood County, she had married Fred Perry

Nov. 26, 1935, in Abilene. She moved to the Merkel-Trent area from Hood County in 1924. A member of the First Baptist Church, she was also a Sunday school teacher at Tye Baptist Church and the Stith Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband; a daughter Mrs. Martha Butler of Garland; two sisters, Mrs. Faye Jones of Merkel and Mrs. Horense Woodward of Hawley; a brother Arnold Armstrong of Trent; two granddaughters Jennifer & Rebecca Butler, both of Garland and several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers included T. J. Neill, George McDonald, Dale Farmer, S. G. Russell, Melvin Bekhafer and Leroy Teaff.

TABS results, tickets...more

BY Cloy A. Richards

Bill Everett, MISD superintendent was more than glad to rummage through papers Tuesday to show me a copy of the latest results from the TABS testing taken by MISD 3rd, 5th and 9th graders last winter. The results from this year indicate that MISD has steadily improved its test scores since that testing began four years ago.

Curriculum director David Laman is to be complimented for a degree of the better scores, according to Everett because of the emphasis placed on lesson plans and reaching learning objectives of each class.

Of a total of 87 graded categories, MISD's students this year placed better than in the four previous years of testing in 47 categories (over half) and had improvements over last year's scores in nine more.

Taint bad at all.

A lot of local cotton has been "dusted in" recently due to the lack of rainfall here.

A farmer told me the other day about some of the dirt clods in his

field. He said he put one on a fencepost to see how long it would stay there before it was melted by rain. He bet the post would rot before it rained enough to melt that hunk of dirt.

Johnny Starbuck, that master Fun Day ticket seller is already off to a fast start this year as he has already turned in more than \$200 in two days of selling.

There's not much telling how many tickets Johnny has sold for the previous Fun Days but no one else has even come close.

Tickets this year are 50 cents each or three for \$1 and will be used to purchase trees for the city.

This year, the grand prize winner will receive a trip to Mexico and local merchants will be donating prizes to be awarded during day-long drawings. People wanting to reserve a booth for the event may call 928-5712.

MISD's initial look at taxable evaluations for the school district look good so far.

The Taylor County appraisal

district recently released those figures to MISD and it shows new taxable evaluations of about \$4 million. That will not of course, be the final tally because of the appeal process. No doubt, some will appeal and have their evaluations lowered, so that \$4 million won't last.

This weekend and next is the show dates for Albany's Fandangle.

I know of no other event put on by a town in this area that takes the preparation or the support of the entire community to pull off and am surprised at the number of locals that haven't managed to see that show yet.

Ticket prices range from \$3 to \$7 and it is well worth the money. It is an event that the people of Albany and the Big Country should take pride in, and should see at least once.

Lokking for a lot of excitement and some adventure? Try Indiana Jones & The Temple of Doom. It will definately keep your interest up and is a fine sequel to Raiders.

That would be getting tough

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been called by name and has received a threat so he has to defend himself.

Many people have applauded the "Get Tough" policy of the present administration. Someone asked our President if he was going to use all of the missiles he was making and he replied "We are

not going to use them—we are just making them to scraee the Russians." I am sure Russian leaders heard that and now feel secure.

We should be in a humanitarian race and not a missile race. We should propose to the Russians that we open our borders and let people come and go as they

choose. It should be repeated by radio and tv every time an American representative meets a Russian representative. Let the Russians hear it until they are sick of it, and let all the rest of the world hear it also.

That would "Be Getting Tough."

Former Merkelite buried

John L. Blair, 79, died Sunday at his residence in Rockport.

He was born in Merkel and had lived in the Rockport area since 1954. He was a prior resident

Patsy Holder

of Aransas Pass and in-gleside. He was a member of the Baptist Church and Masonic Lodge.

He is survived by his wife, Jewel Blair of Rockport; two daughters Aldene Caddell of Lubbock and Reta Reeves of Little Rock, Ark.; a stepdaughter Ann Rasco of Athens; two brothers Russell T. Blair of Lawton, Okla., and O. C. Blair of Levelland; two sisters Mrs. Willie Reynolds of Merkel and Mrs. Lillian Matthews of Abilene; 14 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandson. Services were held at 2 p.m. last Wednesday at the Marshall Funeral Home Chapel in Rockport with the Rev. Charles Fake officiating. Masonic graveside services immediately fol-

lowed in the Prairie View Cemetery in Aransas Pass.

