The Merkel Maii

Thursday, August 9, 1984...Merkel, Texas

Our 96th Year



Ice cream-cake supper will honor Pursley will be honored on his day Aug. 10

Brad Pursley Day festivities will get started at 7 p.m. Friday when a caravan will escort Brad to Heritage Hall from the Farrington Fina Station on 1-20.

An ice cream and cake supper will be held starting at 7:30 at the Hall and the town is invited to attend the free event.

Pursley, a recent ACU graduate. is the Alternate to the U.S. Olympic Pole Vaulting Team and is being honored for his accomplishments in track and field.

Pursley won the state AA Pole Vault title his senior year at Merkel High in 1978. At nearby Abilene Christian, he won the "Big 3" college track meet titles at the Kansas, Drake and Texas Relays two years in a row and highlighted his college career when he set the U. S. Outdoor Record at 18' 10

3-4" The event planned at the hall will be attended by former Merkel and ACU coaches of Brad and the public is invited to attend.

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: Brad Pursley has earned the distinction as a member of the U.S. Olympic Team as an alternate to the Pole Vault Team, and;

WHEREAS: The Citizens of Merkel, Texas are proud to recognize him for his selection to the team and the attention brought to The City of Merkel and its citizens, and:

WHEREAS: We, the Citizens thank Brad for the example he has set for youth here, and in all small communities that they too, can be a world-class athlete, no matter how small a town you were raised, and;

We, The Citizens of Merkel, Texas, and I as Mayor, do hereby proclaim Friday, August 10, 1984 as Brad Pursley Day.

> Kent Satterwhite Mayor

Brad's Day, funny water, Phase 4, school starts Aug. 15th

by Cloy A. Richards

Don't forget about Brad Pursley Day Friday night at Heritage Hall at 7:30. Actually, an ince cream and cake supper is planned and it's free and everyone, even you, is invited

Your attendance at that event will be a way of showing Brad how proud you are of him and his accomplishments in the pole vault.

The event will get started with a caravan escort at 7 p.m. at Farrington Fina on the Interstate and the ice cream and cake supper gets underway at 7:30. Everyone is invited and will be your best way yet to catch Olympic Fever, if you haven't had that already.

ABC Sports ratings mean that, until a week ago, 83 per cent of the televisions on during the evening were on the Olympics at one time or another during the broadcasts.

There is an interesting article in the paper this week about Texans and their share of federal taxes, compared to grants received in this state.

For those that are tax mad, it could be hazardous to your health.

While talking with Robert Har- will be paying \$1.23 per 1,000. ris this week, he asked me to tell everyone that their drinking water is safe and pure, it just tastes

The cause is blamed on the higher water temperature of Hubbard water, which is now being pumped in to help dwindling lake levels at Fort Phantom Hill.

City of Abilene water officials have been telling people to add a little lemon or lime to mask the

The Sunkist folks ought to love

When the water level at Fort Phantom reaches 20 feet below the spillway (it is now 18.2 and falling) we will go into Phase 4 of the Mandatory water conservation

That will mean lawn watering. at my favorite time of the day. between 5 and 7 a.m.

It also means water rates will go

up again, an average of 10 cents per 1,000 gallons additional. Users of 50,000 gallons or more

MISD officials are ready for the start of school August 15th and are

holding their breath to see if they have enough room, especially at Merkel Elementary and Middle School While talking with MISD superintendent Bill Everett last wee,

Bill said the school was getting calls every day wondering when school starts and how they can enroll their children. MISD officials have again fur-

on a possible bond issue for she said "I take checks from construction of new school facili- anyone except school teachers and The administration has returned

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Odd water taste blamed on higher water temperatures, more Hubbard water

looking a little funny to you lately, and it will probably stay that way until Fort Phantom can fulfill area water needs without pumping in water from Lake Hubbard.

City of Abilene water officials said Tuesday "the water will probably taste funny, and may even have a slight odor for a period of time until the warmer, more chlorinated water of Hubbard is no longer needed to meet customer demands."

They added "a touch of lemon or lime can be used in the water or tea and the odd taste should be reduced.

