

The Merkel Mail

Thursday, July 25, 1985 ... Merkel, Texas

Our 97th Year



§ It won't be long until the new city park, North Park will be completed. Most of the playground equipment has been installed, as well as shelters, a tennis

court and a multi-purpose court. The contractor for the project is George Lee Construction and work should be completed in mid-August.

STEP nabs 51 for DWI

During the month of June, DWI arrest in Taylor County by the Texas Department of Public Safety continued to show impressive results. According to figures released, 51 persons were arrested for DWI in Taylor County by DPS officers. This is approximately 4 times as many such arrests as were made during the same month last year. With the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program that is being conducted, the DPS shows only 100 more enforcement hours spent last month as compared to June 1984.

In addition to the DWI arrests made while the officers were working extra enforcement hours, 237 arrests were made for speed law violations and other offenses. The citizens of Taylor County received an additional 345 hours of

police protection by the DPS officers during the month of June as the result of S.T.E.P.

During the 7 months the program has been in operation, a total of 429 persons have been arrested for DWI in Taylor County by DPS officers. The officers have spent an additional 2532 hours patrolling the highways of Taylor County and have made 975 additional arrests for speed law violations and 807 arrests for other offenses. These arrests and hours of enforcement would not have been possible without the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program.

For the first six months of this year, fatal traffic accidents have decreased significantly in Taylor

County. Through June of this year, 2 fatal traffic accidents have occurred in Taylor County resulting in 3 deaths. For the same period last year, 5 fatal accidents had occurred resulting in 7 deaths. For the same period last year, 5 fatal accidents had occurred resulting in 7 deaths. This decrease in fatal traffic accidents could be a direct result of S.T.E.P. Many other reasons could be given for the decrease. An increased public awareness toward traffic safety. Increased use of safety belts by the motoring public.

Increased participation in Defensive Driving Courses could all be factors in helping hold down the carnage on our streets and highways.

City receives first check for oil royalties

The Merkel City Council met Monday night and received its first oil royalty check in as long as anyone there could remember.

The city leased 12 acres of land in December and received a check for \$2,953.85 for royalties in January through April.

Council decided to place the check in a special account for oil & gas revenues.

On the other hand, city manager J. A. Sadler read a letter from the

United States Treasury Department saying Congress had not yet approved funds for Federal Revenue Sharing funds. The city now receives about \$12,500 per year in federal revenue sharing funds.

City Manager J. A. Sadler told council members that work at the North Park was progressing well. Sadler said "there are a couple of trees that will have to be replaced but they should be finished by the middle of next month."

The park already has tennis courts, playground equipment,

picnic shelters and a multi-purpose court.

Council also agreed to answer a bid letter from Abilene State Park about accepting refuse at the city landfill.

The aprk is now required to make annual contracts and the city will quote a price based on a per load basis.

Council also asked the city manager to look at the city rates for landfill use by non residents of the city.



§ It was quite a July weekend as Merkel and the area received much needed rain Saturday, Sunday and Monday. The low water in front of Merkel High indicates Monday's rain, in town at least, qualified

as a mild "gulley washer." The rain was spotted, as usual for summer showers, but the three day total in town was more than 2 inches. [Staff photo]

WTU refunds start next month

West Texas Utilities Co. customers may receive refunds as well as slightly lower fuel rates as early as next month.

A tentative agreement was reached this past week in meetings with the Public Utility Commission staff in Austin, and the matter is expected to go before the Commission July 26 for a final order hearing. That would be just in time for the refunds to go on the August bills for all of WTU's retail customers.

The full amount to be refunded now stands at \$17.6 million. This is an increase of \$3.9 million over the

amount in WTU's original request, which included only fuel costs savings achieved from August 1984 through May 1985.

The new figure includes savings made in June and an additional \$2.3 million representing a lump refund of fuel costs savings balance, plus interest, realized before last August. Refund of those total savings had begun in mid-November and were scheduled to be completed in November 1985.

WTU estimates that the total refund now will result in a \$41 credit to the average residential

customer's bill. The refund is made possible by WTU being able to spend less for power plant boiler fuel than was anticipated when fuel cost factors were set by the PUC last fall.

Former customers will not receive refunds. The reasoning is that if the former customers had been undercharged for fuel, they could not be billed in the future to make up the difference.

Any refunds will vary with the amount of electricity a customer used during the period from August 1984 through June 1985. Interest will be included.

Carriker holds townhall meeting here Monday

Local State Legislative representative Steve Carriker held a "town hall" meeting here Monday night and spoke before a small audience concerning recent state legislative action and the national Democratic party.

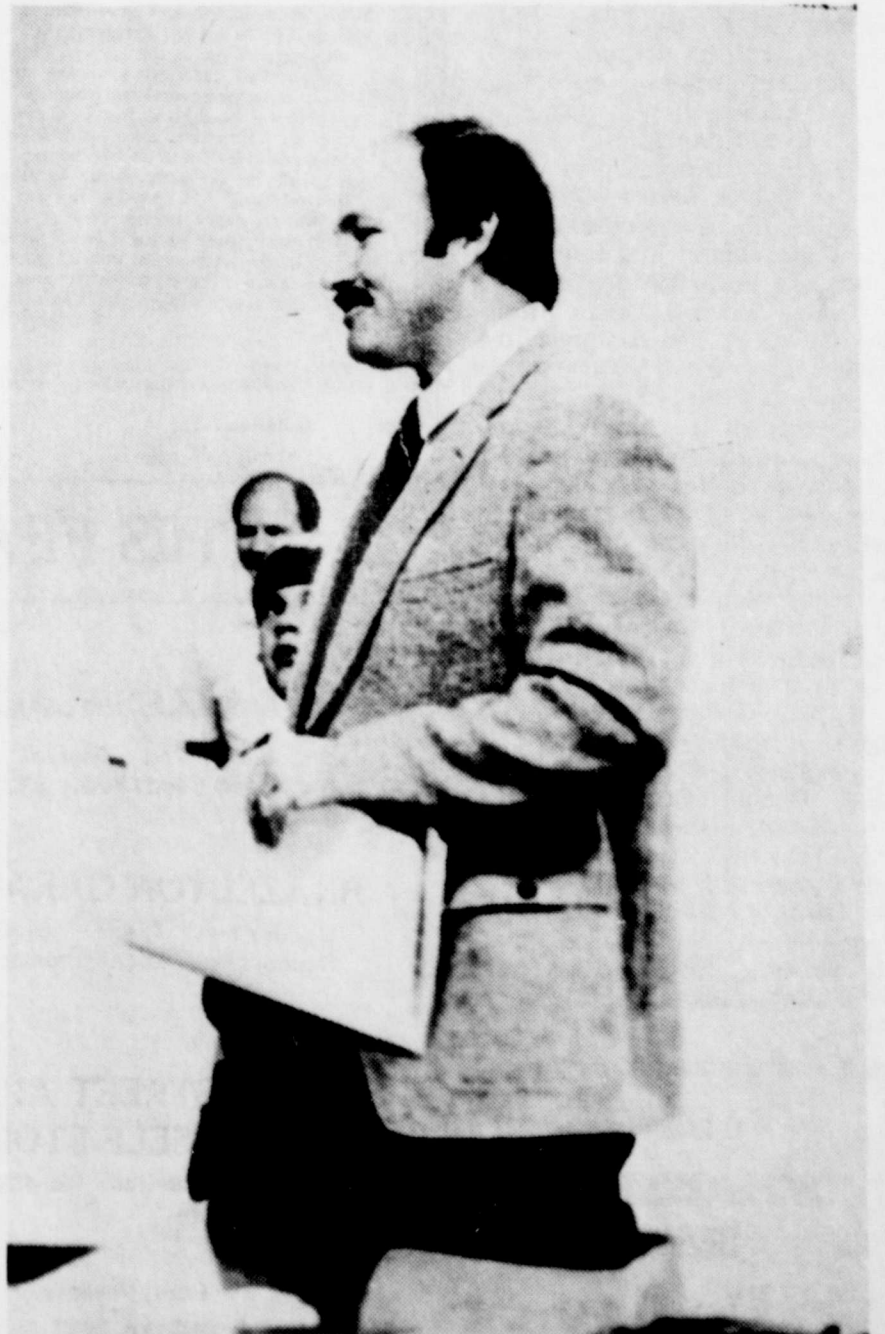
Carriker, elected as Democratic Whip in the Texas legislature in only his second term, answered questions at Taylor Electric here Monday night.