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Business and Education:

The New American Partnership
It's time to stop talking about education. Today, an estimated 15 to 20 percent of all Americans lack the formal skills and knowledge to manage their own lives competently. Many of them can't fill out a job application or read well enough to pass a driver's test. Business had been telling us for years and recent reports confirm: too many graduates can't read, write, or compute well enough to function adequately in the work-place.

"In today's technological economy, as jobs become more complex, more, not less, educated workers are a necessity," says Governor Pierre du Pont, Chairman of the Task Force on Education for Economic Growth, a project of the Education Commission of the States. "These workers are the key to higher productivity and a greater ability to compete in world markets, particularly in the areas of high-technology and information. If we are to make a smooth transition to a technologically oriented economy, quality education for all students is essential and we can only succeed if we establish new partnerships between our business and education communities."

According to one estimate, industry spends almost as much for education as do all public college and universities. That figure may be as high as \$30 billion a year, and a significant amount of that money in the past has been spent compensating for the inadequacies of our educational systems. Over one-third of the nation's largest companies offer remedial programs of some kind—primarily in basic skills—and some of them are for employees with college or advanced degrees. Each

year, AT&T spends \$6 million just for remedial education. For over 10 years now, Polaroid has been running an extensive remedial program in basic skills. And these are only two examples of extensive and expensive corporate endeavors.

Companies would be the first to admit that basic education isn't the business of business. Yet, as employers, they have a particularly high stake in the product of our educational system—the graduates. In recent years, business and industry have gone to the heart of the problem, and in a positive way have begun to take more of an active role in strengthening American public schools. Through an impressive array of partnerships and collaborative programs, they are offering schools financial help, technology, management expertise, specially trained personnel, and other needed resources. Many of these efforts are funded by large national corporations.

Exxon corporation supports pre-college science and math programs, including a teacher-to-teacher information dissemination project in New York City and Houston;

Hewlett-Packard has helped to establish and fund special academies to reach high school dropouts;

The Dow Chemical Company offers placement for high school co-op students with science and math interests in company laboratories;

RCA offers summer sessions that encourage minority students to study science, math, or engineering in college;

The Bank of New England offers Teachers Excellence Awards of \$6,500 to nine outstanding teachers each year;

Hughes Tool send Vietnamese and Hispanic workers to self help schools and also sends them to schools as tutors for students from those ethnic groups;

Time Inc. is helping to establish a new high school for writing in the New York City public school systems that is scheduled to open in September.

The list could have easily been extended to include hundreds of other corporations.

Although these large national corporation efforts are important, they represent only a fraction of the potential that business and industry have for helping the schools. Small local businesses need to get involved in improving education in their own communities. Many want to in fact. The question is, "how can my business make a difference?"

The first step is to find out in what ways the schools, in your community need help. If business wants its needs met, its going to have to meet the needs of the schools. Chances are, no matter how small or specialized your business is, you can contribute. Consider some of the following examples of local business helping local schools:

Companies in construction-related industries can help school buildings in need of repair and renovation.

Local book stores can set up reading or tutorial programs.

Banks and accounting firms can offer financial advice to school districts.

The possibilities are limited only by our imagination.

Business and education working together are a powerful partnership that can energize our nation's future, but, as George Allen said: The future is now. It's time for business to be bullish not only on the economy, but on the schools.

Patsy Marie Holder, 53, of Merkel, died at 9:15 p.m. last Tuesday at Hendrick Medical Center after a brief illness. Services were held at 2 p.m. last Thursday at Starbuck Funeral Home

The Rev. Ronnie Newton, minister of First Evangelical Methodist Church in Abilene officiated. Burial followed in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Born March 1, 1931 in Slick, Okla., she married C.A. Holder on Sept. 30, 1961 in Winterhaven, Calif. She had lived here since 1972.

She is survived by her husband; two daughters, Carol Ann Duchane, of Pomona, Calif. and Debra Sue Ragland, of Mesquite; and five grandchildren.