City of Merkel water director Robert Harris told The Mail Tuesday "We have had some people asking questions about the tastes of the water and some of them seem to be concerned about the purity. The water is safe, it just tastes funny.

Harris also said the city is using less water, about 100,000 gallons per day less before the mandatory water conservation measures went into effect. He said there was no way of telling how the measures were affecting water usage here because the weather

has not been as hot as normal. The city has not issued any citations on watering abuses, but

The water may be tasting or say they have been receiving the support of the citizens.

The Abilene Reporter News reported Tuesday morning that the city had issued, and had received payment on a \$10 fine for improper watering.

Currently, Lake Fort Phantom Hill is 18.2 feet below the spillway and should reach 20 feet early next month. That lake level will kick in Phase 4 of the conservation plan and that will call for outdoor watering only between 5 and 7

a.m. on designated days. Also, at that point, residents who use above the minumum amounts will pay a "Use rate" higher than normal water rates. The average customer (those who use between 2,000 and 12,000 gallons per month) will be charged an additional dime

per 1,000 gallons. Remember, to use the water calendar, match the last digit in your addrees with the appropriate symbol to determine what days you may use city water outdoors.

If your last number in your diamond. A 6 or 7 is a square and a address is a 0 or 1, your symbol is 8 or 9 is an x. Those are the enty a circle. If it is a 2 or 3, the symbol days outside use of water is

is a triangle. If it is a 4 or 5 its a permitted under the ordinance.

Stenholm staffers to "listen" to inputs for 1985 Farm Bill

the upcoming 1985 Farm Bill.

Dale King, of Stenholm's Stam- next year." ford office, and Randy Green, ington office, will hold a workshop at Kiva Inn at 7 p.m. on Aug. 13th. Farmers, ranchers and others who are interested in agricultural policy are invited to bring their ideas and suggestions to the

meeting for discussion. "My staff will be there mostly to listen," Stenholm said. "They'll

Congressman Charles W. Sten- ton, but the main purpose of the upcoming farm bill. In addition to holm's agricultural staff will be in workshop is to get people's ideas Abilene on Aug. 13th,, to discuss on what should be in the new farm legislation Congress will write

Every four years, Congress from the Congressman'd Wash- re-authorizes and revises the a failure.

We've got to do a better job this time". Stenholm said. "What's tion on the farm policy workshop profits can return to agriculture."

Stenholm, a member of the into what's going on in Washing- taken a strong interest in the district.

his regular trips to his home district to discuss agriculture, the Stanford Democrat has participated in Congressional farm policy hearings in California and North Carolina during the past nation's farm programs. The last month. He was a featured speaker overall farm bill was written in on farm policy at the National 1981, and it is widely believed to be Conference of State Legislatures in Boston July 23rd.

People who need more informaneeded is an environment in which can call Stenholm's Stamford office at 915-773-3623.

The stop in Abilene is one of 11 try to give producers some insight House Agriculture Committee, has area workshops set for Stenholm's

The lady said she didn't take checks from teachers or preachers

by Russell McAnally

Do you ever get the idea that people do not trust you?

My son and I went to a second hand furniture store in Albqquerque some years ago to buy a wood burning stove and a table. I found my stove and the son selected a table. We were ready to pay and asked if a check was ther delayed any more discussion acceptable. Without hesitation, preachers."

My son and I looked at each intact from last year and there other because he was an Alhave been wholesair turnovers in biquerque high school teacher and

the coaching statts in the Middle I it Texas preacher. She was a and High school her. MISD also in e taken back when we confessed our occupations, but she

co. 'd see that we were honest and

took our check. She did explain wouldn't let me out until they had that she had more trouble from teachers and preachers than anyone.

It was after 6:00 and I had to have gasoline. Ricky's Fina was closed so I went to Allsups. I turned on the pump but nothing happened. I handed the clerk a twenty dollar bill. She said to me 'Do you think I would cheat you?". I replied, "You don't trust me either, do you?". She got the point, but she looked at me a little ke the furniture store clerk in Albuquerque.

went to Payless Cashway in Abilene for a few supplies. I paid for them-the yard hand loaded them-I signed a paper stating that I had received the materials that I had paid for. They have what they call a gaurd house and they

checked my load to see if I had any extras. They don't even trust their own employees. (I found out later that Pat at H & B Lumber here had the same thing for less.)