Carriker told *The Mail* following the meeting "I'm pleased with what went on here tonight. There were enough people here to ask questions and that's what I want."

Carriker said "I see a lot of good things happening in the Democratic party." Carriker recently attended a National Democratic Party meeting. He added "I see a very curious thing happening since the Republicans started making gains toward being the majority party. A lot of the problems the Democratic party had were because of the different factions of the party. I see the Republican party factionalizing now."

Carriker, who serves on the House Agriculture and Elections committees, also didn't sound like he was about to switch parties, as did 'urban' Taylor County State Representative Gary Thompson.

Carriker, when asked if he was to become a Republican, responded with a barb at Kent Hance of Lubbock.



§ State Representative Steve Carriker held a "townhall meeting" here Monday night at Taylor Electric. Carriker spoke briefly and answered questions from the small audience. [Staff photo]

Rainmakers mention,

North park work progressing

by Cloy A. Richards

Just the mere mention of a rainmaking Dale Hammond cartoon last week brought a couple of nice showers over the weekend.

That had to be what did the trick, right?

Seriously, we could use the rain to keep local crops looking as good as they do.

The Texas Teenage Baseball League playoffs are happening here this week. The Merkel team, the Rae-Racs won the league championship for the first time and congratulations are in order for them.

Merkel city councilman Larry Beasley will have trouble keeping his age a secret after Monday. His wife rented the Fire Department's portable sign telling all of Merkel

ne was 40 Monday.

Work is moving right along on the North Park.

We went by there Monday and playground equipment and shelters have been completed since our last visit there.

A couple of trees will have to be replanted, but other than that, the park is really looking good.

The article we printed last week concerning the findings of the annual evaluation of school district budgets from the Texas Research League was quite interesting.

MISD rated near or within state averages in almost every category of spending or staffing.

The Texas Research League in a non-profit organization that looks into public spending in the state

and we appreciate their efforts and news stories.

A couple of sponsors of last week's Challenge of The Clubs, sponsored by the Merkel Riding club.

Those sponsors were Handy Food Store and Jack South Grain Elevators.

The Merkel little League All-Stars are playing in the area tournament this week in Abilene. Team members include Sean Legmon, Brandon Toombs, Jamie Masonheimer, Michael Moreno, Destrly Pack, John Boswell, Zach Rodriguez, Criswell Whisenhunt, David Chivera, Brandon Boyd, Scott Cannon and Dennis Griffin. The alternate is Steven Santee and the coach is Jim Masonheimer, assisted by Lendon Bauer.

Mattox happy with supreme court's ruling on no pass - no play

Attorney General Jim Mattox this week said he was "pleased with a unanimous ruling by the Texas Supreme Court" upholding the state's educational reform package.

"Now, I am hopeful that our public schools can go about the business of better educating our

children without any more major court battles," Mattox said. "The education reforms, including the no-pass, no play rule, were enacted for one purpose—to upgrade our state's public education system."

"The vast majority of parents and students in this state support the no pass-no play rule," Mattox said. "The correspondence to my office since the controversy began has been heavily in favor of the rule."

The supreme court ruled July 10 that the legislation which led to the enactment of the no-pass-no play rule by the Texas Education Agency is constitutional. The unanimous decision was written by Justice C. L. Rav.

Mattox had appealed directly to the high court a lower court decision, by a state district judge in Houston, which said the no pass-no play provisions were unconstitutional.

Mattox said "The court's prompt action will greatly facilitate the school year's getting off to a smooth start this fall. I am gratified by the swiftness of the ruling."

"Not only will our school children be able to begin their academic year under an improved and standard set of educational rules, but high school football season will not be fraught with the problems that would have come about of this issue had not been resolved," Mattox said.



These members of the Merkel High School Cheerleading squad recently attended a National Cheerleaders Association camp held on the campus of Tarleton State University. Participating in the week-long clinic were (from left) Tracy Bicknell, Stacey Newberry, Samantha Chon, Amy Irvin, Sheri Riney, Krista Toombs, Abby Irvin and Michelle Woodard. [TSU News Service Photo]

State opens

Ag office

in Odessa

Texas Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower said here today that "the people of West Texas no longer need a road map and a bus ticket to Austin to get service and satisfaction from their Texas Department of Agriculture."

"We have shifted the programmatic and managerial emphasis of TDA out of Austin and into Odessa," Hightower said. "The reason for this is simple, it's easier for TDA to come to Odessa than it is for everybody in this 31 county region to come to Austin. When farmers, consumers and local officials in this area need help from us, I want them to find it right here in Odessa. Government should be as close as possible to the people it is supposed to serve, so we've put our staff on the ground where people can get ahold of them."