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Jeanette Lanford



Kerri Kennedy



Bridgett Vaughn



Debra Williams



Candice Henslee, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. John Henslee, will be competing in the state 4-H meet in Waco July 23-28 after weekend competitions in Abilene. Candice was 1st in grade mares, any age or breed, 2nd in barrels and in the stakes. [Complimentary photo]

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2-1-1 corner near school-equity.
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Thanks
We are sincerely grateful to friends and neighbors for their many kind acts of sympathy during our sad bereavement. Our appreciation cannot be adequately expressed.
Cecil Holder & Deborah Ragland & Family

We thank our many friends, neighbors and relatives for the many thoughtful and loving acts of kindness and sympathy shown us during our Mother's long illness and passing away. We appreciate all the food, the cards, flowers, memorial gifts, words of sympathy, prayers, and the beautiful service. May God bless each of you.
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Orsborn
Mr. & Mrs. C. L. Thompson
Mr. & Mrs. Elbert Foster & Family

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
THE STATE OF TEXAS
+County of Taylor.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That by virtue of a certain Execution issued out of the Honorable District Court of Dallas County, of the 13th day of April, 1984, by Execution of said District Court, for the sum of Fifty nine thousand six hundred twenty four and 30/100 Dollars and costs of suit, under a Judgement, in favor of Schlumberger Well Services, A Division of Schlumberger Technology Corp. vs. Hamco Exploration & Development Co. & North Texas Petroleum, Inc., placed in my hands for service, I John W. Middleton as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did, on the 8th day of June, 1984, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit:
All that certain tract of land described in an oil and gas lease dated April 1, 1982, from Ira Travis Farmer and wife, Margaret Phyllis Farmer as Lessors, and Hamco Exploration and Development Company and Lessee, recorded in volume 1242, Page 172, Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, and more particularly de-

scribed as follows, to-wit:
*TRACT ONE:
Being 70.034 acres of land out of Survey No. 3, Block No. 18, T & P RR Co. Survey, Taylor County, Texas, described by metes and bounds as follows: Beginning at a concrete monument set S 13 deg. E 252.9 vrs and S 77 deg. W 447.75 vrs from the NE corner of Survey 3, for the NE and beginning corner of this tract; Thence S 13 deg. E 512.4 vrs; Thence S 77 deg. W 728.25 vrs for the SW corner of this tract; Thence N 13 deg. W 170.7 vrs; Thence 77 deg. W 65 vrs to a point in the center line of a County Road; Thence N 13 deg. W 341.7 vrs along the center line of said County Road to a point in its center line; Thence N 77 deg. E 793.25 vrs to the place of beginning.
TRACT TWO:
Being 40.836 acres out of Survey 3, Block 18, T & P RR Company Survey, Taylor County, Te-

xas, described by metes and bounds as follows: Beginning at a concrete monument set South 13 deg. East 252.9 varas from the Northeast corner of Survey 3, Block 18, T & P RR CO. Survey, Taylor County, Texas, for the NE and beginning corner of this tract; Thence South 77 deg. West 447.75 varas to a concrete monument set for the NW corner of this tract; Thence South 13 deg. East 512.4 varas to a concrete monument set for the SW corner of this tract; Thence North 77 deg. East 447.75 varas to a point in the EBL in said Survey 3; Thence North 13 deg. West 512.4 varas to the place of beginning.
and levied upon as the property of Hamco Exploration & North Texas Petroleum, Inc. and that on the first Tuesday in July, 1984, the same being the 3rd day of said month at the Court House door, of Taylor County, in the City of Abilene, Texas, between the hours of 10 a.m. and

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Sale will be held at 10:00 a.m.
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And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper published in Taylor County.
Witness my hand, this 12th day of June 1984.
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Cockerell services held in Ft. Worth

Funeral services were held at the Polytechnic Baptist Church June 8th for Mrs. Blanche Carey Cockerell, 73, who died June 5th at her home in Fort Worth after a lengthy illness. Burial was in Breckenridge Cemetery in Breckenridge.

Born Dec. 25, 1910 in Cross Plains, she was raised in Merkel. She married Rayford Cockerell Dec. 25, 1937. She was a member of Polytechnic Baptist Church where she had served as a church hostess and was a member of the Women's Missionary Union. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her husband of the home at 1109 Blue Lake Drive; two sons Larry Ray of Garland and Carey Don of Brownwood; a daughter, Mrs. Larry (Betty Jo) Lewis of Hannibal, Mo.; two brothers Oliver Carey of Lubbock and Clements Carey of Crane; a sister Mrs. Woodrow (Alice) Walter of Fort Worth, eight grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents William & Mary Smith Carey and three brothers Truman, Melvin & Carl and a sister Mrs. Vernon (Ruby) Lofton.