Montgomery Ward went a little far the other day for their own good. Now, my son- a different one, worked for Sears for 20 years and he would not permit anyone folling around with Wards. I picked up the light globe to fit a Wards ceiling fan for Reba Toombs and handed them my check. I didn't think they would have any trouble because right there on my check were the words, Rev. Russell McAnally. She asked for my driver's license and copied

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Jarrett's pearl, trains...more

From Page One

has a new band director and a host of teachers that will be teaching

for their first time at MISD. If they run out of teachers, Bill

I did write this column for the past couple of weeks but did not

You needed a summer vacation

Jarrett Pinckley told me Tuesbeautiful canteloupes.

What was even prettier about From Page One that was what he said. When I was thanking him he replied, "Why does a person want to live if they

can't do things for other people? That's an attitude that needs to spread like the West Texas topsoil on a windy day.

I noticed a very interesting article in the Reporter News about Amtrack accidents and a federal investigation into the condition of tracks in the northeastern cor-

They will find track problems in that heavily used area, they will also find out what kind of technical or controlling prilems they are having, but one fart stande clear; in more than half the current and most rail incident, involve accidents at rail cros ings.

the Associated Pres story in the Reporter News took he strongest public stand I have heard con-cerning the problem of accidents Sept. 4th cerning the problem of accidents at grade crossings.

ticketing drivers for traffic vio- a.m. Sept. 4th. involved at grade crossings, the problem will be with us.

Local police have enough to do, too much to do, in most cases with out enough men, to spend a whole is an easy kind of violation to spot, if the efforts are made. Trains usually roll down the same of

We have been lucky in Merkel tographed from 10:30 until 11:30 over the past six years that I have a.m. been here with the only hazardous

crossing in the area, has seen a of crossing anymore. has a file drawer full of appli- going, there were three accidents drives your child across one. and 11 reported near misses in a

two year period everyone knew how dangerous driving public becomes aware of run it as the space started that crossing was, but then when the dangers and responsibilities dwindling the last two Tuesday the use went down, you didn't hear they have at rail-grade crossings. much about the inherent dangers

drastic decline in use since the The danger is still there, and start of the financial woes of Nu will be every time you drive a Corp. When they were blowing and vehicle over one, or someone

You just don't hear much about problems that "don't exist". This It was all over the media and is one that does, and will, until the

Some people just day he had almost forgotten me but he did come by with two don't trust anyone

my name and number. I thought all the good reasons for topping a that was pretty easy but then she of identification such as a credit card." I started to say no, but then and handed it to her. She started to comment but she thought better of it and copied that long Sears number. She acted like she thought it was too much for a man with a check that had "Rev" on it and carried a Sears credit card.

Have you ever noticed that a Highway patrolman thinks everybody is a Liar? One time, I gave

hill at 63 miles per hour. He said "Do you have any other type listened patiently as he filled out the ticket. He didn't believe a word I said. I took the "Rev" off I remembered, I pulled out the my driver's license after two sad only card I have- a Sears card experiences. The patrolman looked like he might give me a warning ticket, but then asked me my occupation and I told him I am a Methodist minister. He then said I will have to give you a ticket.

A young man said to me not too long ago "What happened to the old hand shake to seal a deal." Someone said "If you can't trust a preacher, who can you trust?"

I guess I know now why nobody trusts anybody.

dents at rail cros ings. An Amtrack offic al, quoted in Tuesday school starts

He said "The only thing people | | uesday school at the Merkel will pay attention to is local police Church of Christ will begin at 9

lations at grade crossings. Local This Mother's Day Out Program police don't enforce that area of has much to offer your children their traffic laws and until they do, ages 3-5. Experienced and loving and the public becomes keenly teachers plus a complete curriculaware of the laws, and the dangers um for early childhood development (including Bibie) are reasons to consider Tuesday School for your pre-school aged children. It also allows Mother a day for

For more information, call Bernice Jacobs.