"Whether you are a family farmer, a restaurateur, a farmworker, an agricultural loan officer, a trucker, a meat cutter, or a consumer buying a sack of groceries, you are directly involved in West Texas' biggest business Agriculture. All of us at your Texas Department of Agriculture exist to serve you, and we would like to let you know more about the programs and services we have to offer."

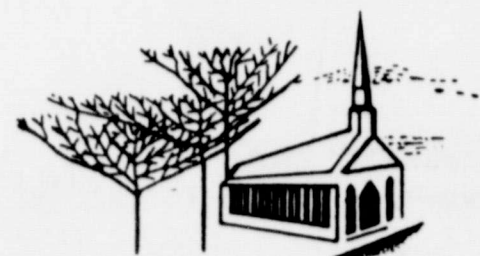
"Frankly, too many people in West Texas have no idea that their state agriculture department even has a district office here, much less that we offer services that might be of use to them. From international marketing of cattle to assisting producers with their credit problems, from gas pump and grocery store inspections to formation of new farmers markets and food processing businesses, TDA has programs and staff in this rich agricultural section of Texas, adding new marketing and regulatory personnel, and they are ready to serve District Supervisor David Davis knows agriculture, its people and its problems."

On display at the Open House will be much of the specialized equipment TDA uses for its regulatory services: grocery store packages and scales; gasoline pumps; nursery-floral stock; seed; eggs; milk tanks; and liquid propane gas. Also on display will be one of TDA's Mobile Offices, which will log tens-of-thousands of miles this year. Stopping at courthouses, libraries and shopping malls across Texas, the Mobile Office is also designed to give visitors immediate marketing and regulatory assistance. It is even equipped to act as a command post in emergency situations, as it did last year at Friona while TDA inspectors investigated damage to 30,000 acres of cotton from pesticide drift. "This Mobile Office is just another attempt to ensure that TDA assistance is available when people in every corner of Texas need it," Hightower said.

TDA's Odessa district office serves Andrews, Brewster, Coke, Concho, Crane, Crockett, Jeff Davis, Ector, Glasscock, Tom Green, Howard, Irion, Loving, Martin, Menard, Midland, Mitchell, Nolan, Pecos, Presidio, Reagan, Reeves, Runnels, Schleicher, Sterling, Sutton, Taylor, Terrell, Upton, Ward and Winkler counties.

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The Church is God's appointed agency in this world for spreading the knowledge of His love for man and of His demand for man to respond to that love by loving his neighbor. Without this grounding in the love of God, no government or society or way of life will long persevere and the freedoms which we hold so dear will inevitably perish. Therefore, even from a selfish point of view, one should support the Church for the sake of the welfare of himself and his family. Beyond that however, every person should uphold and participate in the Church because it tells the truth about man's life, death and destiny; the truth which alone will set him free to live as a child of God.



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TDA to direct Task Force for Texas Rural Water Study

(AUSTIN)—A national organization has chosen Texas for a comprehensive study on rural water quality problems. Additionally, the Texas Department of Agriculture has been picked to coordinate this year-long project, and Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower has been named chairman of the 24-member Texas Rural Water Task Force which will oversee the effort.

These three announcements were made June 26 by Kathi Stanley, deputy director of the National Demonstration Water Project, Inc., a Washington-based organization which has assisted numerous rural areas to develop and maintain water supply systems and has conducted several national groundwater studies. Funding for the Texas Rural Water Task Force and its technical study totals \$150,000 and is being provided by the Ford Foundation and the William H. Donner Foundation. TDA will also provide some staff and in-kind support for the project.

"To most of us in Texas, getting a clear, clean glass of water simply means turning on the tap," Hightower said at the first meeting of the task force. "But over 1 1/2 million Texas farmers, ranchers, farmworkers and other rural residents still cannot take their water quality for granted. According to an EPA-funded study, two-thirds of these water sources may be contaminated at levels above federal standards. The goal of this task force is to develop legislative and administrative steps that will bring these 1 1/2 million Texans into the 'mainstream' of water quality standards that most of us now take for granted."

"This is truly a blue-ribbon task force," Hightower said. "The NDWP has named to the 24-member panel various rural residents who must depend on rural water supplies, including farmers, water supply corporation officials, conservationists and consumers. These individuals reflect a wide diversity of experience, expertise and geographic interests. I look forward to working with them—and the appropriate state and federal officials—in the months to come as we try to find answers to problems that have gone unaddressed for too long," Hightower said.

And don't think parts of rural Texas don't have water quality problems," Hightower stressed. "We have focused a lot of attention on the growth problems of this state recently. But in planning for the future, we have forgotten that 10 percent of our population must still get its drinking water from individual wells. For these million-and-a-half people, there currently is no government agency—state or federal—which is responsible for monitoring or improving the quality of their water," Hightower said.

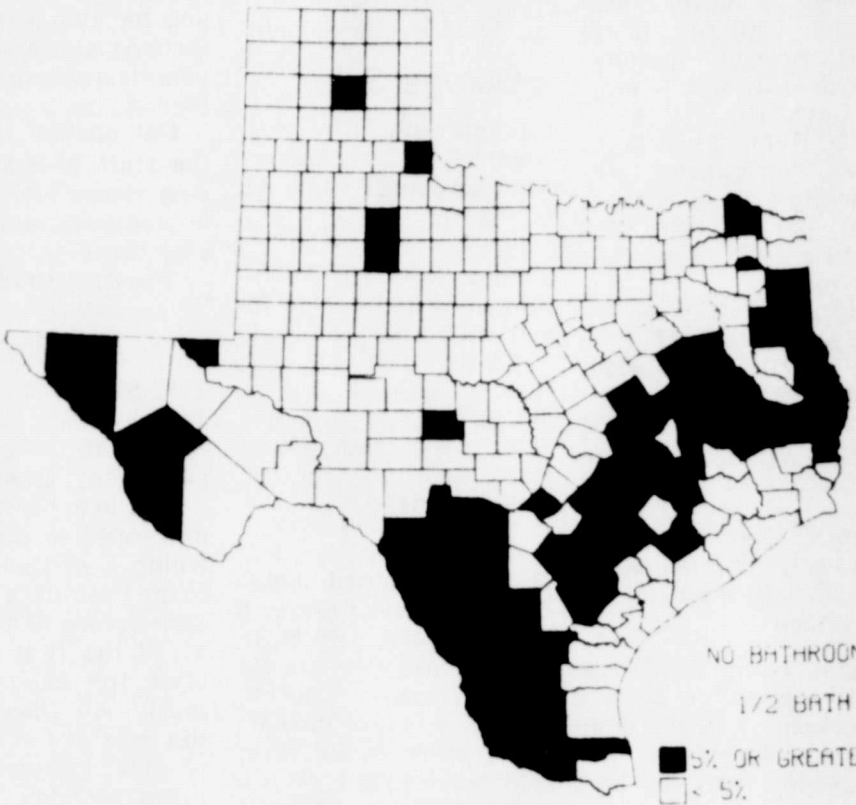
"Here are just a few examples of how serious the water quality problems in Texas still are:

- A State Health Department official says at least half of approximately 3,000 water systems, each serving fewer than 500 people, fail to meet minimum health standards every year.
- Up to 40 percent of the residences served by independent wells or

small water systems may have bacteria levels which are greater than national standards. Nearly two percent of these drinking water systems are in violation of the standards for swimming or water skiing.