July, 1984, at or before ten o'clock A. M. before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County, Texas, at the Court House of said County in Abilene, Texas.

Said Plaintiff's Amended Petition was filed in said Court, on the 22nd day of May, A. D. 1984, in this cause, numbered 38,737-A on the docket of said court, and styled, EQUICO LESSORS, INC. Plaintiff vs. LARRY TENNISON, dba Buffalo Gap Construction and OSCAR WHITE, dba Oscar White Oil are Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit:

Defendants defaulted in making required payments on a lease agreement pursuant to an equipment lease contract dated on or about Dec. 16, 1981, and on or about May 13, 1982 entered into an agreement entitled "Consent to Transfer of Interest". Plaintiff asks for Judgment for \$10,417.69 as the amount due on the lease, plus prejudgment interest, attorney's fees and cost of court. Plaintiff asks to be granted such other and further relief, specific or general, legal or equitable, as Plaintiff may be shown to be justly entitled to receive.

As is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on

file in this suit. If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this process shall promptly execute the same according to law, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this 14th day of June A.D. 1984.

Attest
Rilla Mahoney, Clerk
42nd District Court, Taylor County, Texas by JoAnn Lackey, Deputy.
68-4tc

NOTICE OF RATE CHANGE REQUEST AND STATEMENT OF INTENT

Notice is hereby given that TAYLOR ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE INC. (the 'Utility') intends to change rates for electric utility service effective July 14, 1984. The increase requested over test year revenues is \$1,466,203 or 13 per cent.

The changes are applicable to all areas and all customers served by the Utility. The classes and numbers of Utility customers are, affected as follows:

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The Utility intends to change its service rules and regulations including rules related to obtaining service, line extension and line extension charges, the provision of electric service, service fees, and discontinuance of service.

Implementation of the proposed changes is subject to approval by the appropriate regulatory authority. A statement of intent including the proposed revisions of tariff and schedules and a statement specifying in detail each proposed change is available at the general office of the Utility located at P. O. Box 250, Merkel, Texas, 79636.

Persons wishing to intervene or otherwise participate in these proceedings should notify the Commission as soon as possible. A request to intervene, participate, or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Suite 400N, Austin, Texas 78757. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission Consumer Affairs

Division at (512) 458-0223 or (512) 458-0227, or (512) 458-0221 teletypewriter for the deaf.

CAMPBELL MCGINNIS ATTORNEY FOR THE UTILITY
67-4tc

THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: JOHN H. HOFFA, Whereabouts Unknown, Defendant, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before ten o'clock A. M. of the first Monday the 2nd day of July, 1984, at or before ten o'clock A. M. before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County, Texas, at the Court House of said County in Abilene, Texas.

Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said

Court, on the 17th day of May A. D. 1984, in this cause, numbered 38,769-A on the docket of said Court, and styled IN THE MATTER OF KELLY LYNN HOFFA, TRACI DAWN HOFFA & CHRISTOPHER JOHN HOFFA, Minor Children.

The name of the parties to the cause are as follows:

BARBARA L. ORR is Plaintiff and JOHN H. HOFFA is Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit:

Petitioner request that the names of the minor children be changes as requested in the Petition, and for such other and further relief to which Petitioner may be entitled either by law or in equity.

Petitioner request the Court to enter its order

changing the surname of each of said minor children from "HOFFA" to "ORR" as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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

The officer executing this process shall promptly execute the same according to law, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of Said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this 17th day of May, A. D. 1984.

Attest:
Rilla Mahoney, Clerk
42nd District Court Taylor County, Texas by JoAnn Lackey, Deputy.
66-4tc

Public notices

PUBLIC NOTICE
The City of Merkel will receive sealed bids on the renovation of several houses and the demolition and clearance of one house and lot until 4:30 p.m. June 25, 1984.

Additional information may be procured at City Hall, 107 Lamar, Merkel, Texas.

Any and all contractors are invited and urged to bid and the City reserves the right to accept or reject and and or all bids within regulations of the HUD Community Develop-

ment program.
Kent Satterwhite Mayor
68-1tc

The State of Texas
TO: LARRY TENNISON, dba Buffalo Gap Construction, Residence Unknown, Defendant, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before ten o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being Monday the 30th day of

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