She can be reached at 928-5176.

lot of time patroling for traffic MHS senior photos

In areas where accidents or set up for Aug. 10 at the school near-misses have been a problem, auditorium. The girls are to be local police need to make the photgraphed from 9 a.m. until 10 effort to keep the areas under eye. p.m. and the boys will be pho-

The Senior Class picture will be

at 401 Oak at 1 p.m. Girls are asked to wear a long dress or a formal and the boys are asked to

wear a suit. For more information, call Mrs Loftin at 695-6607.

MHS sets 46, 47, 48, 49 reunion

A reunion will be held for Ex-Students of Merkel High School for the classes of 1946, 47, 48 & 49 at Heritage Hall, Sept. 29. It is set from 7 to 10 p.m. Any students attending high school during those years is invited to attend.

Merkel cemetery donors named

The following people have made recent donations to the Merkel Cemetery Association:

In memory of Ray Wilson: Benny, Annette & Fannelle; Mr. & Mrs. Paul Orsborn; Lloyd & Faye Robertson; Mr. & Mrs. Tom Allday; Avis Deavers and Jack & Ruth Hogan.

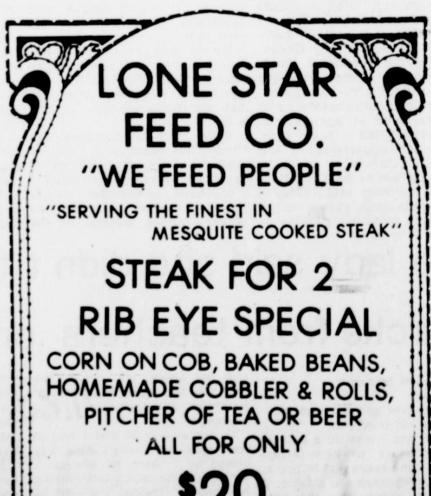
Donations made in memory of T. J. Bird Sr. were received from Mr. & Mrs. June Hogan, Dr. & Mrs. W. T. Sadler, W.S.J. Brown, Mrs. Craig Humphreys, Mrs Andy Shouse.

Other donations were made by Mrs. Howard L. Stanley, Mildred Johnson, D. J. & Fay Phillips in memory of Mrs. E. R. Foster, Comer & Lucy Haynes and Nell Teaff in memory of T. J. Bird Sr., Mrs. Howard Sliger & the Taylor Family Reunion in memory of Oma Robertson, William & Edith Bond in memory of William Lee Dulin, H. H. Boaz in memory of Louise Boaz, Mr. & Mrs. Joe T. Amason, Mrs. W. G. Richardson, Mr. & Mrs. C. E. Farmer and Joseph & Avis N. Nagy

following former students: Melba Pratt, Charles Simspon and Jim-Cook, Francis Higgins Johnson, my Floyd of the class of '49. Max Robbins, Peggy Simpson,

Addresses are needed for the '47. Also, Roger Bailey, Donald

Anyone having any of the Louise Graham Stallings, Vernon adreeses for those people are Greenlee, Billy & Truman Harvell, asked to contact Bettye Conley at Pauline Wheeler, all of the class of 928-5978 or Martha Whisenhunt at



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& Mrs. Jack Riney, received the ticipation in FFA. C. J. "Red" Davidson scholarship at the FFA State Convention.

through the FFA and is for \$2,000. two years, all the major stock Melinda was able to receive this

Melinda Riney, daughter of Mr. scholarship because of her par-

She has participated on the Quiz Team, Radio Team for two years, The scholarship is received Livestock and Dairy judging for

shows over four years and was chapter secretary for three years. She also received her Lone Star

Farmer degree at the convention which is the highest degree possible at the State level.



Melinda Riney receives scholarship

At State FFA convention

Shown here is the Merkel FFA delegation that attended the State Convention. Pictured left to right are Kevin Mitchell, Mandy Pack, Jay Williams, Melissa Harris, Shane Smith, Stephanie Boyd, Lyle Baker, Jason Castille, Lance Perry, Chris Cutler and Dusty Farmer.