- In 1982, according to the State Health Department, 51 of 86 public water systems that were non-compliant because of high nitrate levels were in rural areas.
- In 71 Texas counties, five percent or more of all households still have no indoor bathrooms.

"The Texas Department of Agriculture first became concerned about the water quality issue last year when arsenic showed up in the groundwater supplies of Howard and Martin counties," Hightower said. "The 'experts' said it would never happen. TDA is also monitoring for DDT and DDE under EPA contract and working with the Texas Department of Water Resources on the State Ground Water Strategy."



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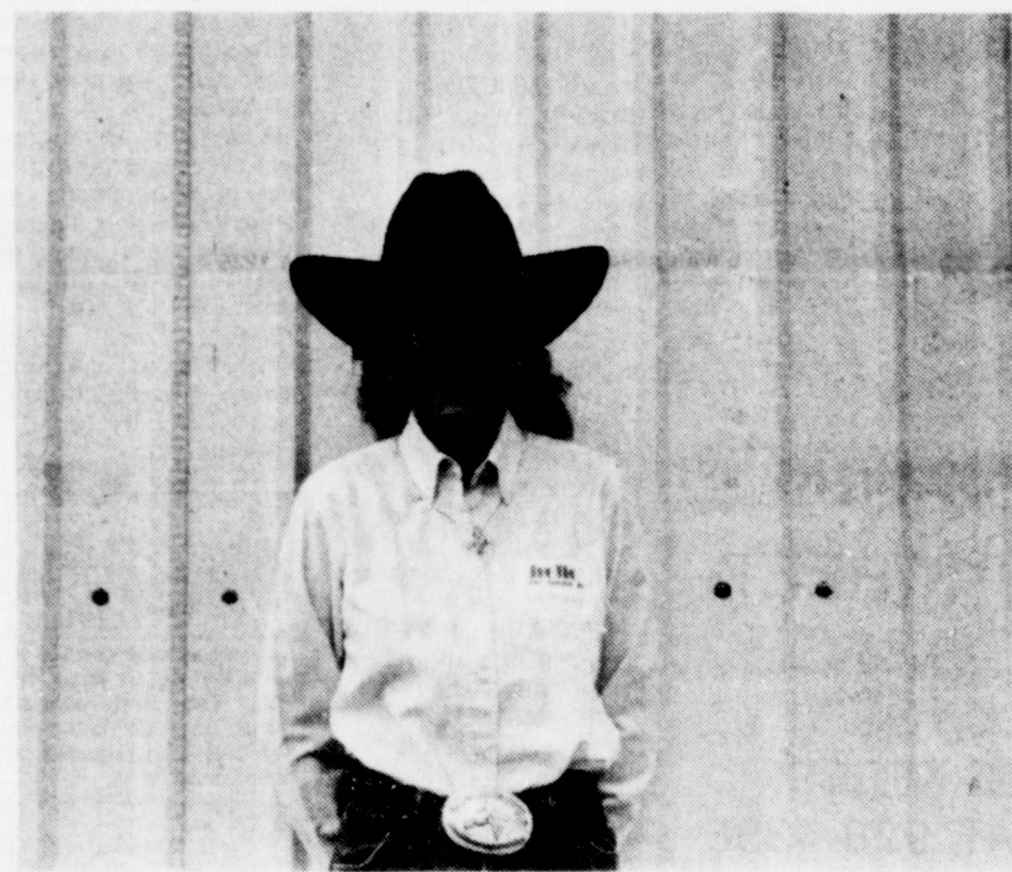
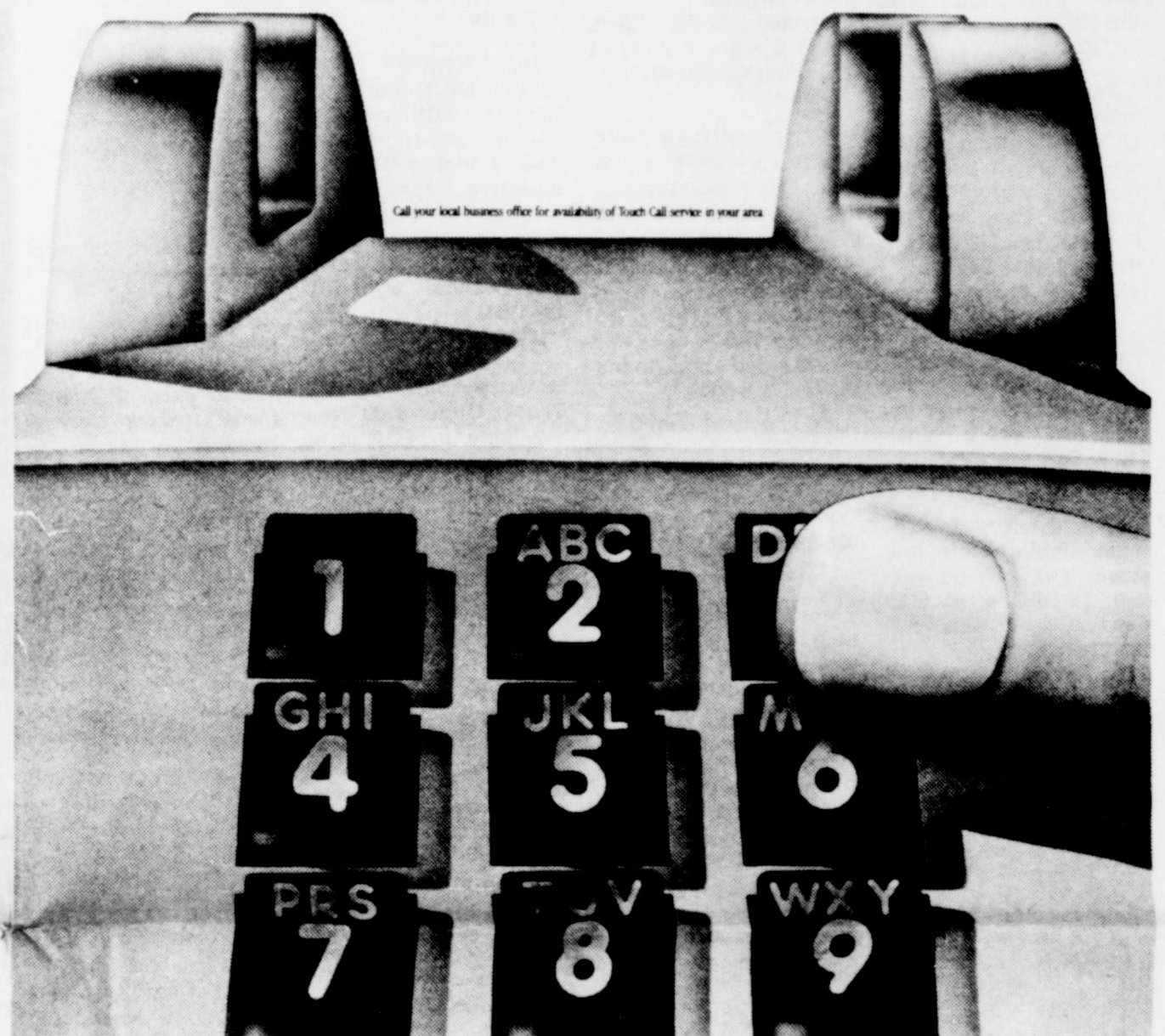
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For Rent 2 bedroom with wood burning stove refrigerated air, ceiling fans, stove, refrigerator, washer & dryer, dish washer \$250 per month \$150 deposit 928-5194. House is at 1206 N 6th.
 117-TFC