Britton, Jay Gibson, Brooks Boyd, cipients; Chuck Peterman, Lyle Jerry Miller, Mrs. Ann Cutler, girls sponsor and FFA advisors Billy Riley and J. T. Naron. The delegation attended the 56th annual State FFA Convention recently were Merkel FFA members reveived numerous awards and recognition. Merkel had nine new ward. The Merkel FFA Chapter

Baker, Ken Hogan, Jerry Miller, Tommy Hays, Shane Smith, Chris Cutler, Danny Britton, and Melinda Riney, received \$2,000 C. J. "Red" Davidson Scholarship, and Chuck Peterman received the San Antonio Railroad Education A-Not pictured included Danny Lone Star Farmer Degree re- was rated a Superior Chapter.

Browning, Pursley on ACU dean's list

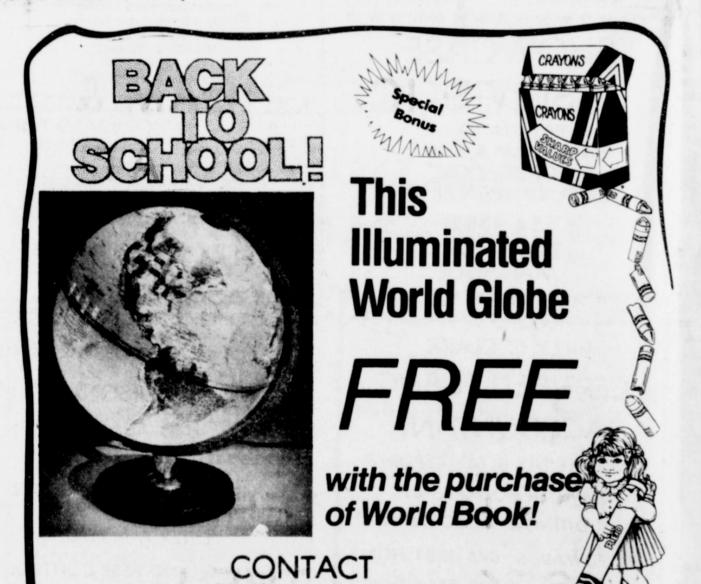
Two students from the Merkel area are among 626 students listed to the Dean's Honor Roll at Abilene Christian University for

the 1984 Spring Semester.

To be listed, a student must be enrolled for at least 12 semester hours and earn a 3.5 grade point

average or better. Dixi Lee McElmore Browning of, Rt. 3 and Bart Pursley, son of Mr. & Mrs. Phillip Pursley, earned

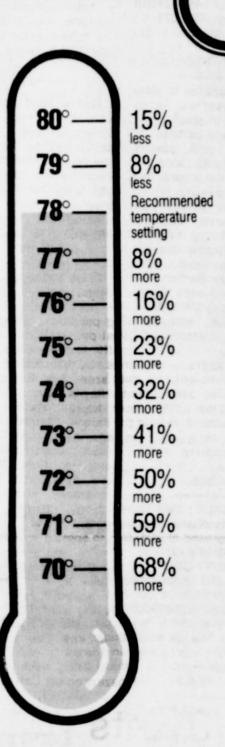
that distinction.

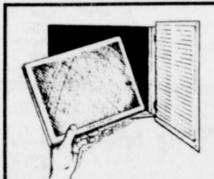


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- Inursday, August 9, 1984

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72-TFC

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Texans pay \$1.71 for each \$1 grant-in-aid

Texas residents, for the third consecutive year, paid the highest premium for federal grants-in-aid. In fiscal year 1983, according to data compiled by Tax Foundation, each dollar of grants cost Texans \$1.71 in federal taxes.

Other top paying states were Connecticut (\$1.38), Florida (\$1.38), Colorado (\$1.29) and New Jersey (\$1.28). At the low end, each grant dollar cost the residents of the nation's capital 24¢

In FY 1982 the Texas ratio of federal tax burden per dollar of aid was \$1.59. The 12¢ increase to the FY 1983 level of \$1.71 was the highest among all states.

The federal government disbursed \$88.8 billion in grants-in-aid to state and local governments in FY 1983, \$3.3 billion or 4% more than the previous year.

The five largest grant programs are Medicaid, interstate highway construction grants, Aid to Families With Dependent Children, subsidized housing and general revenue sharing. Together these accounted for \$45.3 billion, more than 51% of the 1983 total.

Buelah Gilmore, lifelong Merkelite, succumbs Sunday

Buelah Gilmore, 88, a lifetime resident of the Merkel area, died at 7:45 p.m. Sunday at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene after a brief illness. Services will be at 4 were held at

4 p.m. Tuesday at the Starbuck Funeral Home Chapel.

Burial followed at Rose Hill

Born Feb. 28, 1896, in Taylor County, she married Lloyd Gilmore Dec. 30, 1916 in Merkel. He died in 1934. She was a Methodist.

She is survived by two sons, Robert of Abilene and Lloyd of Merkel; three daughters, Della McBride of Tuscola, Lucille WIliams of Merkel and Doris Burd of Henderson; 20 grandchildren; 33 great grandchildren; and two great-great grandchildren.

Grandsons were pallbearers.

Federal grants across the nation averaged \$381 per capita in 1983. State by state, the range was from a high in the District of Columbia (\$2.114) to a low in Texas (\$245). Other high ranking states were Alaska (\$1,029), Vermont (\$596), and New York (\$568). Just above Texas at the low end of the scale were Florida (\$265), Arizona (\$282) and Indiana

Residents of 19 states—those where the aggregate federal tax burden exceeded the amount of grants receivedbore the cost of supporting federal aid. The 125 million persons in the "paying" states sent \$50.8 billion to Washington and got back \$41.2 billion-for an average federal tax burden of \$1.23 for each

On the flip side. 108 million residents in 31 states and the District of Columbiathe "receiving" states-paid an average of 80c for each \$1 of federal aid (\$38.0 billion paid versus \$47.5 billion received).

In addition to direct costs in federal

taxes, the residents must also pay state and local taxes to meet the matching funds required by most Federal grant programs. The Office of Management and Budget estimates that state and local governments had to ante-up 43¢ out of their own funds for each \$1 of aid in FY 1983. This is in addition to any administrative or overhead costs that recipient governments

Public hearing on state water plan set

A public hearing on the water rights aspects of the proposed amended Texas Water Plan will be held by the Texas Water Development Board in Austin, Aug. 16th at 9:30 a.m. in Room 118 of the Stephen F. Auston State Office Building, at 1700 North Congress.

The Water Code requires the Board, in adopting a statewide water plan, to "determine whether or not the plan gives adequate consideration to the protection of existing water rights and whether or not it takes into account modes and procedures for the equitable adjustments of water rights affected by the plan."

The hearing should not be confused with other scheduled hearings related to the water rights adjudication program conducted by the Texas Department of Water Resouces.

MES meets here

The Merkel Emergency Medical Service held their regular monthly meeting August 1, 1984.

Members present included: Robert & Connie Harris, Steve Cochran, Gwynn Taff, Vernon & Ann Wade, Stan Brayski, Ray & Paula King, Annete Melton, Jan Williams, Blanche Hewitt,

Cynthia Casady and two guests Joyce Pearson and Janie Hale. Mike Pippins and Steve Mc-Nally were also present. The MAST trousers were demonstrated by

Cynthia and Stan. Their next meeting will be Sept. 25th.

Boosters set ice cream meeting

The Badger Booster Club is hosting an ice cream supper August 9 at 7:30 at Badger Stadium.

This will be a time of visitation and to meet the new coaching

All high school students and their parents are invited. Everyone in the community interested in supporting the Badgers through-

out the year are urged to attend. The public is invited.

Tne Booster Club will also be holding a short business session during the supper.

Singing set in Abilene

The regular second Sunday singing is held each month will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. at

North 18th and Victoria in Abilene at the Free Will Baptist Church. The public is invited.