For Rent: 2 bedroom, stove, refrigerator, washer-dryer, ceiling fans, \$250 per month \$150 deposit. 406 Ash Call 928-5194.
 121-TFC

For Rent: 2 bedroom duplex, stove, refrigerator, dish washer, \$250 month, \$150 deposit, water paid, also 1 bedroom house, furnished \$150 month, \$100 deposit at 308 and 306 Runnels, Inquire 401 Runnels.
 122-1tp

Mobil home for lease with option to buy; 2 bedroom, 1 bath, completely furnished, one bedroom has a king sized bed, before 5 call 692-0702 after 5 call 928-4034.
 107-TFC

Taylor Street Apartments. Fresh & Clean, good location, 2 bedrooms, stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, all electric, upstairs \$225, downstairs \$275, \$150 deposit, working man's lease, pay 1/2 1st of month, 1/2 on 15th. 928-5194.
 108-TFC

1, 2 or 3 bedroom mobil home for rent in Merkel 928-4973.
 27-TFC

Lease with option to buy. 1 year old brick home on 1 acre FM 1235, Central heat and air, 2 bedrooms, double garage, all build-ins, \$475 per month. Appraised at \$53,000 Hooker Realtors 677-9145.
 111-TFC

For Rent: two bedroom house, air condition, refrigerator, stove, washer and dryer hook ups, car port, fenced back yard, near schools, \$150 deposit, \$250 month, 307 Oak Street.
 121-TFC

Garage Sale: 3 family, North 3rd and Baker, Thursday and Friday 9-5
 122-1tp

Garage Sale: 702 Avondale Saturday only 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
 122-1tp

Garage Sale: Electric fans, jeans, lawn mower misc. Saturday, July 27, Betty Kinnard.
 121-1tp

3 Family Yard Sale: Thursday and Friday, 8 a.m. til dark, 1235 N. in Stith across from the old Stith Baptist Church, furniture, lawn mower, short wave radio, toys, and much misc.
 122-1tp

Card of Thanks
 To My Friends and relatives, I would like to express my love to all for the many acts of kindness you have given me during my accident. For the many prayers, cards, flowers, food and deposit, working man's lease, pay 1/2 1st of month, 1/2 on 15th. 928-5194.
 121-1tp

Thanks to all of the people who worked so hard to make this years challenge of the clubs a success. The prizes were really great and we appreciate all the work. Thanks to all.
 Kelly and Kathy Pietsch.
 122-1tp

HOUSE FOR SALE TO BE MOVED CALL 862-6352

I want to thank the ladies of the First Baptist Church for providing food during our recent loss. Also to the church staff for their support during our time of need.
 Ike Maxwell
 122-1tp

We are truly grateful to the good friends who did so much for us during our recent sorrow. May we take this means of saying thank you for the many comforting expressions of your friendship and affection.

Our special thanks to the staff of Starr Nursing Home for the care he received during his stay there.
 The Pruitt Family

Notice

THE STATE OF TEXAS To: LARRY BERRY, Residence Unknown, Defendant, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before 10 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 2nd day of September, 1985, at or before 10 o'clock A.M. before the Honorable 350th 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 1st day of April, A.D. 1985, in this cause numbered 639-D on the docket of said court and styled, THE STATE OF TEXAS Plaintiff vs A 1977 Ford Thunderbird VIN # 7J87H165026, Defendant.

The names of the parties to this cause are as follows: THE STATE OF TEXAS are Plaintiffs and A 1977 Ford Thunderbird VIN # 7J87H165026, Larry Berry is Defendant. A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: This proceeding is brought under and by virtue of the Texas Controlled Substances Act, Sections 5.03-5.06; said motor vehicle was

being used for the purpose of transporting for delivery Amphetamine in violation of this act. Vehicle is more fully described as a 1977 Silver Ford Thunderbird, vehicle Identification Number 7J87H165026, bearing Texas License Number 113-GWS. The seizing officer for the State of Texas ask the Court to enter its Order finding that said vehicle was used for the purpose of transporting for delivery and property as alleged, and uphold said seizure of such vehicle, and forfeiting to the Abilene Police Department said vehicle as provided by said law, and ordering the same to be disposed of in accordance with the provisions of Section 5.08 of Article 4476-15, V.A.C.S., and the proceeds, if any, be disposed of as provided by said law, and for such other relief as the State of Texas shall be 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 the 16th day of July, A. D. 1985. Attest: RILLA MAHONEY, Clerk, 350th District Court, Taylor County, Texas By JoAnn Lackey, Deputy (Seal) 122-4tc-113

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Public Notices

AN ADDITION TO WYLIE HIGH SCHOOL ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

+PART 1: GENERAL 1.01 PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:

A. Science Laboratory and Classroom Addition to Wylie High School for the Wylie Independent School District, in care of The Board of Trustees.