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Clack's hold annual reunion here

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Those enjoying a delicious meal catered by Skeets included:

Mrs. Brian Barrows, Shad & Christy and Mrs. Violet Dickey of

Also, Dr. & Mrs. Mark Hamilton- Ryan & Denver of Dallas;

Mr. & Mrs. Morris Clack, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Hall- Brandon- Aaron & Ty of Abilene; Rev. & Mrs. Larry Howard- Melody & Robin of San Antonio; Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Brooks-Lance & Lisa of Houston and Mr. & Mrs. Henry Howard & Mrs. Bessie Clack of Merkel.

Lyle's honored on 70th anniversary

wedding anniversary, July 29th in years. their home at 806 W. Marivena in

a white flower arrangement on the Lyles of Hale Center; Marvin and

Mr. & Mrs. C. B. Lyles were alter of the Floydada Church of Floyd Lyles of Bentonville, Arsurprised with a "wedding re- Christ which they have been kansas.

were married at Stith Aug. 2, 1914. since. Hosts for the occasion were their Their children are: Rena Mae children, in-laws, and grandchil- Baxter, Marjori McElyea and C. dren. They were also honored with O. Lyles, all of Floydada; John

ception" in honor of their 70th members of for a number of. The moved to Floyd County from Merkel in November of 1916 Carl B. Lyles and Rith Allen and have made it their home

> Many relatives, friends and neighbors also attended to wish this lovely couple and many more years together.

Merkel's tax rebates down 10%

the soon to be 4 125 per cent state sales tax, is off \$5,000 of last July's Office check and is currently running 10.61 per cent behind last year's

Merkel's one per cent share of pace, according to a news release last year from the State Comptroller's

\$49,421.96 through the same period up 2.41 per cent over last year.

Tye has received \$41,520.11 so far this year and is running 16.52 So far this year, Merkel has per cent ahead of last year's pace received \$44,177.63, compared to and Trent has received \$2,057.12,

Lloyd Rutledge, former Merkelite, succumbs, buried with military honors

Lloyd G. Rutledge, a former 30, 1928. His father, the former resident of Merkel, recently pass- Pete Rutledge, preceded him in ed away in Washington, D. C. Veteran Hospital. He was buried with military honors in the

death in November of 1963. He attended Merkel schools until his enlistment in the U.S. Navy. He National Cemetery at Quantico, also served several years as a member of The Unites States Air

He is survived by Mrs. Velma Rutledge, Mrs. Linda Beasley and Mrs. Donna Riney, all of Merkel. Mrs. Billy Joyce Moore, Brownwood; Errol & Kermit Rutledge of Abilene; Tillman Rutledge, San Antonio; and Waymon Rutledge



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Just what does 'press' cover and what protection do they need

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Editor's Note: The limits of the protection provided by the First Amendment are to be found by thinking carefully about the purposes of that protection.

WHY FREEDOMS OF SPEECH AND PRESS +The first Amendment bars

government from "abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press." The meaning of that phrase may seem to be very clear on its very surface, but it is not. If it were so clear, we should not have, as we do, an unending series of cases before the U.S. Supreme Court to determine what freedom of speech and press means.

Some questions will illustrate the ambiguity that lies beneath the surface of the words. What is the freedom of speech and press? Despite what First Amendment Fundamentalists keep telling us, it is not an absolute and unlimited freedom. "That view", as the Supreme Court remarked in 1961, "cannot be reconciled with law relating to libel, slander, misrepresentation, obscenity, perjury false advertising, solicitation of crime, complicity by encouragement, conspiracy, and the like."

It may be leaning too hard on a single word, but it seems to this writer that, when the framers of the First Amendment inserted the word "the" before "freedom of speech", that its actions intended to convey the message, such as parades in support of a cause, picketing, burning draft cards, burning the American flag, wearing black arm bands in school to protest the Vietnam War? All of these activities, and others besides, have been before the Court, which has laid down a somewhat fluctuating line between symbolic speech enjoying protection, on the one hand, and actions which government may regulate, on the

Or, what is "the press"? When the First Amendment was written, a press was a device for printing words on paper. Now it may also

be any device that projects sounds achieve by it. or images. If we invent a machine that projects tastes, smells and subtle sensations as well, it, too no doubt will come under the constitutional protection of "the press."

In recent decades there has been a marked tendency on the part of the courts to contract "the freedom of speech, or of the press" into "freedom of expression", a phrase which is not found in the Constitution. Freedom of expression covers live entertainment, even if no words are spoken or no thoughts expressed. So, the Supreme Court decided in 1981 that a naked girl dancing in a coin-operated peep show was Hensley in protected by the First Amendment. She was, you see, expressing herself, though the Court did Summerstage not bother to explain just what she was expressing.

Finally, what governmental actions "abrdige" the freedom of speech and press? That, of course, is the question that keeps the court busy. There is no short and simple answer to it that can be given in this limited space. You would have to take a course in constitutional law to learn the Supreme Court's answer. Even then you might find the answer somewhat less than clear or consistent.

Underlying all of these questions there is another question, and it is the basic one: why do we want freedom of speech and press? Note well that the question is not whether we want it but why. That we want freedom of speech and press may be taken as a given in this country, but we must still ask why we want it. What purpose does freedom of speech serve that is so important that we, the people, should put in in our fundamental law and keep it

It is on the answer to this question that all intelligent discussion of the meaning and the limits of this freedom must turn. We cannot know what this, or any other constitutional freedom,

means or what it limits are unless we are clear in our own minds what we, as a people, are trying to

The best way to celebrate the coming bicentennial of our Constitution would be to engage in serious thinking and discussion of its most important clauses, of which the freedoms of speech and press clause surely is. It is not to Public notices congratulate ourselves on the Public notices freedom to speak and publish. We need to ask ourselves what great purposes, both public and private, make this freedom worthy of constitutional protection. Then we may formulate some rational idea where the boundaries of freedom are.

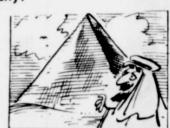
program at ACU

Todd Hensley, son of Mr. & Mrs. the Monday next after Don Hensley of Rt. 1 Merkel, is participating in Summerstage Company VI this summer at Abilene Christian University.

Hensley, a freshman computer science major at ACU. is in his senior year at Merkel High, where he participated in the All Star Cast MORRISON-BEHNER, and the 1984 UIL One Act Play. He Respondent, and said also is a member of the band a suit being numbered Regional Cross County track 10,797-C on the docket of

Summerstage serves as musical "In The Interest of performance workshops for the MATT RYAN MORstudents that combine classroom RISON An Adult Ward" hours and public performances.

ACU is the fourth largest private is a request to the Court university in the Southwest, enro- to determine what pa-Iling more than 4,700 students rent-child relationship annually.



The Egyptian pyramids were once faced completely with marble.

Doan reunion Aug. 12th

The Doan Reunion will be held Aug. 12th at the Taylor Electric Co-Op Building here.

They invite all of their friends and relatives to come by and visit with

CITATTION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: MARILYN JO MO-RRISON-BEHNER' Whereabouts Unknown, Respondent:

GREETINGS: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said County in Abilene, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the expiration of 20 days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of RETA A. MO-RRISON' Petitioner, against MARILYN JO said Court, and entitled the nature of which suit

exists between the progeny and any other persons and that such relationships be disposed of, and that a decree of adoption be granted to RETA A. MORRISON, and grant

such other relief to

may be justly entitled. Said progeny was born the 12th day of October, 1960, in Evansville, Indiana.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgement or decree in the progeny's interest which will be binding upon you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the progeny's adoption.

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

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates 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 30th day of July, 1984. Rilla Mahoney, Clerk 326th District Court Taylor County, Texas by JoAnn Lackey, Deputy.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING The Planning & Zo-

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HEARING

+The City Council of the

City of Merkel will

conduct a public hearing

on August 27. 1984 at 7

p.m. at The Merkel

Emergency Medical Se-

rvice Building in order

to consider a resolution

Report. The public is

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adopting the Merkel

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invited to attend.

ning Commission of the City of Merkel will conduct a public hearing on August 27th, 1984 immediately following the City Council meeting at 7 p.m. to hear a preliminary report on the proposed Subdivision Ordinance, Zoning Ordinance, Historic Preservation Plan, and Capital Improvements Program. The public is invited to attend.

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