B. Architect: Tittle, Luther, Loving 340 Beech Street Abilene, Texas 79601

1.02 GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF WORK:

+A. The General, Mechanical, and Electrical construction work associated with the addition of two new science laboratory rooms and their auxiliary spaces.

B. The General, Mechanical, and Electrical construction work associated with the (Alternate) addition of three new classrooms and a counselor's suit of rooms.

C. The General construction work and minor demolition work associated with the above items of work; and, the sidewalk and asphalt paving work. Coordinate some of the site work with the Alternates described in Sections 00300 and 01000.

1.03 TYPES OF PROPOSALS:

+A. Bids shall be submitted in one single lump sum category entitled General Construction which shall include all portions of the work (General, Mechanical and Electrical). Proposals shall be made on unaltered proposal forms furnished by the Architect. The Bidder shall fill in all blank spaces and the proposal shall be signed by a legal officer or agent who is authorized to bind the bidder to a contract.

1.04 TIME AND PLACE OF BID RECEPTION:

+A. Sealed proposals will be received by the Owner, opened and read publicly at 4:00 P.M., Tuesday, July 30, 1985, in the School Board Conference Room, 7049 Buffalo Gap Road, Abilene, Texas. Proposals received after this time will not be accepted. All interested parties are invited to attend.

B. The bidders sealed envelope shall be addressed as follows: Lower Right Hand Corner:

To: Wylie Independent School District c/o The Board of Trustees 7049 Buffalo Gap Road Abilene, Texas Lower Left Hand Corner:

Bid: Science Lab. and Classroom Addition to Wylie High School Addenda Received: (Identify on outside of envelope).

1.05 EXAMINATION AND PROCUREMENT OF DOCUMENTS:

A. Drawings and specification may be examined at the Architect's office. General, Mechanical and Electrical Contractors may obtain the Drawings and Specifications upon the deposit of \$200. The entire deposit will be refunded upon return of the Drawings and Specifications in good condition within ten (10) days after receipt of bids as per Paragraph 1 of the Instructions to Bidders.

1.06 BID SECURITY:

A. Bid security in the amount of 5 per cent of the total largest proposal must accompany each proposal in accordance with the instruction to Bidders.

1.07 BIDDERS' QUALIFICATIONS:

A. General, Mechanical and Electrical Contractors will be issued invitations by the

Owner and the General Contractor will be required to provide a performance bond and payment bond in the amount equal to 100 per cent of the total contract amount.

1.08 OWNER'S RIGHT TO REJECT PROPOSALS:

A. The owner reserves the right to reject any and/or all proposals. The Owner reserves the right to contract within thirty (30) days following the bid opening. No bids may be withdrawn during this time.

1.09 LABOR STANDARDS AND WAGE RATE SCHEDULES:

+A. Attention of Bidders is particularly called to the State and Federal laws regarding the "Conditions of Employment" and the "Minimum-Prevailing Wage Rates" that apply to work under this contract.

121-2tc-167

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To: MARY D. HALE, M. R. ROBERTS, H. M. HARKRIDER, ALBERT DIVES, and W. H. LAWLESS, if living, and if dead, the legal representatives of each of said Defendants, and the unknown heirs, legatees and devisees of each of said named Defendants; the legal representatives of the unknown heirs, legatees and devisees of each of said named Defendants; and if they be dead, the unknown heirs, legatees and devisees of the unknown heirs, legatees and devisees of said named Defendants, the place of residence of each being unknown to Plaintiff, and all parties being Defendant's, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before 10 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 12th day of August 1985, 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 24th day of June, A. D. 1985, in this cause, numbered 39,360-A on the docket of said court, and styled, DONALD S. JOHNSTON Plaintiff vs. MARY D. HALE, et al. Defendant.

The names of the parties to the cause are as follows: DONALD S. JOHNSTON are Plaintiffs and MARY D. HALE, M. R. ROBERTS, H. M. HARKRIDER, ALBERT DIVES & W. H. LAWLESS, if living, and if dead, the legal representatives of each of said Defendants, and the unknown heirs, legatees and devisees of each of said named Defendants are Defendants.

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

Plaintiff is the owner of some lots in the original town of Ovalo, in Taylor County, Texas, and more particularly described as follows:

Lots 8 and 9 in Block 5, and Lots 1, 2, 3, 12, 12, 15 and 17 in Block 7, all in Original town of Ovalo, Taylor County, Texas.

Defendants claim some right, title, estate or interest in these premises which is adverse to Plaintiff's claim of ownership. This claim constitutes a cloud on Plaintiff's title, and such claim is without right whatever.

Plaintiff says that he has good and perfect title to said lands under and by virtue of the ten

(10) year statute of limitation of the State of Texas (Revised Civil Statutes Article 5510) and seeks Judgement for the title and possession of the real property. Plaintiff seeks such other and further relief to which Plaintiff may be justly entitled, 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 writ 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 24th day of June A. D. 1985.

Attest: RILLA MAHONEY Clerk, 42nd District Court, Taylor County, Texas by JoAnn Lackey, Deputy. 120-4tc-138

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To: JERRY KOCH 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 2nd day of September, 1985, at or before ten o'clock A.M. before the Honorable 104th 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 5th day of December, A. D. 1984, in this cause, numbered 16,365-B on the docket of said court, and styled THE STATE OF TEXAS Plaintiff, vs. 1977 GMC Pickup VIN # CCS447A127794 Defendant.

The names of the parties to the cause are as follows: THE STATE OF TEXAS are Plaintiffs and JERRY KOCH are Defendants.

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

State of Texas prays that this be considered as a Notice of Seizure and Intended Forfeiture, and that upon final hearing, as provided by Statutes, this Court shall enter its Order finding that said vehicle was used for the purpose of transporting for delivery, or in any manner to facilitate the transportation for delivery, and property as alleged and described in Section 5.03 of Article 4476-15, V.A.C.S. to-wit: Marijuana and upholding said seizure to be disposed of in accordance with the provisions of Section 5.08 of Article 4476-15, V.A.C.S. and the proceeds, if any, be disposed of a provided by said law, and for such other relief, at law and in equity, as the State of Texas shall be 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 the 16th day of July

A. D. 1985. Attest: RILLA MAHONEY Clerk, 104th District Court, Taylor County, Texas By Kelly Gandy, Deputy (Seal) 121-99-4tc

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To: RAYMOND WAYNE HUITT, JR. 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 2nd day of September 1985, at or before 10 o'clock A.M. before the Honorable 104th 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 19th day of June A.D. 1985, in this

cause, numbered 16,657-B on the docket of said court, and styled, THE STATE OF TEXAS Plaintiff, vs. \$95.00 CASH Defendant. The names of the parties to the cause are as follows: THE STATE OF TEXAS are Plaintiffs and RAYMOND WAYNE HUITT, JR. are Defendants.

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

That the Court enter its Order finding that said \$95.00 cash was derived from sale, manufacture, distribution, dispensation, delivery and other commercial undertakings as alleged and described in Section 5.03 of Article 4476-15, V.A.C.S., to-wit:

Marijuana and upholding said seizure and forfeiting to the Taylor County District Attorney's Narcotic Investigative Fund the said \$95.00 cash as provided by said law and ordering the same to be disposed of in accordance with the provisions of Section 5.08 of Article 4476-15, V.A.C.S. and the proceeds, if any, be di-

sposed of as provided by said law, and for such other relief, at law and equity, as the State of Texas shall be entitled to receive.

as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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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.

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Seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 15th day of July A.D. 1985. Attest: RILLA MAHONEY, Clerk, 104th District Court, Taylor County, Texas By Kelly Gandy, Deputy. 122-4tc-99

Bright reunion this weekend

The Bright reunion here will be held July 27th & 28th at Heritage Hall of the late Jackson Friends and relatives of the late Jackson Bright of Trent are invited to come and enjoy visiting, games and singing.

VFW Auxillary holds meeting

The Merkel & Trent Barracks 2248 VFW Ladies Auxillary met July 16th here. Jewell Criswell, Billy Hartley and a visitor W.A. Lyday. Their next meeting will be in August.

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Consolidating domestic and foreign subsidiaries of the Farmers & Merchants National Bank of Merkel City, Texas, at the close of business on June 30, 1985 published in response to call made by Comptroller of the Currency, under title 12, United States Code, Section 161. Charter Number 7481 Comptroller of the Currency 11th District

Statement of Resources and Liabilities

	Thousands of dollars
ASSETS	
Cash and balances due from depository institutions	1,406
Noninterest-bearing balances and currency and coin	1,900
Interest-bearing balances	11,930
Securities	
Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell in domestic offices of the bank and of its Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and in IBFs	1,150
Loans and lease financing receivables:	
Loans and leases, net of unearned income	7,833
LESS: Allowance for loan and lease losses	101
LESS: Allocated transfer risk reserve	-0-
Loans and leases, net of unearned income, allowance, and reserve	7,732
Assets held in trading accounts	-0-
Premises and fixed assets (including capitalized leases)	167
Other real estate owned	-0-
Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies	-0-
Customers' liability to this bank on acceptances outstanding	-0-
Intangible assets	-0-
Other assets	804
Total assets	25,089
LIABILITIES	
Deposits:	
In domestic offices	22,425
Noninterest-bearing	7,532
Interest-bearing	14,893
In foreign offices, Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and IBFs	-0-
Noninterest-bearing	-0-
Interest-bearing	-0-
Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase in domestic offices of the bank and of its Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and in IBFs	-0-
Demand notes issued to the U.S. Treasury	75
Other borrowed money	-0-
Mortgage indebtedness and obligations under capitalized leases	-0-
Bank's liability on acceptances executed and outstanding	-0-
Notes and debentures subordinated to deposits	-0-
Other liabilities	519
Total liabilities	23,019
Limited-life preferred stock	-0-
EQUITY CAPITAL	
Perpetual preferred stock	-0-
Common stock	375
Surplus	375
Undivided profits and capital reserves	1,320
Cumulative foreign currency translation adjustments	-0-
Total equity capital	2,070
Total liabilities, limited-life preferred stock, and equity capital	25,089

We, the undersigned directors, attest to the correctness of this statement of resources and liabilities. We declare that it has been examined by us, and to the best of our knowledge and belief has been prepared in conformance with the instructions and is true and correct.

Donald Hensley
[Signature]
[Signature]

Directors

Betty Jane Tittle
Name
Vice-Pres.-Cashier
Title

of the above-named bank do hereby declare that this Report of Condition is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Betty Jane Tittle
Signature

July 18, 1985
Date

State's poetry featured

George Ewing and Chris Willerton, professors of English at Abilene Christian University, are featured in FROM HIDE AND HORN, a poetic celebration of the Texas Sesquicentennial.

This anthology of Texas poets (Eakin Press, 12.95) focuses on each of the 150 years of statehood from 1836 to 1986.

A wide variety of Texas poets serve up an overview of the Lone Star state from a wide spectrum of ethnic and cultural backgrounds. Poets represent every area of Texas from the high plains of the Panhandle to the East Texas piney woods.

Dr. Ewing has been a member of the ACU faculty since 1965. He served as head of the Department of English from 1969 until 1981 and served as acting head of the department two years prior to that appointment. In 1977 the Southern Methodist University Press published his book, THE WELL TEMPERED LYRE, on the songs and poems of the Temperance Movement. Ewing's poem, "The Day of Small Things", featured in FROM HIDE AND HORN celebrates the year 1851 and is from Zechariah 4:10.

Dr. Willerton joined the ACU faculty in 1970. He sponsors the publication of The Pickwicker, the annual campus literary journal produced by the English department. In 1982 his manual on "Teaching the Adult Bible Class" was published and some of his poems have appeared in CHRISTIANITY AND LITERATURE, THE TEXAS ANTHOLOGY. His poem, "Battle of Adobe Walls", celebrates the year 1874 and is about a battle among the Texas Indian tribes and the white settlers.

Permission to use any of the individual poems in the book for Sesquicentennial celebrations in schools and communities across Texas will be granted on request. Ed Eakin, president of Eakin Press of Austin, has announced.

Eakin Press has published more than 200 books about Texas during the past several years in anticipation of the 1986 celebration.

THE DAY OF SMALL THINGS
Good years are missed by history books.

For history looks at wrecks and wars and stress and storms.

Good years are busy in unnoticed nooks.

Like graveyards, bedrooms, bookshelves, shops, and roads, and farms.

The obits said that Leatherstocking's Cooper died.

And Audubon drew his last bird and breath.

And whole-grain-cracker Graham, the health food man, fell.

Awkwardly, at only fifty-five.

Newspapers thrive on death.

Obstetrics columns do not sell;

So Wall Street's Dow and bookman Dewey were denied.

Announcements of their birth.

The papers also failed to tell

The future worth of Hawthorne's latest tale

About the seven-gabled house, or Melville's great white whale.

In Galveston, Gail Borden pressed dried meat

And took the biscuit to the first world's fair

In London's Crystal Palace. It won the premium there

Beside McCormick's rig for reaping wheat.

And India rubber cloth (for blimps?), Charles Goodyear's feat

The wagons rolled through Clarksville.

About thirty or forty a day.

West toward fertile Three Forks

till

State headcounts grew thirteen percent.

In spite of AWOL slaves who went

By hundreds down toward Monterey

In Mexico, where riskful freedom lay.

A Negro felon, sent to Huntsville's pen.

Enraged the white ones there, but scored

A little first for all his race;

And cows and corn and cotton poured

From Texas lands at record pace.

So histories try to tell us when

The great things happen—but we, tritely, know

That, still, great oaks from acorns grow.

And growing roots can split a rock

Without the noise of lightning's shock.

George Wilmeth Ewing

Tips for getting in a summertime jam

Summer is jelly making time. When fruit is in season, it's time to get busy in the kitchen.

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Just take three cups of your favorite juice blend and add a two-ounce package of powder

pectin, stirring together in a pan. Bringing the contents of the pan to a boil, add four cups of sugar and bring to a hard rolling boil for two minutes. Remove from heat and skim off foam. Pour into hot, sterilized glasses and cover with melted paraffin.

For a spicy variation, tie a tablespoon of cloves and two broken cinnamon sticks in a pure cheesecloth bag and boil it with the juice. Sprigs of fresh mint in cheesecloth will give your jelly a special mint flavor.

This recipe yields seven six-ounce glasses of jelly.

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Gallup-NEA poll says pay teachers more

A new Gallup poll on education has found that Americans are worried about attracting top talent into the teaching profession.

According to the survey, commissioned by the National Education Association, most Americans (57 percent) believe their schools are having trouble getting enough good teachers.

Yet the public strongly opposes any efforts to meet the emerging teacher shortage by diluting teacher certification standards or cutting the teacher preparation courses prospective teachers are required to take.

In fact, among Americans who feel their local schools are already having trouble finding good teachers, only 6 percent would be willing to lower standards to make it easier to find teachers. And seven of 10 reject to hiring of subject area experts who have no formal education training as teachers.

One in two Americans, the Gallup-NEA poll also found, believes that admission standards ought to be upgraded for students planning to enter teaching.

What other steps would the public take to improve the quality

of education? One idea, mentioned by 60 percent of the sample, would be to institute some form of competency testing for teachers.

An equal number of Americans, according to Gallup, want teacher salaries higher. Over six in ten (63 percent) respondents feel that education can be improved a great deal by increasing teachers' salaries.

The public, the poll found, believes teachers should earn as much as 20 percent more than they currently do. The average experienced U.S. Teacher now makes about \$23,500 a year.

Americans want to see the

average salary for experienced high school teachers at \$29,000 a year and the average salary for experienced elementary teachers at \$27,000.

The Gallup-NEA poll also found Americans willing to back up their recommendations with more tax dollars. A majority, 52 percent, would favor more funds for public education and teacher training, even if it means higher taxes.

The Gallup-NEA poll also found: —the public sees teaching as a highly demanding but low status job.

Fifty percent of those surveyed describe a public school teacher's daily workload as very demand-

ing. Teaching ranked second only to medicine as a demanding profession. But just 23 percent of the public see teachers as having considerable prestige and status in the community, and 30 percent feel there is little or no status accorded the teaching profession. —the public opposes cutting back federal student aid.

Two in five people (43 percent) believe that the amount of financial aid the federal government provides to college students is about right. A third of the public feels the current student aid levels are too low, and only 14 percent believe there is too much student aid available.

—one in two Americans has attended a school athletic event, and 47 percent have been to a school play or concert in the past 12 months. But only 27 percent have met with teachers or administrators, and just 19 percent have attended a meeting, and 8 percent have written a letter to the school board or newspaper about their local public schools. One in five Americans has not been involved in any of these activities.

The Gallup-NEA poll is based on the findings of a telephone survey of 1,501 adults conducted April 29-May 20. The margin of sampling error is plus or minus 3 percentage points.

Services held for Pruitt

Walter L. Pruitt, 83, of Merkel, formerly of Abilene, died at 10 a.m. Friday at Starr Nursing Home. Services were held at 4 p.m. Saturday at Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home, Abilene, with the Rev. Allan R. Cartrite, retired Baptist minister, officiating. Bur-

ial was in Cedar Hill Cemetery. Born October 9, 1901, in Tom Green County, he moved to Merkel 18 months ago from Abilene. He was a farmer and a Baptist.

A brother, Gaston, preceded him in death. Survivors include his wife, Opal;

three brothers, Dennis of Arizona, Rayburn of Merkel, and J. Lee of Abilene; and two sisters, Wilma Hollowell of Abilene and Mary Lou Vibbard of Sweetwater.

Pallbearers were Ray Pruitt, Steve Jenkins, Larry Carter and Donnie Hollowell.

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Perkins is distinguished student at A & M

John Emmett Perkins, senior agricultural economics major, has earned "Dis-

tinguished Student" status at Texas A&M University. Recipients of the "Dis-

tinguished Student" honor must be registered for at least 15 semester hours and earn a

grade point ratio, out of a possible 4.0 during the most recent grading period.



§ The Carson's Supers won the Merkel Little League team title this year. Team members include [back row from left] Billy Page, John Bauer, John Boswell, Sean Leamon, David Chavira, Coach Scott Cannon. Not pictured are Lendon Bauer, [front row from left] David Stuckey, Casey Ellison, David Casper, Jason Pack, Jean Dailey and coach Larry Cody Casper, Stephen Santee and Pack.

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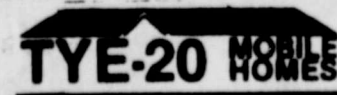
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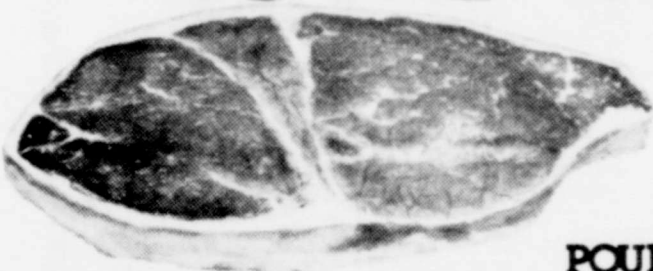
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